

THE CHORISTERS OF CHRIST CHURCH

2017 – 2018 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 3rd 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 1st 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 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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

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CALENDAR OF REHEARSALS, SERVICES, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MUSIC LIST 2014-2015 SEASON

SEPTEMBER

Rite II Mass of St. Columba GSXA-D

Thursday 7	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 10 <i>P 18</i> <i>Holy Cross</i>	9:00 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults for joint 10:00 service</i> Psalm 119:33-40 <i>metrical paraphrase with bells</i> <i>The Eighth Tune</i> Draw us in the Spirit's tether Ubi Caritas	Harold Friedell Maurice Duruflé
Thursday 14	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 17 <i>P 19</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 103 <i>metrical paraphrase with bells</i> Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake Ubi caritas	<i>Forest Green</i> John Hilton <i>the elder</i> <i>Taizé - Bertier</i>
Thursday 21	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 24 <i>P 20</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 145 <i>Hymn 414</i> I will magnify thee Bist du bei mir All who hunger <i>bells</i>	<i>Stuttgart</i> Joseph Corfe Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel <i>Holy manna</i>
Thursday 28	4:30 Rehearsal			

OCTOBER

Sunday 1 <i>P 21</i> <i>St. Michael & AA</i>	9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room Show me your ways <i>violin</i> 10:15 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults</i> Sing beginning of 11:00 Service Kyrie – <i>Communion Service in E</i> Psalm 25:1-9 <i>cong refrain</i> Dismissed at 11:20	Franz Joseph Haydn Harold Darke <i>Tone Va</i>		
Thursday 5	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 8 <i>P 22</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 80:7-14 Built on ae rock <i>Lutheran chorale</i>	arr.. Cavuoti
Thursday 12	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 15 <i>P 23</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room - <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Psalm 23 <i>Hymn 645</i> The Wedding Banquet <i>with CC before Peace</i> Rejoice in the Lord alway The Lord is my Shepherd	<i>St. Columba</i> Miriam Winter T. P. Cavuoti Howard Goodall
Thursday 19	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 22 <i>P 24</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 96 <i>Hymn 412</i> Sing to the Lord new songs of praise	<i>Earth and All Stars</i> T. P. Cavuoti
Thursday 26	4:30 Rehearsal HALLOWEEN PARTY 5:30-6:30	Sunday 29 <i>P 25</i> <i>Reformation</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 1 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God <i>violin</i> Holy is God the Lord O Lamb of God pure spotless	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Martin Luther J. S. Bach

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2	4:30 Rehearsal and	Sunday 5 <i>All Saints</i> <i>All Souls</i> Daylight Saving Ends	9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room In heaven the souls of the saints rejoice 10:15 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults</i> Sing beginning of 11:00 Service Kyrie – <i>Missa O Quam Gloriosum</i> In heaven the souls of the saints rejoice Dismissed at 11:20	T. P. Cavuoti Tomas Luis de Victoria T. P. Cavuoti
Thursday 9	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 12 <i>P 27</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room - <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Sleepers, Awake Keep your lamps trimmed and burning	Johann Sebastian Bach Thomas / Cavuoti
Thursday 16	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 19 <i>P 28</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 90 <i>Hymn 680</i> O God, our help in ages past Serve bone <i>SA</i>	<i>St. Anne</i> T. P. Cavuoti Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Thursday 23	NO REHEARSAL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	Sunday 26 <i>P 29</i> <i>Christ the King</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 95 Rejoice in Christ the King I will magnify thee, O Lord <i>Rite II Missa Conditor alme siderum</i>	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Joseph Corfe TPC

DECEMBER

Year B starts in the Liturgical Calendar

Th. Nov. 30	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 3 <i>Advent I</i> <i>St. Nicholas</i>	9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room Keep your lamps trimmed 10:15 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults</i> Kyrie – <i>Missa Dixit Maria</i> Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 <i>cong refrain</i> Dismissed at 11:20	Andre Thomas/TPC Hans Leo Hassler Bairstow / Cavuoti
Thursday 7	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 10 <i>Advent II</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room There's a voice in the wilderness	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti
Thursday 14	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 17 <i>Advent III</i> <i>Gaudete</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room – <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Rejoice in the Lord alway Rejoice greatly <i>SAB</i> Prepare thyself, Zion <i>violin & SATB</i>	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Healey Willan J. S. Bach
Thursday 21	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 24 <i>Advent IV</i> <i>Creche Dressing</i>	9:00 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults for joint 10:00 service</i> Magnificat in G Ave Maria	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Simon Lindley

CHRISTMAS EVE - THE FIRST EUCHARIST

December 24 3:15 Warm-up *in Choir Room*
Sunday 4:00 Service *in the Church*

Ave Maria Simon Lindley
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day John Gardner
On this day earth shall ring *arr.* Gustav Holst
Prepare thyself, Zion J. S. Bach
Joys Nine *violin + 9 solos* *arr.* T. P. Cavuoti

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Have a well deserved holiday.

No rehearsal Thursday Dec. 28th.

We next sing 9:00 service on Sunday, January 7th.
8:25 Warm-up in Choir Room

Thursday rehearsals resume January 4th.

