

Visiting Youth Choirs 2019-2020

For this program year, we are pleased to host and collaborate with several accomplished youth choirs. The following choirs will join our choristers on the following Sundays:

October 27, 2019
Voices in Praise (Friendship, MD)
Holly Lee Reynolds, Director

January 26, 2020
Madeira School (McLean, VA)
Heather Fetrow, Director

February 22-23, 2020
Rugby School (Rugby, England)
Richard Tanner, Director

March 29, 2020
Saint James School (Hagerstown, MD)
Linda Stowe, Director

Special Services 2019-2020

September 22
Youth Chorister for a Day (*Spirit Singers/Youth Chorale*)

November 3
All Saints' Dixieland Mass (*Combined Choirs*)

December 8
Advent Lessons and Carols (*Combined Choirs*)

December 24
Christmas Eve (*Music for Combined Choirs, Organ, Strings & Brass*)

December 29
Christmas Lessons and Carols (*Combined Choirs*)

February 12
Youth Sunday

March 15
Celtic Mass (*Third Sunday Band and Guests*)

April 5
Palm Sunday (*Chancel Choir*)

April 9
Maundy Thursday (*Third Sunday Band*)

April 10
Good Friday (*Chancel Choir*)

April 11
Easter Vigil (*Motet Ensemble*)

April 12
Easter Sunday (*Music for Combined Choirs, Organ, Brass & Timpani*)

June 7
Bluegrass Mass (*Third Sunday Band and Guests*)

Evening Compline Services 2019-2020

Fourth Tuesdays @ 7:30pm
September 24, October 22,
January 28, March 24, April 28

Concerts @ St. Margaret's 2019-2020

Saturday October 12
Rockin' the Hall with the Third Sunday Band

Saturday November 2
Folk Concert with Shenandoah Run

Sunday November 10
Concert "Between War and Here" with Ensemble Galilei

Saturday December 7
Holiday Concert with the Third Sunday Band

Sunday February 9
Silent Film Organ Concert with organist Michael Britt

Saturday February 22
Choral Concert with the Rugby School Choir, Rugby, England

Saturday May 9
Choral Concert with the Renaissance Singers of Annapolis

Other Events

October 2019
Adult Choirs Overnight Retreat
Combined Adult Choirs Service, St. Peter's Church, Lewes, DE

February 2020
Chorister Festival, Washington National Cathedral

March 2020
Diocesan Workshop: Contemporary Music & Worship Planning

May 2019
RSCMA Choir Festival, Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, MD



St. Margaret's Music Ministry

James (Jim) Douglas *Director of Music & Organist*
Al Todd *Third Sunday Band Founder/Director*
Kate Caldwell & Hope Stinson *Youth Music Assistants*
Laurie Meeder *Wire Choir Director*
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Music at St. Margaret's

2019-2020



St. Margaret' Church (Episcopal)
Annapolis, MD

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, *Rector*
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*Please visit our church website and music page and calendar
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Dear friends,

Here at St. Margaret's Church, we are blessed with a vibrant music ministry that has something for everyone. In this brochure you will find all of our musical offerings for the parish and the greater community, from music for our various liturgies to recitals, concerts and other special events. Membership in all of our choirs and ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Anyone who loves to sing or play an instrument and wishes to be a part of the musical life of St. Margaret's is encouraged to share their talents with us. I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and at the many other exciting events programmed for the 2019-2020 year!



Jim Douglas
Director of Music & Organist

The Music Ministry at St. Margaret's Church exists to musically lead, inspire and transform people in the worship and praise of God.



During the choir season (September through June), worship at St. Margaret's is enriched by the music offered our many choirs, ensembles and guest musicians.

The RSCM Chorister's Prayer

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

St. Margaret's Church is an affiliate institution of RSCM America.



