

Choir Info Packet

The CCC Choir is comprised of people of various races, ethnicities, ages, backgrounds and skill levels. We are privileged to sing, learn, and grow in this journey *together*. We seek to achieve our mission, united in Spirit, supporting one another and praying for one another. Inside and outside of the church walls we recognize that we are representatives of Christ, our families, our communities, and our church. We aim to operate in the Spirit of the Lord and seek to always perceive what God is doing, being sensitive to the needs of others.

CCC MISSION STATEMENT:

Transform our city and beyond by connecting people to Christ, Community, and Calling.

CCC WORSHIP ARTS MISSION STATEMENT:

We help lead and engage the congregation – corporately and individually – in its expression of adoration and praise to God through the arts. *We do this by continuously creating space for God and His people to meet, loving both as directed in Matthew 22:37-39.*

CCC CHOIR MISSION STATEMENT:

(Very similar!) We help lead and engage the congregation – corporately and individually – in its expression of adoration and praise to God through **choir music**.

CCC CHOIR GUIDELINES:

General Info

- Culture - As we embrace a true culture of joy, enthusiasm, and freedom, we aim to be judgement free, gossip free, and clique free zones. We will be respectful of one another, and allow leadership only to provide directives.
- Attendance - The expectation is that everyone attends all rehearsals and minister at all weekend services. There are some exceptions as arranged through Choir leadership. We ask that choir is meaningfully prioritized and planned for in your overall schedule. We need you! If you cannot attend a service or rehearsal, or will be late, please send an email to choirattendance@coloradocommunity.org. Inactive or non-communicative members will be removed from our choir list.
- Recordings of the songs and lyrics are provided ahead of time using our choir online software, Planning Center Online (PCO). Members should expect receive a PCO sign up ahead of the choir season. Songs should be practiced ahead of rehearsal. PCO is also used for all choir communications/emails.
- Serving within choir - We have many people within choir that are serving in many helpful ways. Even small tasks per week help our choir remain organized and efficient. Those that are interested in serving in this way should email mpulley@coloradocommunity.org.

Thursday Night Choir Rehearsals (Designated Thursdays Only, Typically 2x per Month)

- Rehearsals are held in the Worship Center. We will start at 6:30 PM and end by 8:30 PM. Please be as prompt as possible. Early preferred. We've also set short devotions near the beginning of rehearsal as a way for us to transition from our busy daily life into a time of rehearsal and worship.

Ministry Weekends (Typically One Weekend Per Month During Choir Season)

- On Saturday, please be in the Youth Auditorium at 2:00 PM for prayer and pre-ministry rehearsal.
- On Sunday, please be in the Worship Center by 8:00 AM for prayer, review, and soundcheck.
- The Choir brunch (potluck) will be immediately following soundcheck. We can arrive as early as 7:45 AM to set up brunch items in the Youth Rec Room. Bringing food is optional, but all are encouraged to participate in eating and fellowshiping together.
- The Youth Auditorium will be available to choir members throughout all services as a "greenroom" type space, and also for storage. However, please keep valuables on your person or in your vehicle.
- Choir members are encouraged to listen to at least one sermon during the weekend.
- Ten minutes prior to each service, we will come together to pray, and then proceed to the stage. The prayer times will be led by the Choir Leadership Team.
- We should walk onto the risers 2 mins. prior to the start of service in continued quietness and prayer for the service.
- If you miss the start of a performance, please don't walk on stage during that song, rather, wait until the next break, after the *Call to Worship* or before the *Offering*. If you miss those breaks, it means you should wait until the next service.

Be Aware of Those Around You

Since we rehearse and perform in fairly close quarters, please be aware of and respect your colleagues. Here is a quick list of specifics for when we get together:

- Please don't wear cologne or perfume. We don't all agree on what smells good, plus some fragrances can cause others to sneeze or have headaches.
- Please practice good oral hygiene and good overall hygiene.
- Avoid eating fragrant foods just before rehearsals and ministry weekend times.

Dress Code

We should always remember who we are reflecting and representing - our church, our staff, our leadership, the congregation. Most importantly, we want to honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We are on stage & camera, so please dress appropriately, not drawing undue attention to yourself. We do aim for freedom to dress comfortably, and expressing our own individual styles. We ask that you keep these requests in mind when you go to your closets:

- Please make an effort to be presentable. Jeans are appropriate, however, ripped jeans revealing substantial skin are not appropriate.

