



Ministry Spotlight

Music Programs

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.” – Psalm 100:1-2

“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.” – Martin Luther

“A choir anthem is not a performance. It is our gift to God.” – Marie Walck

“When you sing, you pray twice.” – St. Augustine

Music has been an important part of St. John’s ministry since our beginning, and continues to be an important part of our worship and fellowship. At one time in our history we had 107 people singing in 6 different choirs! Changes in lifestyles and demographics have reduced our numbers, but not the enthusiasm or commitment of the people participating in our music programs.



Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir, directed by Troy Nelson and accompanied by Christian Matijas Mecca, meets for rehearsal on various weekday evenings from September through May. A schedule is published at the beginning of each season and updated as required. Since rehearsals are not on the same night each week, people who have a weekly commitment on a particular evening can still come to choir practice part of the time. No experience is required, and singers are not required to commit to singing every Sunday. Come when you can and make a joyful noise! For more information contact Troy at luthergrads@aol.com.

Chancel Bells

Handbell ringing at St. John began in 1983 when 3 octaves of handbells and 2 octaves of choir chimes were purchased in celebration of our 25th anniversary. We now have 5.5 octaves, enough for 16-20 ringers. The Chancel Bells meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings from September through May under the direction of JoAnn Adams. They play about once per month. Never rang a handbell before? No problem! JoAnn is happy to provide training! “You can definitely underscore the “joyful noise” aspect in reference to the Chancel Bells!” JoAnn says. “The crew we have right now fills me with joy every time we gather.” For more information contact JoAnn at joannadams18@yahoo.com.

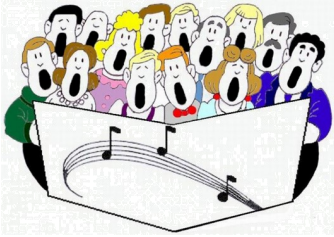


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Special Music

Singers and instrumentalists are always welcome in our worship services. We especially like to have additional musicians for festival services, whether accompanying hymns or offering solo music. If you would like to offer your musical talents, contact Troy Nelson at luthergrads@aol.com.



Congregational Singing

Our worship services include hymns and sung liturgy. All who are present are encouraged to sing! Music is projected on the screen so you don't need to fumble with bulletins and hymnals, and so you can keep your head up to breathe and sing properly. The Bible does not tell us that our music must be perfect. It tells us only that we should offer our praise to God and make a joyful noise! So sing out!