

# THE CHORISTERS OF CHRIST CHURCH

2015 – 2016 Handbook for Parents and Choristers

## Christ Episcopal Church

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### **Motto of the RSCM:**

I will sing with the Spirit,  
and the understanding also.

### **Chorister's 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.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Choristers of Christ Church exist in order to lead people in the worship of God, to provide for the musical training and Christian formation of children, and to enhance the cultural life of the community. We cultivate a standard of excellence in singing and a rigorous discipline that are highly respected and are emulated among those in the field of church music around the globe. Christ Church is an affiliate of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), an organization dedicated to the promotion of standards in worship and music.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Minimum age for Choristers is eight (or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade). No previous musical background is required. Attendance, attitude, and cooperation are the key elements in determining success, satisfaction, and enjoyment in the choir. Each rehearsal includes training in basic sight-reading, proper singing technique, and many other musical skills. With the help of the director, frequent opportunity will be allowed for each boy and girl to measure personal advancement through the levels of the Chorister Training Program of the RSCM.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

In addition to musical training, the Chorister program provides an opportunity for Christian formation in developing discipline, church attendance, spiritual habits, and being stewards of time, talents, and resources. The regular participation in liturgical worship is an experience of ritual, tradition, and spirituality.

## EXPECTATIONS

**Attendance** at all rehearsals, services, and other functions of the choirs is expected. Any exceptions should be discussed with the Director as far in advance as possible. If for any reason a Chorister must be absent from an event, please phone the choir HOTLINE at 301-762-2191 (+ 14 for voice mail). The commitment to the choir is one that is to be taken seriously by all participants with the support of their families. Attention to faithful attendance, punctuality, and diligence ensures good morale within the choir and for each boy and girl.

**Parent Support** is also needed on Thursdays to provide snack, for seasonal suppers (Halloween, pre-Christmas, June), and occasional special events. Parents sign up on a rotating basis.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### *On 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:*

9:15 Gather in Choir Room for warm-ups  
9:30 Go up to church in time for Offertory  
10:00 Snacks in Dining Room  
10:15 Rehearse in Church with adults  
10:55 Procession forms in Vestibule  
11:00 Liturgy of the Word (leave after Gospel)  
11:20 Return music & vestments to Choir Room

### *On 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month:*

8:25 Gather music and choir vestments  
8:30 Rehearse in Choir Room and Church  
8:55 Procession forms in Vestibule  
9:00 Eucharistic Liturgy  
10:00 Return music & vestments to Choir Room

*Sunday School Classes follow*

**CHORISTERS OF CHRIST CHURCH**  
**CALENDAR OF REHEARSALS, SERVICES, AND SPECIAL EVENTS**  
*MUSIC LIST 2015-2016 SEASON*

**SEPTEMBER**

*Rite II Mass of St. Columba GSXA-D*

Thursday 10	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 13</b> <i>P 19</i> <i>Holy Cross</i>	<b>9:00 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults Psalm 116 <i>metrical paraphrase with bells</i> Ain'-a That Good News Adoramus te, Christe	<i>The Eighth Tune</i> William Dawson Quirinius Gasparini
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Thursday 17	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 20</b> <i>P 20</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 54 I will magnify thee, O Lord	Joseph Corfe
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Thursday 24	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 27</b> <i>P 21</i> <i>St. Michael &amp; AA</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 19:7-14 God be in my head May the words of my mouth	John Rutter Martin Kalmanof
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**OCTOBER**

Thursday 1	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 4</b> <i>P 22</i>	<b>9:15 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room O come, ye servants of the Lord Jesus loves me! This I know <i>w Ch Ch</i> <b>10:15 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults <b>Sing beginning of 11:00 Service</b> KYRIE – <i>MISSA BREVIS IN G</i> Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Psalm 8 <i>with refrain</i> <i>Tone Va</i> <b>Dismissed at 11:20</b>	Christopher Tye William Bradbury
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Thursday 8	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 11</b> <i>P 23</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room - <i>with Staff Singers + Parents</i> Psalm 90:12-17 In ecclesiis <i>abridged</i> Jesu, joy of man's desiring	Giovanni Gabrieli J. S. Bach
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Thursday 15	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 18</b> <i>P 24</i> <i>Chorister Vesting</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 91:9-16 Feed my lambs, tend my sheep	Natalie Sleeth
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Thursday 22	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 25</b> <i>P 25</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 126 He shall feed his flock Tomorrow shall be my dancing day	G. F. Handel John Gardner
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Thursday 29	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>See two service on Sunday, November 1</b> <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> <b>Extra hour of sleep!</b>		
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## NOVEMBER

