

APC Music Ministry

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir is an integral part of worship at APC, singing in the morning worship service approximately three times a month, September through June. The choir also sings in APC's special services: Christmas Candlelight Service (CCS) and Good Friday and Easter. We ask interested participants to prayerfully consider joining this ministry—that they would be a follower of Christ, have the gift of singing and the desire to lead worship.



Note: We are taking a sabbatical from the Christmas Candlelight Service this ministry year. Instead, join us on Sunday morning, December 18 at 8:50am for a special Christmas service at our Russell Road campus. Music from the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and special instrumentalists, as well as beloved Scripture readings and a sermon from Pastor Tom, will help us praise the newborn King!

Regular rehearsals:

- Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm: September through mid-May.
- Sunday mornings, 8:20am: Warm-up time for singing in the service

Extra rehearsals:

- Fall Choir Retreat (early September): This kick-off event for the new ministry year includes a Friday night dinner from 7-9pm allowing choir members to connect, share a meal, and hear a devotional from Pastor Tom. Saturday includes breakfast at 8:15am and a rehearsal from 9am-2:30pm, with lunch provided.
- Three Special rehearsals:
 1. Preparation for CCS: Saturday in late October, 9am-12pm
 2. CCS dress rehearsal: Friday evening in mid-December
 3. Preparation for Good Friday and Easter: Saturday in February, 9am-12pm

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Youth Choir



There is nothing like young voices helping to lead in worship, as they “sing joyfully to the Lord” (Ps. 98:4). Made up of treble singers age 8 through high school, the Youth Choir enhances worship by rehearsing from mid-October to mid-December for our annual Christmas Candlelight Service, and eight weeks before Easter (March or April) for Good Friday and Sunday morning Easter service. They rehearse during the fellowship time, 10:15-10:45. It is our prayer that the youth involved in this ministry will be equipped

to be better worshipers for the rest of their lives, by learning to use their voices, memorize theologically rich songs, and enjoy the community element of music-making.

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The Praise Team

APC offers a blended service, seeking to provide not only beautiful traditional music, but also a fresh, contemporary sound. The Praise Team helps lead us into God's presence with music that is full of vitality and heart-felt praise. This audition-only ensemble requires humility, an ability to work as a team player, as well as the musical giftedness required to learn music within a limited rehearsal time.



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Instrumental Music



Whether it's the jubilant blast of bagpipes at the Easter Sunrise service, the sparkling strains of a harp at Christmas time, or the joyful sound of a violin or flute helping the congregation to lift their voices in praise during a Sunday morning worship service—APC is blessed by the talent of instrumentalists in our congregation. These musicians graciously use their gifts for the Lord and in doing so help to “make his praise glorious” (Ps. 66:2).

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Handchimes

A highlight of the Christmas and Easter season is hearing bells ringing through the sanctuary. Handchimes rehearse mid-October to mid-December to play on a Sunday morning Advent service and the Christmas Candlelight Service, and several weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. This group welcomes new members. Good music reading skills and rhythm are important for the limited rehearsal time.

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Audio/Visual Ministry

The behind-the-scenes volunteers of the Soundboard and PowerPoint ministries greatly enhance APC's worship, allowing the congregation to understand the speakers and musicians leading in worship. This ministry requires a musical ear, a technical mind, and a gracious spirit. Besides Sunday morning services, this ministry supplies technical support for special events at APC.

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Special Worship Services

The Christmas Candlelight Service. The sanctuary is festively decorated as we celebrate the newborn King at APC's biggest outreach event of the year. APC choirs, brass, organ, congregational carol singing by candlelight—and beloved Christmas readings and a message—all add to the splendor of this service, a favorite Christmas tradition in Alexandria.



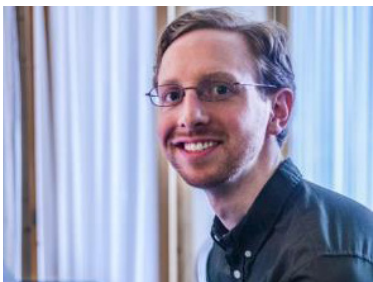
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Holy Week and Easter. The APC family commemorates Christ's death at our Good Friday service, partaking in the Lord's Supper in a darkened sanctuary with Gospel readings and the APC choirs and instrumentalists. On Easter morning the Praise Team leads us as we publicly proclaim Christ's resurrection at our annual Easter Sunrise Service at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria. Then at 8:50am all of the APC musical ensembles help lead us in a joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection in the APC sanctuary.

Director of Music Ministries

Trevor Manor, Director of Music Ministries, plays for services, and directs the choirs, Praise Team, and instrumentalists. He received degrees in piano performance from James Madison University in Virginia for his undergrad, and from the University of Cincinnati (College-Conservatory of Music) where he graduated with his Masters. He was then invited to serve as Music Assistant at APC, and three years later he began working full-time in his current role.



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*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*
Psalm 100:1-2

From the festive Christmas service with choirs and special instruments, to the joy of Easter Sunrise Service in historic Old Town Alexandria with the Praise Team leading worship, APC believes that music is a powerful tool through which we can share the Gospel with our city. Each week, music ushers us into God's presence from the very start of our service, with an 8:50 musical prelude, preparing the congregation to "come before him with joyful songs" as we worship Him together.

At APC we are passionate about corporate worship, believing that God meets His people when they gather to praise Him. Since music is a central activity to coming into God's presence, we seek to honor Him through an array of musical ensembles. Our 8:50 service at our Russell Road Campus includes the APC Choirs (Adult and Youth), the Praise Team, and instrumental music. At our 11am service at the Braddock Road Campus, the Praise Team is the primary worship ensemble. The following is a description of each musical group. We also invite you visit to our website—alexandriapres.org—for more images and audio of all our musical ensembles, as well as videos of our special services.