

*Night and day this planet sings: peepers
peeping in the dark,
roaring rivers, bubbling springs, trills and
fanfares from the lark.*

*To the richness of earth's song
add the song our voices raise,
giving witness we belong
to the God we love and praise...*

—Thomas Troeger



MUSIC AT WEST SIDE

2011~2012

It is time to celebrate! It is time to remember. West Side Presbyterian Church will enter its centennial year in January, 2012. The Music Ministry begins that celebration with the opening concert of The West Side Concert Series on October 14, 2011, featuring The West Point Band. Since the opening of its doors in October of 1912, the West Side congregation has been grounded in its belief that the highest calling of music is to praise God. Music, carefully chosen, carefully prepared, prayerfully offered, is intricately woven into our liturgical life. Adults, youth and children meet weekly to prepare for worship through singing choirs, handbell choirs and instrumental ensembles. Christian Education and music education are a part of the fabric of each rehearsal. In its 100 years, the music ministry of this congregation has only changed leadership four times, testimony to the love for music and the arts which characterize this people of God.

Music also continues to be an important outreach ministry through congregational support of the no admission fee Concert Series (in its 36th season) and the annual ecumenical Summer Choir School which will celebrate 40 years in August of 2012. All is offered *Soli Deo Gloria*, to the glory of God.

WORSHIP AT WEST SIDE

Each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. (Chapel service) and 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary service) the West Side community gathers to praise, pray, hear God's Word, and be empowered to go forth and serve. There is also a meditative service each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and an informal service one Saturday per month at 5:55 p.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated weekly at the 8:45 a.m. Chapel service, the first Sunday of each month at the 10:00 a.m. service, Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m., New Year's Eve at 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and Easter Sunday at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

Sunday, December 11, 2011

10:00 a.m. Advent Service of Lessons and Carols—Oratorio Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2011

4:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

Youth and Senior High Choirs, handbells, and brass; prelude begins at 3:45 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion

Chancel Choir, handbells, strings; prelude begins at 10:00 p.m.; prelude begins at 9:45 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2011

6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service of Worship and Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Celebration

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Senior High Choir

Good Friday, April 6, 2012

8:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae
Chancel Choir, Youth Choirs, readers, and
instrumentalists; prelude begins at 7:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Festival Easter Services
Chancel, Senior High Choirs, brass,
Westminster Bell Choir;
prelude begins at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Sunday, March 25, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Elijah, Felix Mendelssohn

West Side Oratorio Choir and Orchestra;
Joanne Harris Rodland, Director, with New Jersey
City University Concert Chorale, Dr. Robert
Prowse Director and singing the role of Elijah

Sunday, May 20, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Community Hymn Festival

Benefit for the John R. Rodland Memorial Scholarship
for Church Music, with Choirs from Churches
throughout northern New Jersey

THE CHOIRS AT WEST SIDE

The Chancel Choir leads worship at the 10:00 a.m. service as well as at special services throughout the year. Rehearsals are each Thursday, 8:00 to 10:15 p.m., beginning September 15. On Saturday, September 17, 2011, the choir will have its fall retreat at West Side, beginning with breakfast at 8:30 a.m.. The winter retreat will be held Saturday, January 14, 2012, at West Side from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Work on the spring oratorio, Mendelssohn's *Elijah* will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Oratorio Choir, made up of singers whose schedules do not permit them to participate in the regular Chancel Choir, joins the Chancel Choir in the performance of major choral works. Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings in conjunction with the Chancel Choir from 9:00 to 10:15 p.m. Rehearsals in the fall begin on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Dress rehearsals are on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m., for the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on December 11. Rehearsals for the spring oratorio, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, to be presented Sunday, March 25, 2012, will begin at the winter retreat on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., and continue with Thursday evening rehearsals beginning on January 19, 2012. There will be Sunday rehearsals for the spring oratorio on February 12th and March 4th at 12:00 p.m.. There will be dress rehearsals on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.



The Summer Choir provides music for summer worship. Singers of junior high age and above are invited to participate by reporting for rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. service. Newcomers, college students, and those unable to make a weekly commitment during the program year are most welcome.

Youth and Children's Choirs: The children's and youth choirs will participate in worship on October 30, November 20, December 24 (*The Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols*), February 5, March 4 (FOCUS Sunday) April 1 (Palm Sunday), and May 13 (Choir Recognition Sunday).

In addition to the Sunday schedule, the Chapel, Covenant, and John Knox Boy choirs will sing at *The Service of Tenebrae* on Good Friday, April 6, 2012, 8:00 p.m.