	4:30 Rehearsal <i>Was Oct 29</i>	<b>Sunday 1</b> <i>All Saints All Souls Daylight Saving Ends</i>	<b>9:15 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room In heaven the souls of the saints rejoice T. P. Cavuoti <b>10:15 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults <b>Sing beginning of 11:00 Service</b> KYRIE – <i>MISSA O QUAM GLORIOSI</i> Thomas Luis de Victoria Psalm 149 <i>Tone Va</i> In heaven the souls of the saints rejoice T. P. Cavuoti <b>Dismissed at 11:20</b>
Thursday 5	4:30 Rehearsal <b>POST HALLOWEEN SUPPER</b> 5:30-6:30	<b>Sunday 8</b> <i>P 27</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i> Psalm 146 <i>metrical paraphrase + bells</i> <i>Forest Green</i> O all ye works of God T. P. Cavuoti O taste and see <i>treble solo</i> Ralph Vaughan Williams
Thursday 12	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 15</b> <i>P 28</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 16 <i>metrical paraphrase + bells</i> <i>The Eighth Tune</i> Ave verum corpus Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Thursday 19	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 22</b> <i>P 29</i> <i>Christ the King Bishop's Visit</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i> Psalm 93 Rejoice in Christ the King T. P. Cavuoti

*Year C starts in the Liturgical Calendar*

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

			<i>Rite II Missa Conditor alme siderum</i> TPC
Thursday 26 <i>(November)</i>	<b>NO REHEARSAL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Sunday 29</b> <i>Advent I</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Keep your lamps trimmed and burning Thomas / Cavuoti Give me oil in my lamp – <i>with Children's Church</i> Psalm 25 <i>The Eighth Tune</i>
Thursday 3	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 6</b> <i>Advent II</i>	<b>9:15 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room There's a voice in the wilderness <i>Gradual</i> T. P. Cavuoti Prepare thyself, Zion – <i>with violin</i> J. S. Bach <b>10:15 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults Kyrie – <i>Missa Dixit Maria</i> Hans Leo Hassler Canticle 16 <i>Blessed be the God of Israel</i> <i>Hymn 444</i>
Thursday 10	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 13</b> <i>Advent III Gaudete</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i> Canticle 9 <i>Surely it is God who saves me</i> <i>Hymn 679</i> Rejoice in the Lord alway Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Rejoice in the Lord alway <i>Anon. 16<sup>th</sup> Century</i> Creator of the stars of night <i>ATB</i> Dufay Rejoice greatly <i>Messiah</i> – <i>with violin</i> G. F. Handel
Thursday 17	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 20</b> <i>Advent IV</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 80 Nova, Nova <i>Hymn 266</i> Magnificat in C ( <i>transposed to D</i> ) George Dyson Ave Maria Simon Lindley

**DECEMBER** CONTINUED

CHRISTMAS EVE - THE FIRST EUCHARIST			
<b>December 24</b>	3:15	Warm-up	<i>in Choir Room</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	4:00	Service	<i>in the Church</i>
Ave Maria			Simon Lindley
Prepare thyself, Zion			J. S. Bach
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day			John Gardner
The holly and the ivy			John Gardner
Rejoice greatly <i>S &amp; violin</i>			G. F. Handel
Seven Joys of Mary +2			arr. T. P. Cavuoti

**Merry Christmas! Have a well deserved holiday. No rehearsal Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**BUT we do sing 9:00 service on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## THE EPIPHANY 2016 - *anticipated*

