

MUSIC NOTES

for December 2015

Beverly Caldon, Music Director

The congregation and I send a hearty THANK YOU to the choir for presenting - in glorious style - Vivaldi's famous "Gloria." We were pleased to have Lily and Pearl sing, too - both members of the Keene High School chorus.

Here are some photos as captured by Carol Landry and Harrison Baldwin. Guest tenor, Patrick Joyce, made an audio recording, and a grateful parishioner shot a video of the last movement which is on our church website.



DECEMBER MUSIC CALENDAR

Dec. 6 "Church Family Choir" sings in church - come at 9:30 AM; Senior Choir

Dec. 13 Senior Choir and Jubilation Bells; Sarah Keith, flute

Dec. 20 Ringers-on-the-Square and Senior Choir

Dec. 20 7 PM Annual MESSIAH SING

Thurs., Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM Early service with organ, Jubilation Bells, and "Church Family Choir"

9 PM Candlelight Service with Senior Choir and Ringers-on-the-Square; prelude begins at 8:40 PM

Dec. 27 NO Senior Choir commitment today. "Church Family Choir" rehearsal at 11:15 AM

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We invite everyone - singers and audience - to the 26th Annual MESSIAH SING to be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 PM. The Christmas section (Part I) and the "Hallelujah Chorus" will be performed, accompanied by organist Beverly Caldron and chamber orchestra. Soloists will be JoAnne Mead, soprano; Pamela Stevens, mezzo soprano; Michael Duffin, tenor; and Gregory Flower, bass. Borrow a score for the evening or bring your own. A free-will offering will help defray the expenses. The Music/Arts Committee and the choir will host a delicious reception afterwards. Remind your friends and neighbors that the sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

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You have two opportunities to worship on CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM and 9 PM.

The early service at 5 PM will be geared toward families with children. Favorite carols and anthems will be provided by the "Church Family Choir," directed by Matt Burke, and the Jubilation Bells, directed by Diantha Dorman.

The 9 PM Candlelight service, with a musical prelude beginning at 8:40 PM, will feature the Ringers-on-the-Square and the Senior Choir in a Lessons and Carols format. Special music will include the beautiful carol medley "Christmas Day" by Holst, as well as the lively spiritual "Run to the Manger" by Johnson, and the Swedish carol "Let Carols Ring." May the ministry of music renew your soul.

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Several of our church musicians are performing Christmas music with the Keene Pops, Keene Chorale, Peterborough Messiah, Keene Chamber Singers, Cheshiremen, New Horizons Band, Animaterra, Keene State College, and Keene public schools. How lucky we are that there are so many opportunities in our neighborhood to hear music performed live!

The Cheshiremen Barbershop chorus invites you to its holiday show in our sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 19 at 4 PM.

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The CHURCH FAMILY CHOIR will rehearse with Matt Burke and his banjo on Sun., Dec. 27 after church in the sanctuary (11:15-11:45) in anticipation of singing during worship in the New Year, Sunday, Jan. 3. Won't you pop in and sing along, too? They welcome parents, school age children, and those who are young at heart with a spring in their step. The "Family Choir" rehearses the Last Sunday of the month, and sings in church the First Sunday of the month as part of Intergenerational Worship. **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you! Bev**