The Senior High Choir, grades 9-12: Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., beginning on September 20, 2011. The Senior High Choir sings in worship on October 30, November 20, December 24 (Christmas Eve, 4:30 Lessons and Carols), February 5, March 4 (FOCUS Sunday), April 5 (Maundy Thursday), April 8 (Easter Sunday), May 13 (Choir Recognition) and June 10, 2012 (Senior Sunday).

The Chapel Choir, girls, grades 4-5 and **The Covenant Choir**, girls, grades 6-8: Rehearsals are on Thursdays, beginning September 22, 2011, 4:00-5:15 p.m.

The John Knox Boy Choir, boys with unchanged voices, grades 4-8: Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., beginning September 20, 2011.

CHORISTERS TRAINING

Choristers in grades 4-8 participate in the Choristers Training Program, based on the merit system of the Royal School of Church Music in America. Building on the experience of their earlier years, our choristers develop more complex skills to enable them to undertake leadership in worship, deepen their understanding of scripture, and build confidence and expertise in music. As they complete the requirements for successive levels, they earn the unique West Side Choristers' Medal, symbolizing their commitment and increasing musical skills.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON EXPERIENCE IN MUSIC



The Carol Choir, boys and girls, grades 2-3: Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m., beginning September 21, 2011. This is the first choir in the graded program with regular responsibility for worship. Training emphasizes concepts to be developed in the merit program in use in the upper choirs. The Carol Choir sings at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve at *The Service of Lessons & Carols* and follows the Sunday Schedule for the Children's Choirs.

Cantate Choir, boys and girls, Kindergarten-grade 1: Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 3:45-4:30 p.m., beginning September 21, 2011. The fundamentals of music are taught in an atmosphere of joy. This choir sings at 10:00 a.m. and on Choir Recognition Sunday, May 13, 2012.

Child care is provided for children of those involved in the Wednesday afternoon rehearsals as accompanists or choir moms.

SUMMER CHOIR SCHOOL

The 40th Annual Ecumenical Summer Choir School will be held August 20-24, 2012, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. daily at West Side. The program is open to all children who will have completed grades 2-8, regardless of church affiliation. The week concludes with a closing worship service Friday evening, August 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., which is open to the public. Musical leadership for this service is provided by the children.

THE BELL CHOIRS

Deborah Holden-Holloway, Director

Westminster Bell Choir, for adults, meets on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15 p.m. This choir plays for Christmas Eve and Easter services, at occasional worship services throughout the year, and at The Community Hymn Festival.

Calvin Bell Choir, for senior high students, meets on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., and plays in worship on various occasions.

Boys' and Girls' Bell Choirs are developed in conjunction with the singing choirs, according to interest and skills. Scheduling is done at the beginning of the rehearsal year.



INSTRUMENTS

*"Praise God with the trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!"*

The Ministry of Music encourages instrumentalists to offer their musical gifts during worship, as well as at special programs throughout the year. Small ensembles and soloists provide preludes, postludes, and accompaniments to anthems. Please let us know about your talents by contacting Joanne Rodland or Deborah Holden-Holloway.

Youth String Ensemble

West Side's Youth String Ensemble is a program for young string players, providing an avenue for their talents to enrich our worship. Young people with at least 3 years experience on violin, viola or cello, are encouraged to contact Deborah Holden-Holloway for further information. Rehearsals are arranged as needed.

West Side Recorder Consort

West Side's newest ensemble will meet occasionally to prepare preludes and other worship music. A matched set of Rottenburgh recorders was given to West Side by organ colleague John Bullough. We are pleased to be using these instruments in the Consort. Contact Deborah Holden-Holloway if interested in participating.

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THE WEST SIDE CONCERT SERIES

This coming year, West Side is marking 100 years of ministry in this community—and rechristening the former "Patron Series" as "The West Side Concert Series." With its no admission fee policy, this concert series has been one of the key outreach ministries of The West Side Presbyterian Church, engaging both local and international artists in outstanding and inspiring musical programs. During our 2011-2012 season, we will continue to celebrate the Nichols & Simpson sanctuary organ (dedicated in 2007) and our Steinway Concert Grand as solo instruments and instruments of accompaniment and ensemble.

CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

Friday, October 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The West Point Band

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Teresa Walters, pianist

Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The Harvard Glee Club

Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Ken Cowan, organist

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

AGO-sponsored Master Class

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Elijah, Felix Mendelssohn

Oratorio Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

New Jersey City University Concert Chorale, Dr.

Robert Prowse, director and Elijah

Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Tononi Trio

Child care for pre-school children and free parking are provided. The continuation of these programs of exceptional music depends on the generosity of our benefactors. Please consider becoming a supporter.

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THE CHOIRMASTER'S CIRCLE \$200-349

THE CHANCEL CIRCLE \$100-199

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