**JANUARY**

*Third Song of Isaiah* Arise, Shine *Puer Nobis*  
*Alleluia & Verse* Cavuoti *after Wareham*

**Sunday 3** **8:25 Rehearsal** in Choir Room *no need to stay for 11:00*  
*Epiphany* Psalm 72  
 We three kings *Three Kings of Orient*  
 Personent Hodie arr. Gustav Holst  
 The Morning Star Francis Hagen

Rehearsals resume Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday 7	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 10</b> <i>Bap of Lord</i> <i>1 Epiphany</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i> Psalm 29 Tomorrow shall be my dancing day - <i>SATB</i> John Gardiner Shall we gather at the river arr. Aaron Copland
Thursday 14	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 17</b> <i>2 Epiphany</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Psalm 36:5-10 Brightest and Best Malcolm Archer

Thursday 21 4:30 Rehearsal

**Sunday 24**  
*3 Epiphany*

**8:00 Rehearsal** in Choir Room *with CES, Staff Singers + parents*  
Alleluia Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Surge Illuminare Thaddeus P. Cavuoti

Thursday 28 4:30 Rehearsal

**Saturday 30 9:00 AM - Noon**

**REHEARSAL at St. Albans Church** *next to Washington National Cathedral*

**Sunday 31**  
*4 Epiphany*  
*Presentation*

**8:25 Rehearsal** in Choir Room  
The Gift of Love – *Hymn*  
Nunc Dimittis in C

*O waly waly*  
George Dyson

**Sunday 31**

**2:00 Rehearsal** at Washington National Cathedral

**4:00 Festival Evensong**

The Lamb  
Mag & Nunc in C (transposed to D)  
Jordan's Angels  
Brightest and Best

John Taverner  
George Dyson  
Rollo Dilworth  
Malcolm Archer

## FEBRUARY

Thursday 4 4:30 Rehearsal

**Sunday 7**  
*Last Epiphany*

**8:25 Rehearsal** in Choir Room - *with Section Leaders*

Alleluia – *with violin*  
Jesu, joy of man's desiring – *with violin*  
O light of light

W. A. Mozart  
J. S. Bach  
T. P. Cavuoti

**Sing beginning of 11:00 Service**

KYRIE & GLORIA *MISSA BREVIS IN D*  
Psalm 99 *with refrain*

Wolfgang A. Mozart  
*Tone Va*

**Dismissed at 11:20**

### Lent begins with Ash Wednesday – February 10<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 11 4:30 Rehearsal

**Sunday 14**  
*Lent I*

**8:25 Rehearsal** in Choir Room – *with Staff Singers + parents*  
Psalm 91

Then if Satan on us press – *with violin*  
Almighty God, which hast me brought  
As thirsting deer desire the waterbrooks

Thaddeus P. Cavuoti  
Thomas Ford  
John Carter

Thursday 18 4:30 Rehearsal

**Sunday 21**  
*Lent II*

**8:25 Rehearsal** in Choir Room  
Psalm 27

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake  
Benedictus qui venit

Charles H. H. Parry  
John Hilton *the elder*  
Lou Antidieu

Thursday 25 4:30 Rehearsal

**Sunday 28**  
*Lent III*

**8:25 Rehearsal** in Choir Room  
Psalm 63

As thirsting deer desire the waterbrooks  
He that is down *with flute*

John Carter  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

## MARCH

Thursday 3	4:30 Rehearsal		
		<b>Sunday 6</b>	<b>9:15 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Charles H. H. Parry
		<i>Lent IV</i>	<b>10:15 Rehearsal in Church</b> in Church with Adults
		<i>Laetare</i>	<b>Sing beginning of 11:00 Service</b>
		<b>Daylight</b>	KYRIE – <i>MASS FOR 5 VOICES</i> William Byrd
		<b>Saving Starts</b>	Psalm 32 <i>with refrain</i> <i>Tone Va</i>
			<b>Dismissed at 11:20</b>
Thursday 10	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 13</b>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i>
		<i>Lent V</i>	Psalm 126
			How beautiful are the feet George Frideric Handel
			As thirsting deer desire the waterbrooks John Carter
Thursday 17	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 20</b>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i>
		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Psalm 22:1-11 <i>Bourbon</i>
			Hymn 154 All glory, laud & honor <i>Valet will ich dir geben</i>
			When Jesus wept William Billings
			The Crucifixion (Hermit Songs) <i>t</i> Samuel Barber
Thursday 24	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 27</b>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i>
		<i>Easter</i>	Easter Carillon Leonard Beck
			Psalm 118 <i>Diademata</i>
			Hilariter Peter Crisafulli
			Christo Resurgenti Francois Couperin
			Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is ris'n today <i>Easter Hymn</i>

