



## MUSIC ENSEMBLES FOR 2018–2019 – GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### STUDENT ENSEMBLES

As we did last year, the Music Ministry is partnering with the Children's Ministry to offer our children opportunities to make beautiful music here & then share it with our congregation & community.

Music time for Preschoolers will be included weekly in Sunday School & led by their teachers, Lara Schesser & Danielle Dalton in Room 25.

Our 2 & 3 year olds will also sing weekly in Sunday School with their teachers, Lisa Cox & Tatum Cox in Room 23.

Our K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders have a new time for music this year. Instead of having music before Sunday School, they will have their choir time near the end of Sunday School from 10:45-11am in Room 15. Their directors will be Lara Schesser & Lina McCamon. The same music will be learned in SMASH for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but all K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will sing in worship together as Celebration! Singers.

As mentioned above, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have music as a part of Children's Ministry's SMASH program: Service, Music, Art, Sports, Hangout. SMASH is on selected Sundays from 4-6pm. Lara Schesser will be leading a 30 minute music time during these SMASH sessions in Room 15. The first 2 dates for the fall of 2018 are: September 9<sup>th</sup> & October 14<sup>th</sup>. Additional SMASH dates are TBA by Children's Ministries.

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity to join Youth Band directed by Christopher Callender & Donna Goeckler. This ensemble is for youth who sing, play keyboard, guitars, or drums in a more contemporary style. Their rehearsal time will be determined by their directors & members.

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders have 2 music ensembles: Exaltation! Ringers directed by Trey Bures on Sundays @ 4pm in Room 1 & Exaltation! Singers directed by Rebecca Prater on Sundays @ 5pm in Room 6. They ring & sing in worship and take an annual Mission & Music trip to various locations around the country each summer.

### COLLEGE & ADULT ENSEMBLES

Praise Team (PT) directed by Denice Trawicki is open to vocalists and instrumentalists (e.g., guitar, keyboard players, etc.). They rehearse on Wednesdays @ 6:45PM as scheduled by the director. PT leads music weekly in the 8:50am worship service.

Chancel Choir directed by Rebecca Prater. Wednesdays 7:30-9pm, Room 6. Chancel Choir leads music weekly in the 11:05am worship service and presents seasonal presentations or major works.

Jubilation! Ringers (beginning to intermediate ringers) directed by Kathy Bures. Sundays 5-6pm, Room 1.

Charter Ringers (intermediate to advanced handbell ringers) co-directed by Celia Nicholas and Chris Krug. Wednesdays 6:10-7:20pm, Room 1.

### INSTRUMENT & ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLES

Symphony Orchestra (8<sup>th</sup> grade – adult instrumentalists) directed by Pam Kelly. Sundays 12:15-1:15pm, Sanctuary, as scheduled by the director. Their fall date to play in worship is November 18<sup>th</sup> & they will also play on December 9<sup>th</sup> during the season of Advent.

Chancel Brass (membership by invitation) directed by Kirk Heer. Rehearsals and worship leadership as scheduled by the director.

Clarinet Quartet & Dixieland Band (membership by invitation) directed by Bob Dover. Ensembles of advanced players rehearse and perform as scheduled by the director.

Our final ensemble is Ukulele of Grace directed by Christopher Callender. People who play ukulele from far and near come to GCPC the first Thursday of the month beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in our Concourse (the hallway outside the sanctuary) to share their love for playing ukuleles. All are welcome!

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