
♫ CHORAL NOTES ♫

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Sixteenth Notes

- ♪ Praise to Christ the Lord, our Newborn King! December choral music was absolutely outstanding from the **Chancel Choir** to the **Children's Choir and Kingdom Kids** to the **Festival Choir and Orchestra**...many, many thanks to you ALL from the bottom of our hearts for your great offering of love and music. Even the free ecumenical performance of **Handel's Messiah** at St. Gabriel's on December 4 was a fantastic experience for all who attended—look forward to a potential reprise in December 2010.
- ♪ The **Chancel Choir** resumes regular 7:30–9:00 p.m. rehearsals each Thursday, leading 11:00 a.m. worship on January 24 and 31. All voices are always invited as often as possible!
- ♪ Celebrating **January birthdays** are Mary Goeks (12) and Jenee O'Connor (20).

Millikin Choral Concert

The nationally recognized Millikin University Choir will present a free concert at Crossroads on Saturday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Opening the concert will be the Tartan and Treble Choirs from Homestead High School. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert. The Choir, from PCUSA-related institution Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, will perform as part of its annual winter tour, showcasing its reputation for innovative programming and tonal variety with repertoire spanning five centuries. The Millikin University Choir owns an extensive touring history that includes performances in Scandinavia, Russia, Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, China, Taiwan and England. Additionally the Choir has several CDs to its credit, including this year's live recording of the 50th annual *Vespers at Millikin*, a tradition that attracts 7,000 annually. Their recent appearance at the National Convention of the American Choral Director's Association garnered new attention to the Choir's approach to tone. The Choir is under the direction of Dr. Bradley Holmes, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies, who has led the choir since 1991. Special thanks to Bill Ross for encouraging Todd to invite them to Crossroads.



Psalm of the Month

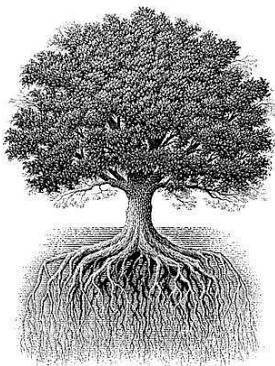
As a new year begins, let us look to the very beginning of the psalter for direction and wisdom. **Psalm 1** exhorts us to delight and become rooted in God's Word (NRSV):

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.


The Green Room: A Place Where Artists Gather

Crossroads will be hosting **The Green Room** on Friday, February 19, presented live via satellite by the Willow Creek Association. The purpose of the one-day conference is to train, motivate and inspire those with gifts, interests or responsibilities in: worship, teaching, creating services, vocal, instrumental, technical arts, visual arts, drama, dance, writing and creative arts leadership. Practical instruction, team-building and spiritual development will be led by many outstanding speakers and leaders. *All worship artists (including singers!), technical artists and teachers are encouraged to attend.* If you would like to attend or help host this event, please contact Todd; registration for Crossroadians will be at the greatly reduced special price of just \$10!

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. | Worship at 9:00 a.m. | Conference begins at 9:30 a.m. | Concludes at 4:30 p.m.



WINTER 2010 CHOIR CALENDAR (Chancel Choir in bold; subject to change)

<i>Sunday Services (unless noted otherwise); Chancel Choir 10:15 a.m. call time in music room for 11:00 a.m. services</i>		<i>Thursday Evening Rehearsals</i>	
Click on underlined titles to access free online sound clips!			
January 3, 2010 No choirs	January 7, 2010 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	Sat., January 9 7:00 p.m. Homestead & Millikin U. Choir concert	
January 10 Millikin University Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ A Choral Fanfare ” (Psalm 81:3-4/John Rutter) “ Salvation Is Created ” (Pavel Chesnokov) “ Wade in de Water ” (Traditional Spiritual/arr. Allen Koepke)	January 14 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
January 17 Ronnie Freeman at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services (6 p.m. concert) Chancel Ringers at 11:00 a.m. service	January 21 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
January 24 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ For the Beauty of the Earth ” (John Rutter) “ God Is Our Refuge ” (Psalm 46/Allen Pote)	January 28 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
January 31 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ Happy Are They ” (Psalm 1/David Haas)	February 4 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
February 7 Children’s Choir at 11:00 a.m. service	February 11 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
February 14 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service	Wed., February 17: Ash Wednesday Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m. service 8:30–9:15 Chancel Choir (not Thursday)	February 18 6:30–8:00 Chamber Singers	
February 21 Chancel Ringers at 11:00 a.m. service	February 25 6:30–7:30 Chamber Singers 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
February 28 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service	March 4 6:30–7:30 Chamber Singers 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		
March 7 Chamber Singers at 11:00 a.m. service	March 11 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir		
March 14 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service	March 18 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir		
March 21 Chancel Ringers at 11:00 a.m. service	March 25 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir	Saturday, March 27 9:00–11:30 a.m. Festival Dress Rehearsal	
March 28: <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Children’s Choir, Festival Choir and Orchestra at identical 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services	April 1: Maundy Thursday Chancel Choir (7 p.m.) 8:15–9:00 Chancel Choir rehearsal	April 2: Good Friday Chancel Choir (7 p.m.)	
April 4: Easter Sunday Chancel Choir , Chancel Ringers and Brass at 11:00 a.m. service	April 8 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir		

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