

***Music Ministry***  
***At***  
***Epiphany Evangelical***  
***Lutheran Church***

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*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands...*

***WELCOME!***

As a participant in music ministry at Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, you will find the following information useful and helpful. Our musical groups always welcome visitors and new members.

For centuries, music has moved us to the highest level of worship and adoration, and touched our soul's deepest sorrows. Music leads us in exaltation and praise; it provides comfort in times of grief. In keeping with our Lutheran heritage, music is an integral part of our worship services at Epiphany. We are proud of our musical groups. This year, we have ten (10) musical groups offered at Epiphany: The Cherub Choir, The Singing Saints, The Epiphany Ringers, 8:30 Chancel Choir, 11:00 Chancel Choir, Junior Handbell Choir, Epiphany Brass, Instrumental opportunities, the Resurrection Singers and EYGxpressions!.

The music program falls under the purview of the Director of Music who is supported by the Worship & Music Ministry Team and reports to the Senior Pastor.

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11:00 Chancel Choir		
Epiphany Brass		
Instruments		

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### ***Membership***

Being a member of an ensemble is part of your contributions of time and talent to Epiphany. Regular attendance is our goal. There are no auditions for any of our choirs. We meet and prepare in the glory of God’s greatness! In addition, we strive to have fun and fellowship in all our groups while proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through music.

### ***Attendance***

In an ideal setting, every ensemble member would be present for all rehearsals, worship services, and performances. We recognize, however, that the reality of our busy lives is that there are times when work and family commitments take priority over regular choir events. We challenge you to exercise integrity and self-discipline to attend as often as possible. If you are scheduled to participate in worship and have a last-minute emergency, you can call the church office at (804) 282-6066 and select the option for Kevin to leave a message.

### ***Weather***

Worship services are not regularly canceled due to inclement weather. Because Epiphany’s membership draws from a wide geographic region, when bad weather occurs, please use your discretion. In case of bad weather on rehearsal days, we will determine any cancellations by 4:00 p.m. the day of rehearsal. Please call the director of each ensemble to see if rehearsals are canceled or call the church office. We will also implement a phone tree to communicate cancellations. We generally follow guidelines of the Henrico County schools for cancellations due to inclement weather for children’s ensembles. For example, if there is an early dismissal or cancellation due to weather from Henrico on the day of our rehearsal, we will likely cancel.

## ***8:30 Chancel Choir***

This group meets at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday morning prior to worship. Please remember that it is extremely helpful if you can be present at this time as we use the few minutes prior to worship to review hymns and liturgy for the day. We are particularly cognizant of beginning the 8:30 service on time as the timing of all other Sunday events at Epiphany are dependent on this service beginning and ending “on time.”

We always welcome visitors and/or new members to join us in this choir. As a member of the choir, please remember how you felt when you were new! We should strive to make our guests feel welcome so they will join us on a more regular basis.

### ***Mark Your Attendance***

As you enter the Music Room from the hall, there is a bulletin board to the right on the wall. This board not only serves as a place for communication of important messages and fun items, but also the “famed” calendar. Please mark your name on the calendar if you plan to NOT be present on a given Sunday. This system is not to penalize anyone or make you feel guilty about not being present. Rather, it serves as a helpful tool to the director should alternate arrangements need to be made on a given day with limitation imposed by the group being under-represented for a given service.

### ***Music***

As you enter the Music Room, please direct your attention to the table to the left of the white board in the front of the room. This area serves as the location for any music needed for the day’s service, announcements, bulletins, or other communications that need to be shared with the group.

If you are participating in a joint chancel choir event, your music will be numbered. Music is very expensive! If you desire to keep a copy of a certain anthem, please discuss the cost and availability with the director. Otherwise, please return all numbered music to this table. It is generally best to do this immediately after we sing so you don’t forget. You will be contacted by the director regarding missing pieces of music after a couple of weeks. In the bottom right corner of the white board in the Music Room is a listing of music not yet returned. Be sure to check for your number. You may feel free to keep any music that is not numbered.

You will note the order of music for worship services is on the white board at the front of the room. Please place your music in order so we are able to move quickly from one piece to another and finish in time to begin the service. After rehearsal, you may store your music in the slots provided on the far-left wall in the Music Room. Each member has a slot assigned to him/her.

