



A community for everyone celebrating
excellence in music and God's love for all!



- *P. Allen Greetings
- *Sunday 1 December, The Adult Choir
- *Sunday 8 December AM, All Choristers singing with Adults
- *Sunday 8 December, 12:30 p.m. HS and Alumni ladies Reh for 15 Dec
- *Sunday 8 December, 4:00 p.m. An Advent Procession and Carols, The Adult Choir singing
- *Sunday 8 December late afternoon, evening, Annual Christmas Party
- *Wednesday 11 December, 12:15 p.m. Community Carol Sing, all choristers singing, Pizza lunch before, Ice Cream afterwards.
- *Saturday 14 December, Dress Rehearsal for all girls, Britten
- *Sunday 15 December, Morning, The Choir of Men and Boys
- *Sunday 15 December, 4:00 p.m. All Girls and HS and Alumni Ladies with Adult Ladies, Britten, A Ceremony of Carols
- *HS Singers and the young gentlemen's club
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- *Next Week
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***P. Allen Greetings -**

Bravo Choristers on your singing at the GCS Thanksgiving Service and to Eva Dixon and Mr. Sean Raab (GCS, J-K) on their brilliant guitar playing. That's a keeper with our other special repertoire.

Congratulations to James Gomez and Lily Dixon on your dedication last Sunday as this year's Optima.

Thank you all families for your efforts making such growth in rehearsal and service attendance and for your amazing effort on Tuesday supporting our "jamming" rehearsal early in the morning. That constant work and commitment is what makes it work. Music isn't a last minute or cramming art. The results and growth during the fall term really show it. I'm so grateful and so proud of everyone.

The fall fundraiser has launched - used to be pies and chocolate - it's transforming into a holiday sale focusing on wrapping paper and also other items. Look over the blast with info and get registered to start selling.

**Joyous Thanksgiving Greetings. Safe Travels.
Have a wonderful Holiday weekend, love, p.**

Parents, I need your help. Would you assist your chorister in hanging up their vestments for the coming month or so to teach a good procedure?

- 1. Put surplice/white on the correct hanger.**
- 2. Put cassock/black over the white on same hanger.**
- 3. Button top two buttons of cassock - very important.**
- 4. Place hanger in the correct spot on the rack in number order neatly.**

If we can get this procedure learned as a habit our vestments will wear better when on us and last longer. Many thanks.

Parents, please sign up to be a choir parent helper, breakfast provider or special activity volunteer. It takes a community!

Start up is officially over, recruiting never stops....time to reduce content in the newsletter. Please use this link to find materials in the September issues you may want to access such as the orientation materials and other information.

INSTAGRAM

choirs.music.gracechurchnyc

Laundry Tip: the robes are a synthetic material for ease of throwing in the wash and dryer. If you pull them out of the dryer as soon as they are dry and hang them up they don't wrinkle. No amount of ironing takes out the wrinkles, the fabric is designed to be hung up warm.

***THIS SUNDAY**

Sunday Morning 1 December, The Adult Choir singing

CHOIR DRESS CODE

Boy Choir Dress Code for Services & Concerts

Appropriate church clothes. Specifically,

- Dress Shoes: Black (NO sneakers)
- Socks: Black or Navy socks
- Pants: Black or Navy (NO khaki)
- Shirt: White Collared Shirt
- Tie

Girls Choir Dress Code for Services & Concerts

Appropriate church clothes. Specifically,

- Dress Shoes: Black or Navy
(NO sneakers, open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs or flip flops)
- Socks/Tights/Hose: White, black or navy socks or tights; nude-colored hose.
 - Dress / Skirt
- Shirt: No collar showing above the cassock except a simple white collar
- Hair: No noticeable hair ornaments

Choir Closet for Boys & Girls Choirs

Appropriate clothes available for borrowing

We are always looking for in good shape hand me downs to grow our clothes and shoe closets. No socks please!

This Week's Choir Schedule

- **Tuesday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal.**

Breakfast Club in the Honor room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

(Novice Boys (2nd and 3rd grade) always welcome at morning practices, pace yourselves, try to attend one a week in addition to your Thursday practice)

Tuesday Afternoon – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Junior Boy and Girls Chorister

Rehearsal (4th and 5th grade girls and boys)

Evensong takes place October to December and January to May.

Evensong today! 6:00 in the Chantry

(Senior mentors always welcome)

- **Wednesday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Senior Girl Rehearsal**

Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

- **Thursday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Boys Rehearsal**

Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

- **Thursday Afternoon, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

Parents, please let your chorister's teacher know to dismiss him to choir.

Novice Boys Rehearsals. (2nd and 3rd grade)

Required for Boy Novices. Gather and dismiss in the Honor Room.

- **Friday Morning – 7:00 – 8:10 a.m. Novice, Junior and Senior Girl Rehearsal.**

Breakfast Club in the Reception room 7:00 – 7:20 a.m.

- **Friday Morning - 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. HS Gentlemen of the Choir Rehearsal in the Chantry.**

- **Sunday Morning 8 December, everyone singing**

9:45 a.m. warm up

11:00 a.m. service

12:30 p.m. Alumni and HS Girls Rehearsal for Britten Project

Annual Choir Family Christmas Party in the GCS Dining Room, more info and sign up genius to come, 6:00 - 9:00 (I think, might start earlier, tbc)

2024-2025 Schedule of the Choir

- 1. Kathy's Platform to view the google cal schedules.**
- 2. Choir Orientation Materials**

***IMPORTANT LINKS:**

The Google Choir Schedule Calendar Link

Choir Orientation Materials

Recruiting is never over!

Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link

Choir Event Chairs/planning groups

The Choir Handbook

Safe Church - Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors a place that is free of abuse and harassment.

If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us.

Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

***RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!**

This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms.

Help spread the word by sending [this link](#) to families interested in joining and have them email or call me so I can put them on the mailing list for information and to get them in the loop.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

The Choir Words for 2024-2025 - Excellence and Community

The Choir Words for 2023-2024 - Teamwork and Precision

The Choir Words for 2022-2023 - Remember/ In Sync.

**Spring 2022 and Choir Tour Motto - Brand New Day!
The Tour of Love and Light**

The Choir Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!

The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY!

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!

The L's of Choir:

Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

The C's of Choir

**Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity -
Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community.**

Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!

[Google Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

[Choir Handbook](#)

***IMPORTANT LINKS:**

[The Google Choir Schedule Calendar Link](#)

[Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link](#)

[Sign Up Genius Community Special Events Leaders](#)

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