

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing: Music ministry at Good Shepherd

Come, let us sing to the Lord:*

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

Sing to the Lord a new song:*

Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth (Ps. 96:1)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence
with a song.

At all our liturgies here at Good Shepherd, we come before God's presence with song. Music helps open us to that presence; it involves our whole selves in worship. Our music is a rich and diverse expression of our common faith as Christians, and our Anglican heritage in choral music is especially beautiful.

Music selections are based on the lectionary and the liturgical season. They are chosen from the Hymnal 1982 and from Wonder, Love, and Praise. As a congregation, we continually strive to broaden our repertoire, both in service music and hymns.



Congregational singing forms the backbone of the music of our liturgy. There are also many other opportunities to participate in the ministry of music.

Choir

The choir provides musical leadership at the principal 10:30 service. Their role is to support congregational singing and to present musical offerings from all periods. Participation in the choir is open to anyone of high school age and up. No auditions are required. The music director may meet with individuals, however, to assess the best voice part for them.

Rehearsals

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15 p.m. Sundays, 10:00-10:20 a.m. September thru late May

Vocal Music Assistant Program

Each year four music majors from Ohio University are offered the opportunity to serve as section leaders. They also assist the music director as needed. This program is part of our ministry with students.

Special Events

Advent Lessons and Music
4:00 p.m., first Sunday in December

The choir occasionally participates in diocesan and deanery musical events.

Hand bell ringing

Workshops are occasionally offered for those who would like to ring for special occasions.

Instrumentalists

Those who play an instrument are invited to make the music director aware of their desire to share their talents.

Cantor Corps

Beginning this year, training will be offered for those who are interested in learning to chant. Cantors may be invited to help lead worship at our Thursday contemplative Eucharist and other liturgies on Sundays and major feasts.

Other opportunities

From time to time parishioners are invited to participate in special ensembles – such as men’s and women’s ensembles.

Musical Resources

The Organ: Aeolian-Skinner, opus 1256,
1952 2 manuals, 11 stops, 14 ranks, 824
pipes

Hand Bells: 2-1/2 octave set of Schumulerich hand bells

June Black Music Fund

Special musical events and guest instrumentalists (such as brass quartets for Easter) are supported by the June Black Music fund.

This fund was established in 1979 in honor of June Black, wife of the Rt. Rev. William G. Black, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Mrs. Black was a member of the parish choir when her husband was rector here at Good Shepherd.

Contributions to this fund may be made at any time through the parish office (740-593-6877; chogs@chogs.org).

Music Director

Marsha Reilly has been the music director at Good Shepherd since 1979. She has degrees in Church Music from Milliken University and in Organ Performance from Northwestern University.

She is also a member of the Affiliate Piano Faculty at the Athens Community Music School.

Mrs. Reilly serves on the Diocesan Liturgy and Music Commission and is Dean of the Southeast Ohio chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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