## *Hymnals*

We regularly utilize Evangelical Lutheran Worship. The hymnals are available on the bookshelf on the far-left wall in the Music Room. Please return hymnals to this location after worship. **Please store your hymnal as you would a book in a library – please do not store the hymnal by laying it on its side.**

## *Seating*

There is not a “locked in stone” seating chart for the choir; however, the choir generally sits with men and women in sections. Your flexibility is appreciated as we strive for the best delivery of our offerings! As a general rule for this group, the women sit in the front with the men behind.

## *Robes*

Robes are assigned by our Robe Coordinator, Pamela Bosserman. Please see Pamela or the director before the first service in which you participate if you do not yet have a robe assignment. The Music Room is locked during all worship services; however, we cannot be responsible for valuables.

Your robe, although church property, is your responsibility. Please take your robes home from time to time for washing, as necessary. (Your neighbor will appreciate it!) Please wash on a gentle setting and either hang to dry or tumble dry on air or low heat. Due to cost constraints, please note that there are some robes that may be shared by members of other ensembles. If your robe is shared, you will be made aware of that at assignment. Please coordinate maintenance with the other person at your convenience. Thank you for your willingness to share as this assists us with budgetary costs.

There are lists of robe assignments available on the inside of the robe closet doors. If you have a discrepancy with information on this sheet, please contact Pamela.

If your robe needs repair, please let the director or Pamela know. We have been fortunate to have a “resident seamstress” in the past and hope to have a new individual in this role in the near future.

## *Sunday Mornings*

**Rehearsal:** Rehearsal begins at 8:00 a.m. preceding the 8:30 a.m. worship service, unless otherwise announced. Take time to arrange and/or double check your music in the order listed in the bulletin/on the front white board. ***Please ensure that all coffee cups, napkins, tissues, and other trash are placed in trash cans as you leave.***

Immediately before the service: We process down the center aisle unless otherwise noted, so we assemble in the narthex in the rear of the sanctuary. Choir members are asked to be as quiet as possible in the narthex prior to the processional. Talking is distracting for choir members and other congregation members who use this time for silent prayer, meditation, reflection or listening to the prelude. Remember, the prelude is part of our worship service. Please allow ample room for persons entering the sanctuary. Do not block the doors! We want to have a welcoming atmosphere at our sanctuary's entrance.

Once the processional cross begins down the aisle, choir members follow in pairs, leaving approximately three (3) pews between pairs. As the choir ascends the stairs to the chancel, each pair continues straight forward to the cross, acknowledges the cross as you feel comfortable, and then proceeds to the choir seating. During the processional and while singing hymns during the service, we hold the hymnal open until the end of the final stanza of the hymn. On Sundays when small numbers may be present, we may process in single file or not at all.

During the service: **The choir's primary function** is to lead the congregation in the musical portions of worship. We should set an example of being interested, active participants in the service. Because the choir is extremely visible to the congregation, we need to present a uniform appearance during services.

- Watch the director and/or pastor for cues to stand and sit as a group for anthem and hymns.
- After singing service music, do not move or put away music until appropriate signals are given.
- Continue to hold anthems or music folders up and open at the end of a piece until you receive the director's cue.
- Be conscious of distracting noises and movements at all times.

After the service: Robes, hymnals and music should be placed in designated areas. Anthems not being used in the near future should be stacked on the file cabinet in the Music Room. Used bulletins are recycled. Please leave your bulletins on the table at the front of the room for this purpose if you choose.

### ***Cantors***

Those interested in serving as a cantor should complete the cantor information sheet available in the Music Room. Cantors serve a very important role in leading congregational and/or choir singing. Those who wish to serve as a cantor should be confident in their ability to sing individually in front of a large group as your nerves will likely be heightened as you serve in this important role. This is a ministry, and we appreciate those who feel called to lead in this manner.

A schedule will be posted for cantors. If you cannot make your assigned day, please do your best to provide ample notice to the director or find a replacement from the other cantors on the list. Your cooperation is appreciated.

