



Music Ministry at St. Paul's

"Inspiring music,
created with love,
transforming God's world."



St. Paul's is blessed with an outstanding music program that serves our parish and the greater Rochester community. We enjoy two singing choirs: a fine adult choir and a newly revitalized choir for children and youth; a bell choir rounds out our active musical groups. Our parish is fortunate as well to have numerous gifted instrumentalists who offer their talents in services from time to time throughout the year. St. Paul's offers musical programs throughout each season – special choral programs, concerts to benefit Rochester's FOODLINK and organ recitals by our music staff and students from the Eastman School.

Musical instruments include a historic Skinner pipe organ (built in 1927; restored in 2012), a Wissinger continuo organ, three grand pianos, and one set of handbells.

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7:00 pm



St. Paul's Choir would love to welcome anyone who enjoys singing and wants to be part of a loving and dedicated musical community. The choir of approximately 30 members sings a wide range of repertoire to glorify God and to provide inspiration and comfort for those in worship each Sunday at the 10:15 am service.

Between September and June, they rehearse each Wednesday evening, and on several occasions also provide music for concerts and special worship services. The choir is open to all ages, from those in high school and beyond.

For more information about their repertoire, please see the Anthem Brochure or go to the website www.stpaulsec.org.

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St. Paul's Anthem Repertoire for the 2026-27 Season

September 13: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Swell the Full Chorus – George Frideric Handel
The Call – Kenneth Jennings

September 20: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Let the People Praise Thee, O God – William Mathias
Nada de Turba – John Warren

September 27: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep – John Rutter
The Lord is My Shepherd – Howard Goodall

October 4: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Let the Bright Seraphim – Deodatus Dutton
Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee – Eric H. Thiman

October 11: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Laudate Dominum – Aaron David Miller
Know That God Loves You – Carson Cooman

October 18: The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sing We Merrily Unto God – Adrian Batten
Ice Freue Mich Im Herrn – Gottfried A. Homilius

October 25: The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Take My Life – Aaron David Miller
Heilig – Felix Mendelssohn

November 1: All Saints Sunday

Requiem – John Rutter

November 8: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

I Was Glad – Henry Purcell
O Sacrum Convivium – Peter Mathews

November 15: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, Thou Art My God – Henry Purcell
Fragrant the Prayer – Curt Oliver

November 22: The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing – Eric H. Thiman
King of Glory, King of Peace – Eric H. Thiman

November 29: The First Sunday of Advent

Turn Ye, Turn Ye – Charles Ives
The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow – Christopher Tye

December 6: The Second Sunday of Advent

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – Richard Webster
Comfort, Comfort Now My People – Richard Proulx

December 13: The Third Sunday of Advent

I Look from Afar – Anthony Piccolo
Lo, In the Time Appointed – Healey Willan

December 20: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

People, Look East – Robert Evans
Creator of the Stars of Night – Dale Wood

December 20: A Festival of Lessons & Carols (3:00 pm)

Matin Responsory – Robert Lehman
Christ the Appletree – Stanford E. Scriven
O Radiant Dawn – James MacMillan
The Word Was God – Rosephanye Powell
People, Look East – Robert Evans

December 24: Christmas Eve (3:00 pm)

Under the Stars – George F. Reynolds
Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep – R. MacDonald
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – Hugo Distler
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy – David Blackwell
His Light in Us – Kim André Arnesen
There is No Rose – Stephen Caracciolo
Ave Maria – Franz Biebl

December 24: Christmas Eve (8:00 pm)

His Light in Us – Kim André Arnesen
Ave Maria – Franz Biebl

December 27: The First Sunday after Christmas

A Child is Born – Samuel Scheidt
Cradle Hymn – Kim André Arnesen

January 3: The Second Sunday after Christmas

I Will Set His Dominion in the Sea – Bruce Neswick
Arise, Shine for Thy Light Has Come – Kenneth Jennings

**January 10: The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
Baptism of Our Lord**

Father in Heaven – David Hurd
Vidi Aquam – Iain Quinn

January 17: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

I'm Going to Sing – Ronald E. Anderson
We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace – M. Hogan

January 24: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Quam Dilecta Tabernacula Tua – Charles-Marie Widor
Set Me as a Seal – René Clausen

January 31: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Salmo 150 – Ernani Aguiar
Woke Up This Morning – Jeffery Douma

February 7: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Chanticleer – Richard Dirksen
Prayer for Transfiguration Day – John Weaver

February 14: The First Sunday in Lent

Kyrie – Michael Allen
Sometimes a Light Surprises – Gustav Host/Wm. Cowper

February 21: The Second Sunday in Lent

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness – G. F. Handel
Now the Silence – Gerald Near

February 21: Lenten Choral Meditation (3:00 pm)

Love Bade Me Welcome – Roland E. Martin
None Other Lamb – Craig Courtney
He Was Wounded – Craig Courtney
We Adore You, O Christ – Richard Proulx

February 28: The Third Sunday in Lent

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate – David H. Williams
O Taste and See – Anthony Doherty

March 7: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Valediction – David Conte
I Sought the Lord – Wilbur Held

March 14: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Song of the Passion – George Oldroyd
I See His Blood Upon the Rose – Arthur Benjamin

March 21: Palm/ Passion Sunday

Hosanna to the Son of David – Malcolm Archer
O Crux – Mark Jennings
My Song is Love Unknown – Donald Busarow

March 25: Maundy Thursday

If Ye Love Me – Philip Stopford
Thy Will Be Done – Craig Courtney
Ave Verum Corpus – Thomas Pavlechko

