



## **Amber Dawn Lurz**

The two things you need to know about Amber Dawn are that she is passionate about worshipping God with His people, and passionate about music. Now for the more mundane info: Amber Dawn brings to Sunrise a colorful musical past. She began her formal study of voice under Diane Bolden-Taylor at the University of Northern Colorado in 1993. Taking a four year hiatus from school, she sang with the Great Lakes Navy Band, stationed in Chicago, IL.

Singing her way around the Midwest, Amber had the opportunity to perform in many different genres, including big band swing, jazz, rock, and country, as well as various voice-over work. Just before leaving the service in July of 1999, God arranged for Amber to worship Him – and lead worship - at Crossroads Community Church in Naperville, IL! Since then Amber has earned her Bachelor of Music from Northern Illinois University and has sung professionally and extensively in the Chicagoland area. Amber Dawn also had the opportunity while in Chicago to be the featured soloist at Willow Creek Community Church, as well as guest Worship Leader at several local churches. Amber currently (joyfully!) serves as Assistant Music Director at Sunrise, leading two contemporary services at the Woodmen campus and occasionally joining in the fun at the Briargate campus. Amber Dawn is happily married to her best friend, (and Sunrise Youth Director) Matt Lurz, and is Mama to Georgia Grace (3 yrs) and Ella Joy (1 yr).