## APRIL

Thursday <i>Mar 31</i>	<b>No Rehearsal</b> <b>HALF-TERM</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room + St. James School Choir
		<i>2 Easter</i>	Psalm 150
			Christo Resurgenti Francois Couperin
			Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Reginald S. Thatcher
Thursday 7	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i>
		<i>3 Easter</i>	Song of Moses Thaddeus P. Cavuoti
			Psalm 30
			Hilariter Peter Crisafulli
			If ye love me Thomas Tallis
Thursday 14	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 17</b>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
		<i>4 Easter</i>	Psalm 23 Hymn 645
		<i>Good Shepherd</i>	The Lord is my shepherd Howard Goodall
			Feed my Lambs <i>with Children's Church</i> Natalie Sleeth
Thursday 21	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>8:15 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults
		<i>5 Easter</i>	Psalm 148 <i>metrical paraphrase + bells</i> <i>Forest Green</i>
		<i>Annual Meeting</i>	O Jerusalem <i>with Children's Church</i> Malcolm Williamson
			I was glad C. H. H. Parry
			Ubi caritas Maurice Duruflé

## MAY

Thursday Apr 28	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 1</b> <i>6 Easter Rogation</i>	<b>9:15 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room O all ye works of God <b>10:15 Rehearsal in Church</b> in Church with Adults <b>Sing beginning of 11:00 Service</b> KYRIE – <i>MISSA EGO FLOS CAMPI</i> Psalm 67 <i>with refrain</i> <b>Dismissed at 11:20</b>	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Juan Gutierrez de Padilla <i>Tone Va</i>
Thursday 5	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 8</b> <i>7 Easter Ascension</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room – <i>with Staff Singers + parents</i> Psalm 47 God is gone up with a merry noise Esto les digo	William Croft Kinley Lange
Thursday 12	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 15</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>8:25 Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room <b>10:00 Service</b> Psalm 104 Draw us in the Spirit's tether Litany to the Holy Spirit	Harold Friedell Peter Hurford
Thursday 19	4:30 Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 22</b> <i>Trinity</i>	<b>9:00 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults <b>10:00 Service</b> Psalm 8 <i>with refrain</i> Hymn to the Trinity God so loved the world	Cavuoti / Barnard Michael Burkhart John Stainer
Thursday 26	4:30 Rehearsal ICE CREAM TREAT <i>SS Benjamin &amp; Jerome</i>	<b>Sunday 29</b> <i>Corpus Christi Proper 5</i>	<b>9:00 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults <b>10:00 Service</b> Psalm 30 Rejoice, O my spirit What God ordains is good, indeed The Call	John Barnard J. S. Bach Bach Ralph Vaughan Williams

## JUNE

Thursday 2	<b>No Rehearsal</b>	<b>Sunday 5</b> <i>Proper 6</i>	<b>9:15 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults <b>10:00 Service</b> Psalm 32 There's a wideness in God's mercy Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake	Maurice Bevan John Hilton <i>the elder</i>
Thursday 9	<b>No Rehearsal</b>	<b>Sunday 12</b> <i>Proper 6</i>	<b>9:00 Rehearsal</b> in Church with Adults <b>10:00 Service</b> LITTLE ORGAN MASS KGSA Psalm 22:18-27 <i>with refrain</i> Achieved is the glorious work Ave verum corpus	Franz Joseph Haydn <i>Tone Va</i> Haydn Mozart

SUMMER CHOIR starts Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room  
10:00 Eucharist