

Chancel Choir

Information for Participants

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Overview

Prominently displayed in the Music Ministry Rehearsal Hall is the Latin phrase “Soli Deo Gloria” (*to God alone be glory*). While our congregation expresses diverse views related to “God,” this exclamation provides a foundational philosophy for Pullen’s Music Ministry and gives meaningful perspective to the function of the Chancel Choir as it offers its choral art for the purposes of worship. This choir sings a variety of anthems, hymns, other service music and choral works for congregational services. Rehearsal and fellowship opportunities provide avenues for personal growth and connection, and the annual adult choir *Festival by the Sea* in Charleston, South Carolina, provides the experience of singing with other regional church choirs under the leadership of some of the nation’s finest choral conductors.

Leadership

Minister of Music: Larry Schultz; Accompanist: Janice Hocutt.

Section Leaders: Pam Woodall (S); Lynn Jarrard (A); Bo Reece (T); Jim Hodge (B); Facilitators: Becky Overstreet (Music Librarian); Jane Hutchby; Andrew Marteka (Vestment Coordinators).

Section leaders provide welcome and assistance to new members and help coordinate choir events. Facilitators fulfill the tasks of vestment coordination and music library work.

Rehearsals

Weekly rehearsals in September through May are each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00P.M. in the Music Ministry Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B). In the summer months, Wednesday rehearsals are suspended, and a Summer Worship Choir involves Chancel Choir members and others in worship leadership for June and August services. The Summer Worship Choir takes a break in the month of July.

Child Care

Child care is available for choir rehearsals and events by reservation through Pullen’s Minister to Children and their Families, Libby Stephens (Phone: 828-0897 ext. 212; E-Mail: LStephens@pullen.org).

Folders, Music & Worship Materials

Each choir member is assigned a music folder and a compartment. For Wednesday rehearsals, music is usually placed in the compartments or can be found on the nearby counter. On Sundays, worship guides and other materials may be picked up from the counter. Anthems, service music and other worship materials should be returned to the counter after each worship service. Worship guides can be placed in the recycling bin. Music may be turned in at any time using the Chancel Choir return bin.

Miscellaneous

Functioning in relatively close proximity to one another, choir members are reminded that strong perfumes can adversely affect some singers who may be allergic. Remember to discard cough drops and chewing gum before singing as a proper singing breath may cause them to be inhaled and lodged in the throat. Water is welcomed in rehearsal to keep the vocal folds hydrated and performing their best. Remember to keep the Rehearsal Hall clean by discarding or recycling cups and bottles in the receptacles near the kitchenette.

Vestments

Each member is provided a robe and a set of stoles that unify the choir's appearance and express the seasons of the worship year.

Participants are asked to care for their robes and stoles by periodically taking them home to wash. The robes and stoles are machine washable (gentle cycle, short spin then hang to finish drying). Snaps may also have to be replaced from time to time and are provided to members through the Vestment Coordinators.

Lockers

Before worship or rehearsals, Chancel Choir members may store personal items in lockers with keyed locks provided in the Robing Area.

Preparation for Worship

On Sundays, after vesting for worship and gathering music and materials, we prepare for worship at 10:30AM in the Rehearsal Hall (Room 128-B).

Notification of Absences

It is helpful for planning and preparations, to notify the Minister of Music of absences from rehearsals, worship or other events. (LSchultz@pullen.org; 828-0897 ext. 219). Remember that your presence at rehearsals is important even if you will be absent the following Sunday, since the Chancel Choir progressively prepares more than just the following Sunday's material.

Communication

The *Music Ministry page* of the *Pullen website* (www.pullen.org) provides general information that can always be accessed.

The *Church Calendar* found on *Pullen's website* (www.pullen.org) includes Music Ministry Group schedules and events.

Music Ministry Notes are sent via email with more specific information for Music Ministry Groups.

The *Rehearsal Hall Magnetic Wall* also displays items of interest and information to Music Ministry Groups.

Announcements and articles of interest are published in the *PullenNews*, *Pullen Update*, and *This Week at Pullen* emails.

Choral Services

The Chancel Choir plans to offer choral services of worship on these dates:

December 11, 2016 - Advent Choral Service; **April 2, 2017** – Evening Music Ministry Service.

Adult Choir *Festival by the Sea*

January 27-29, 2017 - Charleston, South Carolina

www.festivalbythesea.org

The Pullen Chancel Choir joins other regional church choirs to work with some of the nation's finest choral clinicians. The festival weekend includes rehearsal, fellowship and worship.