***The Music***

The following is the schedule of anthems to be offered at this service (in addition to worship leadership) as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. ***Some offerings will be at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services if they are joint offerings of the chancel choirs from both services.*** Some offerings will be from this group only as noted. We appreciate your flexibility. These anthems represent various opportunities to join in song! Please prayerfully consider your own participation.

Sunday, October 8 Either service	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	Z. Highben
Sunday, October 29 Both services	<i>God Alone Be Praised</i>	S. Briehl/Z. Highben
Sunday, December 10 Christmas Musical - afternoon	<i>The King and Me</i>	
Sunday, December 24 9:00 p.m. service only	<i>With Wondering Awe</i> <i>Rise Up, Ye Faithful!</i>	arr. N. Harmon M. Miller

NOTE: If you prefer to worship at the 7:00 service, we also will have a choir for caroling in the narthex and worship leadership. We will not have a prepared anthem for the 7:00 service.

Wednesday, February 14 7:00 p.m. Service	<i>Wash Me Thoroughly</i>	S. Wesley
Sunday, March 11 Either service	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	K. Hildebrand
Sunday, March 25  Both Services	<i>Tree of Life</i> <i>Hosanna! Hosanna!</i>	K. Lee Scott J. Williams/J. Martin
Thursday, March 29 7:00 p.m. Service	<i>When Twilight Comes</i>	R.B. Farlee
Friday, March 30 7:00 p.m. Service	<i>They Crucified My Lord</i>	M. Burkhardt
Sunday, April 1 All services	<i>All Creation Held Its Breath</i> <i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	M.K. Beall/J. Carter M. Machemer

Rehearsal of anthems for 8:30 services only will generally be the four-six weeks prior to their offering in worship during our regular 8:00 a.m. rehearsal on Sunday mornings. For joint anthems, rehearsals are generally the four-six weeks prior to their offering in worship on Wednesday evenings at the beginning of rehearsal (usually 7:15, 7:40 during Lent). If there are sufficient numbers of persons interested in participating in these

anthems, we can work in rehearsal on Sunday mornings as time permits or consider a couple of extra rehearsals at a time convenient for most.

### ***Fellowship Activities***

The following is the schedule of fellowship activities as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Saturday, December 23	Christmas Party	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9	<i>Sundaes on Wednesday</i>	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 30	Picnic & Swimming	3:00 p.m.

### ***11:00 Chancel Choir***

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Room. As a rule, there are not scheduled breaks. Occasionally, rehearsals may be an additional 30 minutes in length depending on upcoming services and/or events. There is also a brief rehearsal on Sunday morning beginning at 10:30 in the Music Room. Please remember that the director has another group rehearsing until 10:30 a.m., so you may have a brief wait if you arrive early. We will do our best to finish the earlier choir on time.

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After rehearsal, you may store your music in the slots provided on the far-left wall in the Music Room. Each member has one slot corresponding to the music number assigned.

After we have sung a particular piece in worship, please return your music to the file cabinet in the Music Room. It is generally best to do this immediately after we sing so you don't forget. You may be contacted by the director regarding missing pieces of music after a couple of weeks.

### ***Hymnals***

We regularly utilize Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). ***Please have your ELW available for every rehearsal.*** Solid leadership of hymnody and liturgy is one of the strongholds for this group. Please return hymnals to appropriate storage locations after worship or rehearsal so our room is clean for the next use. ***Please store your hymnal as you would a book in a library – please do not store the hymnal by laying it on its side.***

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### ***Discussion during rehearsal***

Please refrain from side conversations during rehearsals. If you have a question or musical concern, please speak to the director. If sections other than yours are rehearsing, please be respectful of their learning, particularly as similarities may appear in your part.

### ***Devotions***

As part of our ministry team approach at Epiphany Church, we will have devotions at most rehearsals. Signup sheets are available on the bulletin board as you enter the Music Room. It is requested that each choir member consider taking a turn throughout the year. Resources are available from the director, in the church library or from our Cheryl Baggs, Interim Director of Faith Formation, 804-282-6066.