March 26: Good Friday

The Gospel According to John – Craig Phillips
And God Looked Down – Thomas Strickland
O Vos Omnes – Pablo Casals

March 27: Easter Vigil

Now is the Hour of Darkness Past – Walter L. Pelz
Love's Redeeming Work is Done – Thomas Trenney

March 28: Easter Day

The Glory of Christ – K. Lee Scott
Auf, auf! Mein Herz mit Freuden – Johann Sebastian Bach
Hallelujah from *Messiah* – George Frideric Handel

April 4: The Second Sunday of Easter

Stetit Iesus – Jacob Handl
Quia Vidisti Me, Thoma – Luca Marenzio

April 11: The Third Sunday of Easter

Christ is Risen – Paul Sjolund
Christ is Risen Again – Eric H. Thiman

April 18: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia – Alessandro Scarlatti
Surrexit Christus – Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

April 25: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sing Alleluia Forth – Eric H. Thiman
Alleluia – Ralph Manuel

May 2: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rise Up, My Love – Paul Stetsenko
The King of Love My Shepherd Is – A. Clarkson

May 9: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee – Richard Proulx
Rise Up, My Love – Healey Willan

May 16: The Day of Pentecost

Come, Thou Holy Paraclete – David Hurd
Come, Holy Ghost – Eric H. Thiman

May 16: Diocesan Choir Festival (5:00 pm)

Music for a Royal Coronation

May 23: The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Father, All Holy – Charles Wood
Trinitarian Blessings – K. Lee Scott

May 30: The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Be Thou My Vision – Bob Chilcott
Do Not Be Afraid – Philip Stopford

June 6: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Erschallet, ihr Lieder – Johann Sebastian Bach
Thee We Adore – T. Frederick H. Candlyn

June 13: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

O Love Divine – John Hudson
The Lord Is My Shepherd – Allan Pote

June 13: East Avenue Music Festival (3:00 pm)

O Love Divine – John Hudson
The Lord Is My Shepherd – Allan Pote
Blessing – Katie Moran Bart

HANDBELL CHOIR

Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 6:00 pm



Let Your Praises Ring Forth

Join the St. Paul's Handbell Choir for rehearsal each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 6:45 pm as they prepare to ring on the first Sunday of each month.

This dedicated and fun-loving group would love to welcome new members, whether they have experience with handbells or not. Ringing handbells requires very little skill, is very rewarding, and is open to all ages.

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St. Paul's Handbell Repertoire for the 2026-27 Season

October 4, 2026

Allegro from Sonata in C Major –
Muzio Clementi/arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Voluntary in E Minor – John Stanley/arr. Hal H. Hopson

November 8, 2026

(Note: This is the second Sunday)

Fantasy on "Land of Rest" –
American folk tune/arr. Kurt Meyer
Bells of St Mary's – Emmett Adams

December 6, 2026

Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies –
Huan-Sha-Xi/arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Coventry Carol – English carol/arr. Cathy Moglebust

December 24, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

How Great Our Joy – Hugo Jüngst/arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Still, Still, Still – Austrian carol/arr. Anne Krentz Organ

January 3, 2027

Genesis – William A Payn
Down to the River to Pray –
American folk tune/arr. Sandra Eithun

February 7, 2027

Happy Land – American folk tune/arr. Dale Wood
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending –
American folk tune/arr. Dale Wood

March 7, 2027

Go to Dark Gethsemane – Mitchell Eithun
Faithfulness – Bradley Anderson

April 4, 2027

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee –
Ludwig van Beethoven/arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
We Know That Christ is Raised –
Charles V. Stanford/arr. Sondra Tucker

May 2, 2027

Exploration on "Deo Gracias" – Jason W. Krug
Jesus, Lover of My Soul – Karen Buckwalter

June 6, 2027

Enduring Gladness – Ron Mallory
A Joyful Ring – Barbara B. Kinyon

June 13, 2027 @ 3:00 pm

East Avenue Music Festival

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ST. PAUL'S CHORISTERS

Rehearsal on Sundays, 11:30 am



We hope you will come sing with kids of all ages in the St. Paul's Children's Choir.

Rehearsals begin September 13th and are every Sunday from 11:30 to about 11:45 in the church. We will sing a communion anthem on the third Sunday of each month and will rehearse at 9:50 am in the church on those third Sundays.

Singing in the choir is a great way to learn how to make music together in a supportive and caring environment. Singing is a skill that a person can do throughout their life, and in a choir, we nurture teamwork where *"everyone plays, and no one sits on the bench."*

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St. Paul's Children's Choir Repertoire for the 2026-27 Season

October 18, 2026

Hallelu, Hallelu
Traditional song/arr. Esther Jones

November 15, 2026

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Evelyn Turner/arr. Esther Jones

December 20, 2026

Hear the Bells
Michael Bedford

January 17, 2027

This Little Light of Mine
African American spiritual/arr. Harry Dixon Loes

February 21, 2027

Now Go in Peace
Caribbean folk song/
arr. Michael Mair

March 21, 2027

God is So Good
Traditional song/
arr. Ron Manus and L. C. Harnsberger

April 18, 2027

Christ Has Arisen
Tanzanian melody

May 16, 2027

When the Spirit of the Lord
Traditional song/arr. Esther Jones

St. Paul's hosts a concert on the
Third Sunday of each month from
August to June at 3:00 pm.

For more information about the
"Third Sundays @3pm" concerts,
please see the concert brochure
or visit our website: StPaulsEC.org.



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