

NORTHRIDGE MUSIC MINISTRY

OUR MISSION

Our mission for the music ministry at Northridge is that everyone who has a desire to lead in worship through music would have that opportunity. We believe that God calls us all to use our gifts and talents to further God's kingdom in the world, and that the gift of music is one that can inspire, motivate, and excite. To this end, we offer 5 specific ensembles that cater to children, youth and adults, both vocal and instrumental. We also know that not all talents fit neatly into one of these ensemble, and encourage you to approach us and let us know what you can do and how you would like to serve, and we will do our best to find a place for you.

OUR STYLE

The style of our music in worship at Northridge is traditional, with a twist. Hymns and service music are accompanied primarily by organ, but often with piano and/or guitar. Our ensembles present music from the classical canon as well as gospel, jazz, spirituals, and music from the Taize tradition. We regularly feature volunteer members as soloists. In short, we strive for excellence in worship by presenting a variety of musical styles with great care and integrity.

OUR ENSEMBLES

Children's Choirs – Rehearsals on Sundays from 4-5pm, September – April

Our Children's Choirs are comprised of Cherubs (grades 1-3) & Seraphs (grades 4-6). We focus on the "fun"amentals of music; we sing, we ring, and we play games, but we also learn how to work together and be leaders in worship. Children's Choirs participate in worship 4 to 6 times during the year during the 11am service, and present a *Spring Sing!* concert in Late April/Early May. Rehearsals are co-directed by Bryan Page & Suzanne Bouvier-Page.

NYME (Northridge Youth Music Ensemble) – Rehearsals on Sundays from 5-5:30pm, September – April

Our Youth Music program is offered to grades 7-12, includes singers and instrumentalists, and focuses on utilizing the energy of our youth in exciting ways to lead in worship. NYME participates in worship 4 to 6 times a year during the 11am service. Rehearsals are co-directed by Bryan Page & Tim Cruise, Youth Director.

Chancel Bells – Rehearsals on Sundays from 5:30-6:30pm, September – April

Our Adult Handbell program is open to youth and adults who love to experience the magic and allure of English handbell ringing. We play music for handbells and/or choir chimes alone that ranges between grades 2 & 4, and often accompany the choir and the congregation on anthems and hymn singing. Chancel Bells participate in worship 4 to 6 times during the year during both the 8:30am & 11am services, and often participate in Fall Concerts. Rehearsals are co-directed by Bryan Page & Todd Moore.

Chancel Choir – Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm, Late August – May

Our Adult Choir is the flagship of our music ministry, as they rehearse weekly during the entire program year (late August – May) and lead in worship at each Sunday at the 11am service. On Advent III & Easter Sunday, we lead in worship at both the 8:30am & 11am services. We also lead in worship for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Once a year, we present a Choral Concert with instrumentalists. Recently, we presented Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs" and Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb". Past performances have included Faure's "Requiem" and John Rutter's "Requiem". Rehearsals are directed by Bryan Page.

One & Done Choir – Last Sunday of each month (excluding December and May)

Our One & Done Choir is open to anyone who wishes to participate in the music ministry at Northridge, offering a choral outlet for those who can't commit to midweeks rehearsals during the year. During the Program year, we meet at 10:15am for coffee and donuts, 10:30am for rehearsal, and lead in worship at the 11am worship service. During the summer, we meet at 9:15am for coffee and donuts, 9:30am for rehearsal, and lead in worship at the 10am service. At each gathering, we learn the anthem that morning, and there is no commitment beyond each One & Done Choir Sunday. The goal is to offer a low stress, positive choral experience. Rehearsals are directed by Bryan Page.

OUR INSTRUMENTS

Grady Coyle Organ – 36 rank, 2-manual with pedals, Nichols & Simpson organ

Tallis Organ – 8 rank, 2-manual with pedals, 1967 Klaus Becker tracker organ

Sanctuary Piano – Kawai 6-foot grand piano

Handbells – 5-octave set of Schulmerich handbells

Choir Chimes – 5-octave set of Malmark choir chimes

Timpani – 24" and 26" Ludwig timpani

OUR LEADSHIP**STAFF**

Bryan Page – Director of Music

Hannah Cruse – Organist

VOLUNTEERS

Suzanne Bouvier-Page – Assistant Children's Choir Director

Todd Moore – Assistant Handbell Director