

Music at First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC Glastonbury, Connecticut



Cherub Choir

This group is for children in pre-kindergarten through first grade. Led by Sue Falotico and assisted by Alison Franklin and Peggy Hartman, they meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. This is our youngest singing group and they participate in church services several times each year. The children learn early musical skills through songs, movements and games.

Caroler Choir

This group of second and third graders meets Tuesday afternoons from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) program for chorister training is introduced with this choir. This program allows the children to work their way through various levels and ribbons. Level 1 (Light Blue Ribbon) teaches early music and vocal skills through rhythmic games and solfege (vocal practice using syllabic scales) and rudimentary Christian Education. The Orff instruments, which are percussion instruments such as the tambourine and xylophone, are introduced at this age, and choir members learn to accompany simple anthems with instruments. The children also learn to use the hymnal and participate in the leadership of church services.



Cantate Choir

This choir of children in grades 4 through 6 sings monthly at church services and at special services, such as Lessons and Carols and the Choir Concert. The RSCM is continued with further emphasis on Level 2 (Dark Blue Ribbon) incorporating more advanced vocal and rhythmic skills and Christian Education. The Orff instruments are used regularly. Cantate Choir attends a summer choir camp in August as well as various choir trips throughout the year. In 2001, members of this choir participated with the Chancel and Cantabile Choirs in the First Church Choir Tour to England and sang evensong services at the renowned cathedrals of Ely, Ripon and Yorkminster. Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., and attendance at "Optionals" as part of the RSCM program.



Cantabile Choir

This is our most advanced youth choir consisting of young women and men in grades 7 through high school. This choir sings once a month and at special services, such as Lessons and Carols and other scheduled concerts. Members of this choir also participated in the 2001 First Church Choir Tour to England and their impressive jubilant voices resounded throughout the medieval cathedrals. This choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The RSCM program is continued with emphasis on the more advanced Red, Purple and Black Ribbon levels. The Cantabile Choir sings with the Chancel and Cantate Choirs on a regular basis, as well as presenting their own solo anthems throughout the year. This group participates in the summer choir camp and various trips and choir festivals throughout the year.



Mallets

Our newly formed three octave youth bell choir is for youth and young adults from grades 5 through 12. Rudimentary music skills are required for participation. This choir will focus on beginning bell techniques, intermediate rhythms and music reading and will play at worship services throughout the year as well as in a handbell festival. There is an 11 person limit. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and regular attendance is required.

Chancel Choir



The Chancel Choir is our adult choir which sings weekly at the 9:00 a.m. service and special services throughout the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Highlights are the annual Service of Lessons and Carols and the Spring Choir Concert, for which the choir usually prepares a major work with organ or orchestra. Members of this choir participated in the 2001 First Church choir tour to England. Their evensong performances were inspirational. The choir's repertoire includes a wide variety of music from 16th century anthems to African-American spirituals. Major works include the Brahms' *Requiem*, the Rutter *Requiem and Gloria*, the Schubert *Mass in G* and *The Seasonings* by PDQ Bach and the Connecticut premiere of *Laudes Organi* by Kodaly.

Quartet

Drawn from members of the Chancel Choir, the Quartet provides music for the 10:30 a.m. service each week. Rehearsing Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., emphasis is on a cappella singing and occasional solo work.

Bell Choir

This adult choir, directed by Sue Falotico, performs several times throughout the year at church services and special occasions. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Using four octaves of Schulmerich Bells, three octaves of hand chimes and state of the art equipment, the group plays a varied repertoire. Music reading skills are helpful for this group, but not essential. This choir actively participates in Bell Festivals sponsored by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) and the American Guild of Organists (AGO).



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the music program of First Church of Christ, Congregational in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Our eight choirs are an essential part of worship here, leading the congregation in praise and thanksgiving to God through music. I encourage any of you who may be thinking about joining one of our groups to contact me, or simply come to one of our rehearsals. Everyone is welcome.

Angela

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Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song!

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!*

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!*

Psalm 95, vs. 1 & 2