Dress Code (continued)

- Avoid clothing with symbols or messages (this includes sport teams clothing) that could cause distraction from our time of worship.
- Avoid wearing white, cream, or light beige as a primary color in your outfit, because it can make you “glow” under the lights.
- Avoid neon type colors that could draw undue attention.
- Please do not wear hats as they can distract or fall off.
- Please avoid tight shirts.
- Men: Please do not wear your pants in a sagging fashion.
- Ladies: Please keep skirts & dresses at a reasonable length, because there will be a considerable amount of movement.
- Ladies: Avoid super low-rise pants where you are at risk of revealing undergarments.
- Ladies: Avoid skin tight body dresses, revealing cleavage or midsections
- Ladies: Sheer clothing becomes more sheer under the lights, so layer as necessary.
- Ladies: Leggings, jeggings, and skinny jeans are acceptable, but please wear modest top with these. If someone is wearing sheer or thin leggings, then a tunic (very long dress-like blouse), dress, or long sweater that adequately covers front and back “key areas” is required. We may be jumping, etc. so several inches of length to supplement is necessary.

Choir Leadership Team

- The Choir Leadership Team (CLT) is a group of people that serve the choir by encouraging them and praying for them, meeting practical needs, leading devotions, planning, and providing overall leadership. You will be assigned a CLT member at the start of choir season.

Choir Chaplain, Linda Evans Johnson (Elder) (720) 343-0102 (You can call her 24/7)

- Linda is available to all choir members to assist with any private spiritual, physical, financial, or personal needs, privately and confidentially. She is our church resource liaison and is also available for personal prayer or even just to talk. Linda is available to teach, mentor and educate in a non-judgmental way.

Prayer

- On rehearsal nights, the Worship Center will be available from 6:10 PM to 6:20 PM for those who would like to spend some time at the altar in worship or prayer before starting. If desired, Members of the CLT are available to pray with you during this time. Please be reverent of this space.
- Send an email to choirprayer@coloradocommunity.org if you would like the whole choir to pray for your situation. Please indicate if you would like responses sent to your email address. If your situation is more private, just specify this in your email, and only the Choir Leadership Team will be alerted for prayer.
- If you prefer to write your prayer requests and have them privately prayed for by the Choir Leadership Team, just use the “Prayer Box” displayed at rehearsals.
- During our Sunday brunch, there will be opportunities to share praise reports/prayer requests.

Choir Schedule 2021-2022 (Updated 07-21-21)

Below you will find choir rehearsal & ministry dates. Please add these dates to your calendar! Unless shared otherwise, All rehearsals will be held in the Youth Auditorium from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates indicated. For ministry dates, please report at 2:00 PM on Saturdays to the Youth Auditorium for rehearsal and 8:00 AM on Sundays to the Worship Center for soundcheck. Also on Sundays, we will enjoy a potluck style brunch and we will communicate optional meal designations in advance. If you are bringing food, the youth space will be open at 7:45 AM for you to set up your items. We may need to update the schedule due to unforeseen circumstances.

SCHEDULE:

08/26/21: Rehearsal
 09/02/21: Rehearsal
 09/04/21: Ministry
 09/05/21: Ministry

09/23/21: Rehearsal
 09/30/21: Rehearsal
 10/02/21: Ministry
 10/03/21: Ministry

10/28/21: Rehearsal
 11/04/21: Rehearsal
 11/06/21: Ministry
 11/07/21: Ministry

11/18/21: Rehearsal*
 12/02/21: Rehearsal
 12/04/21: Ministry
 12/05/21: Ministry

Winter Break

01/27/22: Rehearsal
 02/03/22: Rehearsal
 02/05/22: Ministry
 02/06/22: Ministry

02/24/22: Rehearsal
 03/03/22: Rehearsal
 03/05/22: Ministry
 03/06/22: Ministry

04/07/22: Rehearsal*
 04/14/22: Rehearsal*
 04/16/22: Ministry (Easter Weekend/Add'l Services)*
 04/17/22: Ministry (Easter Weekend/Add'l Services)*

04/21/21: Rehearsal
 04/28/21: Rehearsal
 04/30/22: Ministry
 05/01/22: Ministry

Summer Break

* = Schedule deviation due to holiday/special occasion

PARKING GUIDELINES:

Please observe our new parking guidelines (for those who are able). Please park in the former Sweet Tomatoes restaurant lot just south of the church. We have approval for this. We would like to serve our congregation in this way by making the closest spaces to the church accessible to them.

