

## Music at St Mark

*“Ye shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sounds of the flute to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel.”* Isaiah 30:29

Music has always been important to the people of St. Mark and there is a rich tradition of beautiful music in our worship services.

The St Mark choirs provide special music on a regular basis during the year:

### **The Chancel Choir:**

This adult vocal choir meets each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30PM and sings most Sundays September through May primarily at the 10:00 service but once a month at the 8:00 service.

The Chancel Choir also sings for special services at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and during Holy Week.

The Chancel Choir is a dedicated group of singers who enjoy singing praises to the Lord and being together to support one another.

*All are welcome to join the choir; no experience is necessary.*

### **Young Singers:**

This is a choir of young people in grades 3 through 12 that meets from 5:00 to 5:30PM each Wednesday and sings once a month September through May.

These singers have also been practicing their percussion skills and have accompanied global hymns on occasion.

### **Family Choir:**

This “ad hoc” ensemble of teenagers and adults meets at 7:20AM the first Sunday of each month to rehearse and sing at the 8:00 service.

On the third Sunday of each month, anyone available to sing at the 10 o'clock service meets at 9:20 to rehearse.

Anyone who wishes to sing is welcome.

### **Celebration Bells:**

This handbell choir of teenagers and adults rehearses each Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:50 PM September through May and presents special music once per month and on special festival days such as Christmas and Easter.

### **Young Ringers:**

This handbell choir of young people grades 3 through 12 meets from 4:30 to 5:00PM each Wednesday September through May and rings once a month September through May.

### **Instrumentalists:**

We encourage instrumentalists looking for a way to share their talents to present special music and/or enhance the singing of hymns and the liturgy.

### **Special Events:**

Each summer, St. Mark hosts 2 summer concerts featuring a variety of music from classical to jazz by local and out-of-town musicians.

We also host a Dixieland band during the "Bix" weekend which accompanies hymns in that style.

***Ellen Bowlin directs the Chancel Choir and Young Singers & Pam Carstens directs the Celebration Bells and Joyful Ringers.***