### *At the end of rehearsal*

Organize your music for the following service and place it in your assigned location. Return hymnals to assigned locations as well. ***Please ensure that all coffee cups, napkins, tissues, and other trash is place in trash cans as you leave.***

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## *The Music*

Organizing sheet music for a choir this size is a complex task. Please be kind by keeping your folders up-to-date. If you have been absent for a week or two, check with other choir members or the director to see if your folder is current. This is particularly helpful as we may borrow music from other congregations, and we need to be prompt in our return of this loan. Your prompt attention allows us to continue borrowing and reserve our limited budget for more wonderful purchases for Epiphany. In the bottom right corner of the white board in the Music Room is a listing of pieces that are not yet returned. Be sure to check for your number.

The following is the schedule of music as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Sunday, September 10	<i>Beloved, God's Chosen</i>	R. Hobby
Sunday, September 17	<i>Sanna, Sannannina</i>	N. Grundel
Sunday, September 24	<i>Salvation Unto Us Has Come</i>	J.S. Bach
Sunday, October 1	<i>Jesus Christ Is Lord</i>	P. Stopford
Sunday, October 8	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	Z. Highben
Sunday, October 15	<i>Come Away to the Skies</i>	D. Sims
Sunday, October 22	<i>Enviado</i>	W. Wold
Sunday, October 29	<i>God Alone Be Praised</i>	S. Briehl/Z. Highben
	<i>Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll</i>	J. Bleresch
Sunday, November 5	<i>Behold a Host Arrayed in White</i>	B. Ellingboe
Sunday, November 12	<i>Keep Your Lamps</i>	A. Thomas
Sunday, November 19	<i>O Christ, Surround Me</i>	D. Sims
Sunday, November 26	<i>Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	H. Helvey
Sunday, December 3	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	R. Hobby
Sunday, December 10	<i>All Earth Is Hopeful</i>	D. Cherwien
	p.m. <i>The King and Me</i>	
Sunday, December 17	<i>Joy to the World</i>	A.D. Miller
Sunday, December 24	<i>Canticle of the Turning</i>	H. Hopson
Sunday, December 24	<i>With Wondering Awe</i>	arr. N. Harmon
	<i>Rise Up, Ye Faithful!</i>	M. Miller
	9:00 service only	

NOTE: If you prefer to worship at the 7:00 service, we also will have a choir for caroling in the narthex and worship leadership. We will not have a prepared anthem for the 7:00 service.

Sunday, December 31	NO ANTHEM	
Sunday, January 7	<i>Baptized and Set Free</i>	arr. J. Helgen
Sunday, January 14	<i>Would I Have Answered When You Called</i>	R. Hopp
Sunday, January 21	<i>God Has Called Us</i>	S. Cherwien/R. Hobby
Sunday, January 28	NO ANTHEM	
Sunday, February 4	<i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>	B. Boss
Sunday, February 11	<i>We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light</i>	arr. H. Hopson

Wednesday, February 14 (7:00 p.m. service)	<i>Wash Me Thoroughly</i>	S. Wesley
Sunday, February 18	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>	R. Haan
Sunday, February 25	<i>Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart</i>	J. S. Bach
Sunday, March 4	<i>Canticle of the Turning</i>	arr. H. Hopson
Sunday, March 11	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	K. Hildebrand
Sunday, March 18	<i>Rich in Promise</i>	M. Sedio
Sunday, March 25	<i>Tree of Life</i>	K. Lee Scott
	<i>Hosanna! Hosanna!</i>	J. Williams/J. Martin
Thursday, March 29 (7:00 pm. service)	<i>When Twilight Comes</i>	R. B. Farlee
Friday, March 30 (7:00 pm. service)	<i>They Crucified My Lord</i>	M. Burkhardt
Sunday, April 1	<i>All Creation Held Its Breath</i>	M.K. Beall/J. Carter
	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	M. Machemer
Sunday, April 8	<i>O Sons and Daughters</i>	J. Blersch
Sunday, April 15	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast</i>	D. Cherwien
Sunday, April 22	<i>Shepherd Me, O God</i>	M. Haugen
Sunday, April 29	<i>The Fruit of the Vine</i>	M. Patterson
Sunday, May 6	YOUTH SUNDAY	
Sunday, May 13	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	Z. Highben
Sunday, May 20	<i>Come, O Holy Spirit, Come</i>	Z. Highben