Chorister Program

Spirit Singers & Youth Chorale

The President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities highlights important information on arts programs in its report *Champions of Change: The Impact of the Arts on Learning*. Researchers found that learners "attain higher levels of achievement through their engagement with the arts...when well taught, the arts provide young people with an authentic learning experience that engages their minds, hearts and bodies. Engagement in the arts...nurtures the development of cognitive, social and personal competencies." Learning and discovery in other areas of discipline often focus on a specific talent or skill, whereas children regularly active in the arts like a chorister program develop numerous talents and skills.

The Chorister Program at St. Margaret's provides a transformational experience for youth in kindergarten through high school, regardless of religious affiliation or background. ALL ARE WELCOME! Choristers sing in three ensembles, **Spirit Singers Cherubim**, **Spirit Singers Seraphim** and **Youth Chorale**. Graded choral curriculums focusing on age-appropriate vocal training, sight-singing, and music theory are offered in a professional and nurturing setting. Fun and challenging repertoire is then employed to put into practice the musical skills that are taught.

Spirit Singers Cherubim (K-2)

- Novice or Chorister in Training
- Sing twice a program year (end of fall & spring terms)
- Rehearse on Mondays 5:15-6pm

Spirit Singers Seraphim (grades 3-5)

- Junior Chorister
- Sing most 4th Sundays during the program year
- Rehearse on Mondays 5:15-6pm

Youth Chorale (grades 6-12)

- Chorister/Senior Chorister or Advanced Chorister
- Sing all 4th Sundays during the program year with and in support of younger choristers
- Sing various services with combined adult choirs
- Rehearses on Mondays 5:30-6:20pm

Adult Choirs

Chancel Choir, Motet Ensemble, Compline Schola

The **Chancel Choir** serves as the anchor choir and offers traditional church anthems. Open to anyone college age and above, they sing on the first Sunday of the month and currently rehearse weekly on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. Our **Motet Ensemble** offers music from the Renaissance, Baroque and contemporary eras. Open to anyone college age and above, they sing on the second Sunday of the month and rehearse weekly on Mondays from 7-8:30pm. Both adult choirs combine to offer music for larger services, including Advent Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday and Pentecost. New for the 2019-2020 program year, we will offer monthly evening Compline services on the fourth Thursday of the month as scheduled, sung by a **Compline Schola**. Anyone in high school and above are welcome to lead this meditative and contemplative service of plainchant and a cappella choral music.



The Third Sunday Band

This group regularly offers contemporary Christian music to accompany worship from September through May at 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month. Special services including our Celtic and Bluegrass masses feature additional soloists and instrumentalists.

Wire Choir

For those parishioners and children who play a stringed instrument, we offer a string ensemble that provides special music periodically throughout the year.



Children's Chapel Music

Each Sunday during the 9am service, toddlers through 2nd grade participate in their own worship service where age-appropriate lessons, songs and prayers are offered. Song selections are fun and simple to learn and memorize.

Gathering Music for Families

As an extension of Children's Chapel Music, we offer a time of Gathering Music for children and their parents. During the school year on the fourth Sundays of the month, families of children from birth through 5th grade gather in the fellowship hall at the end of the 9am service before Sunday School for a time of informal singing and community building. Like Children's Chapel, song selections are fun and simple to learn and memorize.

Concerts, Special Music and more

Outside of the musical offerings at weekly worship services, St. Margaret's offers a wide variety of performances year round. We also serve as a location for musicians from the community and beyond to come and teach, hold recitals and rehearsals and offer various workshops. In recent years, we have served as a host venue for the annual Annapolis Chamber Music Festival. Other concert offerings have included an annual silent film organ concert and performances by noted area ensembles such as Arundel Vocal Arts Society, the Renaissance Singers of Annapolis, Ensemble Galilei, and our own Third Sunday Band.

Vocal Coaching

Starting in the Summer and Fall of 2019, members of our Youth Chorale and Adult Choirs will receive both group and individual vocal training from accomplished vocal coaches from the greater Annapolis area. These lessons will allow for additional work outside of choir rehearsals on technique, breathing and overall vocal development and health.

