

Mission & Vision of Ministry
for the Ministry of Music at St. Peter and St. Paul (based on the parish Mission & Vision):
5/20/14

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ through the Ministry of Music.

We are part of this Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Active in Worship of God, Discipleship for all ages, Serving Christ in the world.

The Ministry of Music in this parish:

Is first and foremost for the **Worship of God by the whole congregation:**

- Music is part of an integrated liturgy for a coherent experience effective in glorifying Jesus Christ, expressing and supporting the prayers and praises of the congregation, and drawing people into the presence of God.
- Excellence should be in the service of worshipping God, rather than entertainment of an audience.
- Music is selected to empower congregational singing (including hymns, service music and communion hymns).
- Music of this parish is grounded in the Anglican choral tradition, with use of other styles as appropriate and effective.
- The parish choirs play an essential role in the leadership of worship in this church on Sundays and Holy Days.
- The choirs' emphasis is on leading congregational singing, ensemble singing of the choir, and incorporation of unique talents as appropriate (instruments or vocalists; solo voices to be used judiciously and primarily in support of ensemble or responsive singing).
- Special musical opportunities are available in special worship services such as Evensong, Choral Eucharist, Advent Lessons & Carols, etc.
- Children and Youth are integrated into the liturgical and musical leadership of the parish (not as entertainment, but as part of worship), primarily through Children's Choir and Youth Choir, secondarily through collaboration with Children's and Youth ministries. Opportunities for young people to work with adults are welcomed and encouraged.

The Ministry of Music **also Grows Disciples by learning, prayer and Christian Community:**

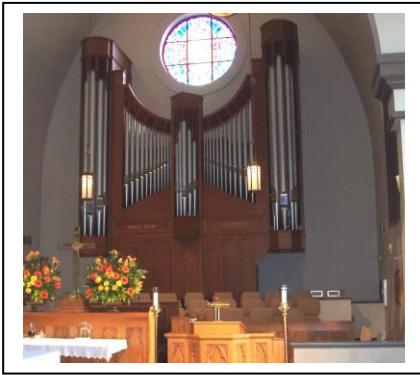
- The Ministry of Music is effectively integrated into the life of this Christian Community, in collaboration with leadership and other parish ministries.
- Selection of texts and musical settings help proclaim the word of God.
- Choirs grow as disciples through the study of texts and liturgy, prayer and theological reflection. This is especially important for children and youth.
- Choirs grow in healthy Christian relationships as groups and with the wider congregation.
- Choir and congregation grow in their musical abilities for the worship of God.
- This ministry finds a healthy balance of musical excellence and accessibility for new singers, and a healthy balance of known repertoire and new or more challenging music.
- The Ministry of Music is a source of joy for the choirs (and congregation), and one of the many doors through which people enter the Christian Community and a relationship with Christ.
- The Choirs are primarily volunteer singers from the parish, with a range of abilities. Paid staff singers primarily support ensemble singing and the musical development of their volunteer peers.

Our Basic Programmatic Framework for the Ministry of Music is:

- Adult Choir, singing regularly at the 10:30 AM service,
- Two choirs for children and youth (through 12th grade) will be developed (see development goals below). Historically, we had one for Pre-K through 2nd grade and one for 3rd through 8th grade. These two choirs were on hiatus this past year.
- Organ and piano as chief instruments of the Director of Music,
- Other instruments as appropriate, effective and within our resources.

Resources for Music:

- Choir of 24 adults,
- Library of 800 titles of music, plus anthologies,
- A.E. Schlueter twelve rank pipe organ interfaced with a three manual Rogers console of excellent sound,



- Steinway piano (plus 4 upright pianos throughout the buildings)
- A three octave set of Schulmerich handbells, serviced and refurbished within the last four years (handbell choirs were active 1996-1998, and 2008-2013; there was no handbell choir this past year),
- Orff Instruments,
- Choir practice room and office for the Director.
- Music budget, which includes funds to begin hiring staff singers in 2014.

Ministry Development Goals to implement this vision:

- Sustain and develop the Adult Choir,
- Restart and build a Children's Choir,
- Restart and build a Youth Choir for grades 6-12,
- Hire and develop staff singers within budgeted financial resources,
- Consider the resources required to restart the Handbell Choir in the future.