

# The Ministry of Music

## Our Heritage and Tradition

From its founding over 60 years ago, thoughtful, liturgically oriented worship has been a constant in the life of Myers Park Baptist Church. Modeled on the classic style established by Jean Calvin and the Genevan Reformers, the service places in a central position the reading of scripture and the preaching of the Word. The balancing elements of corporate praise and individual confession precede this Service of the Word, and acts of offering and response follow.

Another valued element in the Myers Park Baptist worship tradition is an unswerving commitment to the care, nurturing and creative use of classical church music. From the ecumenical and inclusive congregational hymns, to the richly diverse instrumental, vocal and choral literature, all of the music heard in worship is thoughtfully chosen and well prepared. The congregation's song and many of the choir's anthems are supported by a well-crafted Æolian-Skinner organ and a Steinway concert grand piano. The superb acoustical properties of the sanctuary and its chancel add an uncommon vitality to all of the church's music.

The musical palate at Myers Park is richly hued and energetically executed. In looking through the descriptions of the various activities and ensembles, please take seriously our invitation for you to become a part of this vibrant musical portrait.



# Choirs for Adults and Youth



## The Chancel Choir

*(Post High School Aged Adults)*

**Weekly rehearsal: Thursday evenings**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m., in Berry Hall**

*Sunday morning: Rehearsal at 10:15 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service*

The Chancel Choir is a large choir of non-paid singers who exhibit a deep commitment to the ministry of music and worship in this church. They lead the worship of the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday morning, and provide music for the church's festival days and special liturgies. The Chancel Choir begins its season with an annual retreat over Labor Day Weekend. Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir should call the Music Office. Please speak with the music staff if there are child care needs.

In addition to its weekly service leadership, the Chancel Choir regularly performs major works for choir and instruments. Recent years have seen performances of masterworks by Bach, Brahms, Vivaldi, Fauré, Rutter, Schubert, Handel and Dvořák. This fall the Chancel Choir, with orchestra and organ, will present Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* and Mozart's *Magnificat*.



## The Motet Singers

**Rehearsal: Sunday afternoons**

**12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**

**Room 9, Sanctuary basement**

The Motet Singers is primarily an *a cappella* ensemble of 16-24 singers auditioned from the membership of the Chancel Choir, who wish to spend extra time devoted to more challenging choral repertoire. This ensemble sings a variety of music chosen from the vast body of standard chamber choir repertory, ranging from Renaissance motets to intricate and demanding modern compositions. The Motet Singers periodically sing during worship throughout the year. The Motet Singers has sung at the famed Piccolo Spoleto music festival, the Biltmore House, and Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens.



## The Youth Choir

*(Grades 6 - 12)*

**Rehearsal: Sunday evenings, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Room: Berry Hall**

Youth Choir is a musical community of grades 6 - 12 which offers friendship and acceptance among each other while using their various gifts of music to offer praise and the good news of God. The choir enjoys singing a wide variety of music including classical, folk hymns, spirituals, gospel, and global ethnic music. Youth Choir has performed fully-staged productions such as *Godspell* and *Cotton Patch Gospel*. Following their 2011 summer tour to New York City, the Youth Choir will do a regional tour in June 2012.

## CHOIRS FOR CHILDREN



### Cherub Music\* (*Threes and Fours*)

Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:15 pm,  
Room 29 (RITI Room)

\*Parents participate with their children in this choir.

Utilizing the *Musikgarten* curriculum *God's Children Sing*, and John Feierabend's *First Steps in Music*, our youngest children learn Bible stories and traditional folk songs through movement, singing, instruments, and drama. This program also allows parents and children to make music together, sharing in their musical expression of faith.



### The KinderChoir (*T-K and Kindergarten*)

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30 p.m, Room 8

### The Carol Choir (*Grades 1 and 2*)

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m, Room 21

The beginnings of a faith foundation and the basic rudiments of music and singing are all a part of each rehearsal for these choirs. Both the KinderChoir and Carol Choir will progress through the curriculum, *Sing, Play, & Rejoice in God*. The children will learn spiritual concepts and musical skills through the early stages of *Orff-Schulwerk* and *Kodály* methodologies as they play instruments, participate in musical games, and sing hymns, anthems and traditional songs.



### The Chapel Choir (*Grades 3 - 5*)

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m, Room 7

The Chapel Choir blends together *Kodály* and *Orff-Schulwerk*-based methodology utilizing musical games and activities, folksongs, rhythm solfege, anthems and hymns for use in worship. Each rehearsal provides a whole child centered approach of fun and creative learning for further musical and spiritual development. Each spring, the Chapel Choir participates in *Raise a Song*, a children's choir festival at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, North Carolina.

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