The **Festivals by the Sea** are regional and ecumenical choral festivals for Youth and Adult choirs. Noted clinicians provide leadership for the festivals helping participating choirs achieve levels of performance that challenge them to work harder and strive for greater achievement in their local music ministries. One of the hallmarks of these festivals is the worship experience that is designed to coincide with the music that has been prepared for the festival. Not only do participants enhance their singing skills, but they learn to integrate their music into a worship framework that has meaning. Additionally, the festivals provide an opportunity for participants to build long-lasting relationships as they meet others with similar church music interests.

**Participant Fee:** $30 (non-refundable) Due Wednesday, October 23, 2019

**Two Ways to Submit Fee:**
- **Online via Church Website with Debit or Credit Card through PayPal:**
  Go to [www.pullen.org/donate](http://www.pullen.org/donate) and reference “Adult Choir Festival by the Sea” (remember to indicate “Adult” festival to differentiate from “Youth” festival). There is a 3% charge for using this service.
- **Church Safe with Cash or Check:**
  Deposit in the slot located on the wall across the hall from the church library (Room 207). Place your cash or check made out to “Pullen Memorial Baptist Church” in an envelope (available near the safe) with your name and the reference: “Adult Festival by the Sea” (remember to indicate “Adult” festival to differentiate from “Youth” festival).

**Transportation:** On your own, carpooling.

**Lodging:** Participants are responsible to make reservations and to provide lodging costs. Roommates can share costs, and it is helpful for those sharing a room to agree on how the room cost will be resolved if one of the occupants should not be able to make the trip. **Do not allow inability to pay festival costs keep you from participating; persons who need assistance should contact the Minister of Music.** Group Rates are offered at **Days Inn, Historic Charleston** (in walking distance from festival, .4 mile). Rooms are non-smoking with 2 double beds. See information below to make reservations at **Days Inn** or other hotels of your choice.

- **Days Inn, Historic Charleston:** Group Rate $118.15 plus 14% tax per night for the nights of January 24-25, with checkout on January 26. A parking charge of $17.00 per car per day will also be added. **Individuals should make reservations by calling Wyndham at 877-361-2506. Reference Itinerary Number: 5136B150326466 and Group Name: “Pullen Memorial Baptist Church.”** The block of rooms will be released on January 10, 2020. Cancellation is 24 hours prior to arrival.

- **Other Accommodations:** Charleston’s La Quinta Inn & Suites has limited rooms for guests this year due to repairs from hurricane damage. Persons wanting to seek lodging there or other places in Charleston or nearby towns such as Mt. Pleasant, should book through hotel websites, Booking.com, Trivago, or other reservations sites where rooms can often be obtained less-expensively. (Example: Best Western, Mt. Pleasant, advertised an $85 room on Booking.com).

**Meals:** Saturday’s lunch is provided at the festival location. All other meals are responsibility of participants. Spouses and friends who have signed up ahead of time may join the choir for Saturday’s lunch for a cost of $8 (to be paid before departure).
Festival Location: First Baptist Church, Charleston
(Sanctuary: 61 Church Street -- Parking: 48 Meeting Street)
Parking at First Baptist is limited and is reserved for those with handicapped permits and mobility issues. Organized in 1682 in Kittery, Maine, First Baptist Church became the earliest Baptist church in the South when 28 members of the Kittery congregation with their pastor, William Screven, immigrated to Charleston in 1696. The present sanctuary was designed by Charlestonian, Robert Mills, the first American-born architect (and architect of the Washington Monument). The church structure was completed in the 1820’s and has received national acclaim for its classic design and beauty.

Guest Clinician: Alan Raines
Alan Raines is the Director of Music and Arts at Highland Park United Methodist Church. A frequent clinician, Raines has guest conducted all-state and honor choirs, both professional, collegiate and community choruses, and given presentations in over 37 states. He has held positions in Houston at The Woodlands United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica, California and Dunwoody United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. A recipient of the M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Choral Conducting at UCLA, Raines served as the Assistant Conductor of the Angeles Chorale while as a student of Donald Neuen. Prior appointments include Baylor University, Stetson University and Georgia State University.

Accompanist: Margaret MacKay
Margaret is the part-time Director of Music for Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, South Carolina. She is a gifted accompanist at organ and piano and holds degrees in organ performance from Anderson College (now University); Furman University, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with further study at Converse College.

Sunday Breakfast Together at Eli’s Table Restaurant (129 Meeting Street)
Sunday morning breakfast provides a nice opportunity to share a meal to close our festival weekend together. Eli’s Table Restaurant (just down the block from the Days Inn) provides us group space with a variety of breakfast options (including their world-famous sweet potato pancakes!).

Items to Bring: Each person is responsible to take their festival music, choir folder and pencil to Charleston. Water bottles are also welcomed at the festival. Dress comfortably for the weather and for walking.

Festival Schedule:

Friday, Jan. 24
8:30-10:00pm Rehearsal at First Baptist Church
9:30-12:30pm Rehearsal at First Baptist Church (with break)
12:30-1:30pm Lunch at First Scots Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting Street
1:30-3:00pm Rehearsal at First Baptist Church
3:30pm Festival Worship at First Baptist Church
Group Picture on the front steps of the church building
Sight-Seeing, Free Time, Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 25
8:30-10:00pm Rehearsal at First Baptist Church
9:30-12:30pm Rehearsal at First Baptist Church (with break)
12:30-1:30pm Lunch at First Scots Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting Street
1:30-3:00pm Rehearsal at First Baptist Church
3:30pm Festival Worship at First Baptist Church
Group Picture on the front steps of the church building
Sight-Seeing, Free Time, Dinner

Sunday, Jan. 26
8:00am Breakfast Together at Eli’s Table Restaurant
Worship opportunities at local churches, Sight-Seeing

Festival Repertoire:
O Clap Your Hands - Vaughan Williams
Neither Death nor Life - Crutchfield
O God Beyond All Praisin - Forrest
Come Dwell in Solomon’s Walls - Stroope
Amazing Grace - Keith McCutchen
Bound for the Promised Land - Wilberg

Festival Website: www.festivalbythesea.org