The following is the schedule of rehearsals and fellowship activities as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Wednesday, September 6	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 13	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday, September 27	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday, November 8	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday, November 29	Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6	Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, December 23	Christmas Party	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 27	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday, January 3	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday, February 7	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14	Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21	Rehearsal	7:40 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28	Rehearsal	7:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	Rehearsal	7:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	Rehearsal	7:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	Rehearsal	7:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	NO REHEARSAL	
Wednesday, May 2	Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9	<i>Sundaes on Wednesday</i>	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 30	Picnic/Swimming	3:00 p.m.

### ***The Singing Saints***

This group is open to all children and youth in the second through sixth grades. There is a focus on learning musical skills through games and movement, as well as learning anthems for more frequent worship participation and leadership. Greater discipline is placed on rehearsal and worship participation decorum and discipline. Children gain self-esteem, learn teamwork and enjoy singing meaningful songs to praise God. This group has a large role in the annual Christmas Musical.

The group meets on Wednesday evenings (generally as a part of Wednesday Evening Ministries, although there are additional rehearsals outside of the Wednesday evening program) from 6:30 – 7:10 p.m. in the Music Room. Members who are also members of the Junior Handbell Choir are dismissed for handbells at 7:00 p.m. while we continue to work with the younger Saints until 7:10 p.m. While we encourage regular attendance, there is not an attendance requirement.

### ***The Music***

The following is a listing of tentative choir anthems for the Singing Saints as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Sunday, October 15	<i>Come Away to the Skies</i>	(D. Sims)
Sunday, November 12	<i>Give Me Oil in My Lamp</i>	(V. Wright)
Sunday, December 10	a.m. “Preview piece” from Christmas Musical	
Afternoon Christmas Musical – 4:00 p.m.	<i>The King and Me</i>	

Sunday, December 24	<i>Musical Selection from The King and Me</i> 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. services – choose one
Sunday, January 14	<i>Dance on the Water</i> (K. Crunk/R. Cox)
Sunday, February 11	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!</i> (M. Patterson)
Sunday, March 4	<i>No More, My Lord</i> (J. Feierabend/M. Bridges)
Sunday, March 25	<i>Hosanna! Hosanna!</i> (J. Williams/J. Martin)
Sunday, April 22	<i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i> (M. Patterson)
Sunday, May 6	<i>Psalm 98</i> (D. Christopherson)

The following is a listing of planned rehearsals as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Please note that the Singing Saints are dismissed from the Music Room at the ending time shown in the schedule. Please be prompt picking up your Singing Saint as another group begins rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. ***If a designated parent or guardian is not present in the hall between the Music Room and the Christian Education wing, remaining members will be dismissed to the Fellowship Hall where parents can meet them.***

Wednesday, September 13	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, November 8	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	<b>1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, November 22	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, November 29	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	<b>9:00 – noon</b>
Wednesday, December 6	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 9</b>	<b>9:00 – noon</b>
Sunday, December 10	3:00 p.m. - tentative
Wednesday, January 3	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, February 7	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, April 4	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, April 11	6:30 - 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2	MUSIC OLYMPICS – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9	6:00 p.m. – <i>Sundaes on Wednesday</i>

### ***The Cherub Choir***

This group is open to children age four – first grade. For this age group, learning is experienced through musical play. Children sing age-appropriate songs to discover their faith and in preparation for skill to be learned.

The Cherub Choir generally participates in worship on the third Sunday of the month during the 8:30 a.m. service and the prelude of the 11:00 a.m. service.

#### ***The Music***

The following is a listing of tentative choir anthems for the Cherub Choir as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Sunday, October 15	<i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i>	Traditional
Sunday, November 19	<i>Don't You Know!</i>	B. Ramseth
Sunday, December 10	<i>The King and Me</i> (Afternoon Christmas Musical)	
Sunday, January 21	<i>Two Fisherman</i>	S. Toolan
Sunday, February 18	<i>Rainbow of God's Love</i>	D. Burton
Sunday, March 18	<i>Walk in God's Ways</i>	P. Hughes
Sunday, April 15	<i>Do You Know Who Died for Me</i>	arr. R. Gieseke
Sunday, May 20	<i>Dem Bones</i>	J. Johnson

The Cherub Choir meets in room 104 of the Education Building, beginning September 13. After the Christmas Musical, rehearsals do not begin again until January 3, 2018.

