Chancel Choir

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Description
Prominently displayed in the Music Ministry Rehearsal Hall is the Latin phrase “Soli Deo Gloria” (to God alone be glory). With a welcome of 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 larger 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
The Chancel Choir is directed by the Minister of Music and accompanied by the Church Organist. Section Leaders provide welcome and assistance to new members and help coordinate choir events. Other facilitators fulfill the tasks of vestment coordination and music library work.

Minister of Music: Larry Schultz; Accompanist: Janice Hocutt.
Section Leaders: Pam Woodall (S); Lynn Jarrard (A); Bo Reece (T); Jim Hodge (B).
Music Librarian: Becky Overstreet; Music Library Assistant: Tom Cunningham.
Vestment Coordinators: Cathy Corbin; Andrew Marteka.

Rehearsals
Weekly rehearsals in September through May are each Wednesday from 6:45-8:15P.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 with Children and their Families, Tommy Cook (tcook@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.

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**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**
Lockers are available in the Robing Area for storage of personal items. Bring your own locks for each usage and take when finished.

**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. Keep the Rehearsal Hall clean by discarding trash and recycling cups and bottles in the appropriate bins.

**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 Pullen Weekly News emails.

**Choral Services & Events**
**Sunday, December 15, 2019, 11:00AM** – “We Will Climb a Mountain” - A Choral Service of Global Advent & Christmas Music.

**Adult Choir Festival by the Sea**
**Friday-Sunday, January 24-26, 2020 - 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.