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JANUARY

			<i>Third Song of Isaiah</i>	Arise, Shine	<i>Puer Nobis</i>
			<i>Alleluia & Verse</i>		Cavuoti after Wareham
Thursday 4	4:30 Rehearsal EPIPHANY SUPPER 5:30-6:30	Sunday 7 <i>Bap of Lord</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room	Psalm 29 Tomorrow shall be my dancing day Surge illuminare	John Gardiner Thaddeus P. Cavuoti
Thursday 11	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 14 <i>2 Epiphany</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room - <i>with Scholars/Parents</i>	Psalm 139 The Morning Star Surge illuminare	Francis Hagen Thaddeus P. Cavuoti
Thursday 18	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 21 <i>3 Epiphany</i>	8:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room	Psalm 62 <i>with bells & chimes</i> There's a wideness in God's mercy I will make you fishers of men <i>w Children's Church</i> Surge illuminare	<i>Forest Green</i> Maurice Bevan Thaddeus P. Cavuoti
Thursday 25	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 28 <i>4 Epiphany</i> <i>Presentation</i>	8:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room	Ye servants of God <i>New Saraband</i> Nunc Dimittis in G	David S. Goodall Thaddeus P. Cavuoti

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 4 <i>5 Epiphany</i>	9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room	Laudate Dominum	W. A. Mozart
			10:15 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults</i>	Sing beginning of 11:00 Service	
			Kyrie & Gloria <i>Mass in Baroque Style</i>	Psalm 147	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti <i>Tone Va</i>
			Dismissed at 11:20		
Thursday 8	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 11 <i>Last Epiphany</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room - <i>with Scholars/Parents</i>	Psalm 50 Alleluia <i>violin</i> Jesu, joy of man's desiring O nata lux de lumine <i>S</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Johann Sebastian Bach Thaddeus P. Cavuoti

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday – February 14th
Rehearsal on Wednesday instead of Thursday

Wednsdy 14 4:30 Rehearsal **Sunday 18** 8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room

			<i>Lent I</i>	Psalm 25 Then if Satan on us press <i>violin</i> Almighty God, which hast me brought	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Thomas Ford
Thursday 26	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 25	<i>Lent II</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Dear Lord and Father of mankind Prayer of St. Richard	C. H. H. Parry L. J. White

MARCH

Thursday 1	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 4	<i>Lent III</i> Daylight Saving Starts	9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room May the words of my mouth The heavens are telling <i>SS short version</i> May the words of my mouth 10:15 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults</i> Sing beginning of 11:00 Service Kyrie– <i>Mass for Five Voices</i> Psalm 19 <i>with refrain</i> Dismissed at 11:30	Martin Kalmanoff Franz Joseph Haydn Martin Kalmanoff William Byrd <i>Tone Va</i>
Thursday 8	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 11	<i>Lent IV</i> <i>Laetare</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room- <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Psalm 107 As thirsting deer desire the waterbrooks For God so loved the world	John Carter Christopher Tye
Thursday 15	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 18	<i>Lent V</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 51 Create in me a clean heart	Christopher Tye
Thursday 22	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 25	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room – <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Hymn 154 All glory, laud & honor <i>Valet will ich dir geben</i> Psalm 22:1-11 <i>Bourbon</i> When Jesus wept	William Billings

APRIL

Thursday 29	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 1	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room – <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Easter Carillon Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is ris'n today Psalm 118 Hilariter Christo Resurgenti	Leonard Beck <i>Easter Hymn</i> <i>Diademata</i> Peter Crisafulli Francois Couperin
Thursday 5	No Rehearsal HALF-TERM HOLIDAY	Sunday 8	<i>2 Easter</i> <i>Quasimodo</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 133 Christo Resurgenti	Francois Couperin
Thursday 12	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 15	<i>3 Easter</i>	8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room - <i>with Staff Singers/Parents</i> Psalm 4 Come, ye faithful Den Tod <i>Christ lag in Todesbanden</i>	R. S. Thatcher Johann Sebastian Bach
Thursday 19	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 22	<i>4 Easter</i>	8:00 Rehearsal in Church - <i>with Adults</i> Psalm 23	Henry Walford Davies

			<i>Good Shepherd Annual Meeting</i>	The Lord is my Shepherd The Lamb Feed my lambs <i>with Children's Church</i>	Howard Goodall John Tavener Natalie Sleeth
Thursday 26	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 29 <i>5 Easter</i>		8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room The Way, the Truth, and the Life Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Ralph Vaughan Williams
MAY					
Thursday 3	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 6 <i>6 Easter Rogation</i>		9:15 Rehearsal in Choir Room O all ye works of God If ye love me 10:15 Rehearsal in Church <i>with Adults</i> Sing beginning of 11:00 Service Kyrie– <i>Missa Ego Flos Campi</i> Psalm 98 <i>with refrain</i> Dismissed at 11:30	Thaddeus P. Cavuoti Thomas Tallis Juan Guitierrez de Padilla <i>Tone Va</i>
Thursday 10	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 13 <i>7 Easter Ascension</i>		8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room Psalm 47 Rejoice, O my spirit Draw us in the Spirit's tether	Johann Sebastian Bach Harold Friedell
Thursday 17	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 20 <i>Pentecost</i>		8:25 Rehearsal in Choir Room – <i>with Scholars/Parents</i> Psalm 104 <i>with refrain</i> Litany to the Holy Spirit O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace	Bairstow / Cavuoti Peter Hurford Christopher Tye
Thursday 25	4:30 Rehearsal ICE CREAM TREAT	Sunday 27 <i>Trinity Memorial Day</i>		9:15 Rehearsal in Church with Adults 10:00 Service Psalm 29 Hymn to the Trinity God so loved the world	John Barnard Michael Burkhart John Stainer
JUNE					
	4:30 Rehearsal	Sunday 3 <i>Corpus Christi Chorister Awards Proper 5</i>		9:00 Rehearsal in Church with Adults 10:00 Service LITTLE ORGAN MASS KGSA Psalm 130 <i>with refrain</i> Achieved is the glorious work Ave verum corpus God be with you	Franz Joseph Haydn <i>Tone Va</i> Haydn Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart RVW arr. T. P. Cavuoti

SUMMER CHOIR starts Sunday, June 10th
9:15 Rehearsal in Church
10:00 Eucharist