The following is a listing of planned rehearsals as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Wednesday, September 13	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, November 8	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, November 29	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.– rehearsal
Wednesday, January 3	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7	6:30 – 7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, April 4	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, April 11	6:30 -7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9	6:00 p.m. – <i>Sundaes on Wednesday</i>

### ***The Epiphany Ringers***

This choir is comprised of those who enjoy making music with handbells to the glory of God. Membership is open to all those interested, generally from high school age and older. The choir offers an assortment of literature and works to blend and refine using a variety of handbell techniques.

We always welcome visitors and/or new members to join us in this choir. As a member of the choir, please remember how you felt when you were new. We should strive to make our guests feel welcome so they may join us on a more regular basis.

Generally, when The Epiphany Ringers offer an anthem in worship, it is done so at some point in the 8:30 worship service and then again as the prelude to the 11:00 service. Doing this allows our entire congregation to enjoy the beauty of the handbell music.

The Epiphany Ringers rehearse in the balcony of the sanctuary Sunday mornings between worship services from **9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** Please keep in mind that the earlier worship service may run a few minutes past 9:30, so please be respectful of worshippers as you enter the church for rehearsal. The director will meet you in the balcony as soon as the first service has concluded. ***Please make every effort to be on time as our time together is short.***

### ***Mark Your Attendance***

As you enter the balcony from the rear staircase, there is a calendar located on the table immediately to your left as you face the altar (table number 2). Please mark your name on the calendar if you plan to NOT be at rehearsal or worship service. This system is not to penalize anyone or make you feel guilty about not being present. Rather, it serves as a helpful tool to the director should alternate arrangements need to be made on a given day with limitations imposed by certain parts or the entire group being underrepresented for a given event.

Please remember that regular attendance is a bit more important in this group as compared to a vocal ensemble. Since each ringer has an assigned part, it is difficult to be most productive when individuals are not present. Realizing there are many demands on everyone's time in today's world, we ask that you exercise integrity and discretion in your attendance.

### ***Music***

Generally, any new music will either already be at its place on the stands or it may be on the director's stand (located in front of the bass handbell tables). Music is numbered and each member of the choir has a number that will be used throughout the year to ensure proper return of all music to Epiphany's files. Music is very expensive! If you desire to keep a copy of a certain anthem, please discuss the cost and availability with the director. You will be contacted by the director regarding missing pieces of music after a couple of weeks.

You will note the order of music for rehearsals and worship services is on the director's stand. Please place your music in order so we are able to move quickly from one piece to another and finish rehearsal on time.

After rehearsal, ***please use the polishing cloths*** to take care of our investment and remove any stray marks. Return the bells to their cases and the cases to their locations under the bell tables. Music, pencils, gloves and mallets should be stored neatly on the

music racks or under the tables. Please remember that the balcony serves as a worship space when we are not rehearsing or playing!

### ***Handbell Assignments***

There is not a “locked in stone” assignment where each bell choir member will play. As a general rule, choir members will play in the same location; however, it may benefit the ensemble and the individual ringer if members take turns in various locations during the year. Your flexibility is appreciated as we strive for the best delivery of our offerings.

### ***Sunday Mornings When We Play***

Rehearsal: Rehearsal will generally begin at 7:45 a.m. preceding the 8:30 a.m. worship service, unless otherwise announced. Take time to arrange and/or double check your music in the order listed in the bulletin.

During the service: The choir’s primary function is to enhance the worship service with music. We should set an example of being interested, active participants in the service.

- Watch the director and/or pastor for cues to stand and sit as a group for musical offerings, if appropriate.
- Please be in place and ready to play when the director arrives in the balcony.
- Be conscious of distracting noises and movements at all times.

After the service: After the 8:30 service, you should proceed to get ready for our regular rehearsal. After the 11:00 service, bells, gloves, music, mallets and pencils should be put in their appropriate locations. Please do so quietly as the worship service is continuing for other worshippers.

