

Welcome!

Thanks for checking us out and lending your voice to our worship. We're glad you're here! We have some bits of information to pass on:

- Most of us are not professional musicians. The ability to read music is not a requirement to join, but it is helpful. If you don't read music, please listen attentively and try your best.
- We usually sing in parts (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). If you don't know which part you sing, talk to Jamie.
- We rehearse Wednesdays from 7-8:45 pm in the church. It's a fun and informal atmosphere, but we take the time and effort to create a good sound no matter what we're singing. Please enter from the church courtyard door, near the parish hall.
- Instrumentalists can ask Jamie about opportunities for playing in worship.
- We sing on Sundays at the 9 am and 11:15 am services. We rehearse half an hour before service. So...
 - If you plan to sing at the 9 am service, please arrive by 8:30 am.
 - If you plan to sing at the 11:15 am service, please arrive by 10:45 am.

Our Choir and Angel Band represents a fusion of several traditions:

Choir pieces range from medieval chants to brand new works, coming primarily from European and American composers. We draw especially on the riches of the Renaissance, Jamie's area of research, as well as on our extensive library of music belonging to the so-called Anglican cathedral tradition. Some pieces are accompanied by piano or organ, while others are sung a cappella (i.e., with voices alone). The Choir also helps lead the congregation in hymns and psalms, spirituals, Taizé chants, and service music drawn from cultures around the world.

Angel Band pieces come mainly from old American sources and traditions, including Southern Harmony, gospel, and mountain music, as well as from contemporary bluegrass and folk artists. These pieces are usually accompanied by guitar, banjo, mandolin, washtub bass, and percussion.

Attire: For worship services, Choir and Angel Band members wear simple, academic-style robes. Tasteful, comfortable clothing underneath is recommended.

If you decide to join us regularly, please give your contact information to Jamie or Ed:

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Here are some recommended resources to help you grow as a musician.

Singing

Apps: <http://www.vanido.io>

Sight reading

Rhythm training

YouTube series: <https://youtu.be/IJKwb9-eoHI>

The Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.