

Shape Note Singing at St. Giles Chapel  
21 April 2024, 3:00–5:00 pm  
Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community

WNC Shape Note Singers meet every month and sing from *The Sacred Harp*, a hymnal first published in 1844. This is four-part, acapella singing, using a notation system of 4 shapes. N.B., you do not need to understand the shape notes; reading music is fine. Beginners are always welcome. Loaner books are available.

St. Giles Chapel is on the campus of the Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, 1617 Hendersonville Rd. The entrance to Deerfield is across from Walmart and two traffic lights south of the Parkway. As you enter the campus you will see St. Giles Chapel on the hill to the right.

I use the terms Southern Harmony, Sacred Harp, and Shape Note Singing interchangeably. For me, singing “Southern Harmony” hymns is a great participatory event; however, it is not a great, “observation-only” event. Please come and sing.

There is no charge, but contributions to the group to purchase hymnals will be solicited.

A possible <https://www.startribune.com/new-generation-leads-revival-of-shape-note-singing-tradition/296219541/?refresh=true> link:

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