### ***The Music***

The following is the schedule of offerings as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. These offerings will be at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services unless otherwise noted. We appreciate your flexibility.

Sunday, October 1	<i>Fantasy on ‘King’s Weston’</i>	F. Gramann
Sunday, October 8	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	B. Childers
Sunday, October 29	<i>God Alone Be Praised</i>	J. Behnke
Sunday, November 19	<i>Our God</i>	arr. Bettcher
Sunday, December 10	<i>Three King Swing</i>	S. Tucker
	Note this is part of the afternoon musical	
Sunday, December 24	<i>Riu, Riu, Chiu</i>	S. Tucker
Sunday, January 7	<i>Wade in the Water</i>	B. Tucker
Sunday, February 11	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	V. Stephenson

Sunday, March 4	<i>Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery</i>	J. Stitt
Sunday, March 25	<i>Tree of Life</i>	K. Lee Scott
Friday, March 30	<i>Meditation on Passion Chorale</i>	B. Childers
	<i>They Crucified My Lord (limited)</i>	M. Burkhardt
Sunday, April 1	<i>Easter Rondo</i>	M. Helman
Sunday, April 29	<i>God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	C. Moglebust
Sunday, May 20	<i>Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	J. McFadden/Linker

### ***Rehearsals***

The following is a listing of planned rehearsals as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Sunday, September 10	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – polishing party! – and playing
Sunday, September 17	NO REHEARSAL – congregational meeting.
Sunday, September 24	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 1	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 8	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 15	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 22	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 29	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 5	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 12	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 19	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 26	NO REHEARSAL
Sunday, December 3	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 10	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 17	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 24	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 31	NO REHEARSAL
Sunday, January 7	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 14	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 21	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 28	NO REHEARSAL
Sunday, February 4	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 11	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 18	NO REHEARSAL
Sunday, February 25	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 4	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 11	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 18	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 25	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 1	NO REHEARSAL, but we play
Sunday, April 8	NO REHEARSAL
Sunday, April 15	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 22	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 29	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 6	NO REHEARSAL
Sunday, May 13	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 20	No rehearsal, but we play

### ***Fellowship Activities***

The following is the schedule of fellowship activities as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Saturday, December 23	Christmas Party	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9	<i>Sundaes on Wednesday</i>	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 30	Picnic & Swimming	3:00 p.m.

### ***The Junior Handbell Choir***

We are pleased to offer this handbell program open to all children in the fourth through eighth grades who are interested in learning to ring handbells.

The group will be learning the fundamentals of ringing handbells and will also have the opportunity to learn some music theory. As such, no previous musical experience is necessary. Attendance at each rehearsal is a commitment we seek with this group as it has unique attendance requirements that a singing group does not have.

The group meets in the balcony of the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings (generally as part of the Wednesday Evening Ministries Program, although there may be additional rehearsals outside of the Wednesday evening program) from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The following dates have been scheduled to ring for worship services. The music has been selected but its use will be determined by the group's progress at the time. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Sunday, October 22	<i>There Is a Happy Land</i>	R. Mallory
Sunday, December 17	<i>Joy to the World</i>	K. Dennis
Sunday, February 25	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	M. Ryan
Sunday, May 6	<i>Fanfare for Easter</i>	M. Coe

The following is a listing of planned rehearsals as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Those participants that are also in the Singing Saints will be excused from Singing Saints at 7:00 p.m. in order to go the handbell rehearsal.

Wednesday, September 13	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1	NO REHEARSAL
Wednesday, November 8	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, December 13	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 3	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

BREAK

Wednesday, April 11	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

### ***Epiphany Brass***

This group is comprised of those who enjoy making music with brass instruments and timpani to the glory of God. Membership is open to all those interested, generally from middle school age and older. The ensemble offers an opportunity for brass players to expand their playing abilities in the worship life of our congregation.

## ***Music***

You will be given all music needed for our offerings at Epiphany. Please remember that the music belongs to the church. Treat it well. Please make markings in pencil and remember to return the music to the director when we have finished with it. Lost music will be your responsibility.

The following is the schedule of offerings as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. These offerings will be at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services *unless otherwise indicated. We appreciate your flexibility.*

Sunday, October 29	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i> <i>Through All Our Life Is Like a Scroll</i> <i>God Alone Be Praised</i>	L. Smith arr. J. Ferguson Z. Highben
	Hymn accompaniments as well	
Sunday, November 19	<i>O Christ Surround Me</i> (trumpet only)	D. Sims
Sunday, November 26	<i>Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	H. Helvey
Sunday, December 24	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	D. Giardinieri arr. L. Smith
Sunday, January 21	<i>God Has Called Us</i>	S. Cherwien/R. Hobby
Sunday, March 25	<i>Tree of Life</i>	K. Lee Scott
Sunday, April 1	Hymns and Possible Prelude	

## ***Rehearsals***

Rehearsals for this group will be on an “ad hoc” basis depending on instrumentation and availability, particularly with our college students’ schedules. If you have questions, please contact Kevin at [kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org](mailto:kevinbarger@epiphanyelca.org) or 804-282-6066. Watch the bulletin and newsletter (as well as your email) for updates.

## ***Fellowship Activities***

The following is the schedule of fellowship activities as of September 1, 2017. The schedule is subject to change. We appreciate your flexibility.

Saturday, December 23	Christmas Party	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9	<i>Sundaes on Wednesday</i>	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 30	Picnic & Swimming	3:00 p.m.

## *Instrumental Opportunities*

We welcome instrumentalists to share their talents with us throughout the year. Ensembles, duets, trios, etc. can all be programmed in various locations. If you have a desire to participate in this fashion, please contact Kevin in order to ensure that we have room for all groups on a given day. We make music to the glory of God. The worship life of our congregation is greatly enriched via this ministry.

We also have specific needs on some Sundays where individuals are needed to play with other groups. The schedule is subject to change. If you are willing to serve for any of these services, please let Kevin know.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Instruments needed</b>
Sunday, September 10	flute
Sunday, October 15	percussion
Sunday, November 19	percussion
Sunday, December 24 (am)	flute
Sunday, December 24 (pm)	harp/winds
Sunday, March 4	harp, strings, drum
Sunday, March 18	flute
Thursday, March 29	Timpani
Sunday, May 6	Trumpet (with Junior Handbells)
Sunday, May 20	Clarinet

## *The Resurrection Singers*

This vocal group is designed to provide musical leadership for memorial and funeral services at Epiphany. The group does not rehearse on a regular basis. Names of those interested will be placed on a list. If your name appears on this list, you will be contacted when we are notified of a death in the congregation and service details have been finalized. You should be in the Music Room 45 minutes before the appointed service time. Depending on attendance, we may put together a short musical offering for the service, or we may simply review the hymns and music for the service. This group is open to all members of our congregation, and singing experience is not required. The main purpose of the group is to serve in a leadership capacity for these services honoring and celebrating the lives of our congregation.

### *Youth Music*

Our youth in junior and senior high school are encouraged to participate in any of the above-mentioned groups as they are able. There are also opportunities for those with instruments to participate in worship throughout the year. Please call Kevin Barger at (804) 746-5756 if you wish to be a participant in this fashion at any time throughout the year. See also earlier on this page for additional opportunities.

### *EYGexpressions!*

We welcome our youth to share their gifts through a variety of instrumental offerings which may include instruments such as guitars, piano, percussion and singers for assistance with leadership of hymns in worship as well as other offerings through the year.

Rehearsals for this group will be a part of the regularly scheduled EYG gatherings throughout the year. Check with Pastor Joseph or Kevin Barger if you are interested in sharing your musical talents in worship in this manner or have additional questions.

The schedule for this group is as follows (subject to change) for worship participation and leadership.

Sunday, October 22	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
Sunday, November 26	<i>More Love, More Power</i>
Sunday, February 4	<i>Light the Fire</i>
Sunday, March 4	<i>Awesome God</i>
Sunday, May 6	Youth Sunday

Rehearsals are important for this group. We will make take during gathering for that rehearsal and ask for commitment from members to be available for these Sundays for maximum effectiveness!

We're excited to explore our musical talents together!