



What is the Festival Choir?

The Festival Choir is a short-term choral experience built around a single-season project. Instead of a year-round commitment, you attend a set number of rehearsals leading up to a performance (or performances), and then you're done until the next project comes around. We'll provide your music — either electronically or in hard copy — along with learning tracks so you can practice on your own time. On the tracks, your part is mixed louder while you can still hear all the other voices, making it easy to learn even if you don't read music fluently.

The Festival Choir is open to anyone who loves to sing, whether or not you're a member of St. Andrew. If your own church doesn't have a choir, or your choir isn't able to take on major works with an orchestra, this is a wonderful way to be part of something bigger. It's also a great option if your schedule doesn't allow for a weekly commitment to our regular Adult Choir — you can still experience the joy of singing in a large ensemble on a schedule that fits your life.

Christmas Festival Choir

Jubilaem A Christmas Oratorio by Heather Sorenson
A Colorado Premiere

Choir, Orchestra, Soloists, and Narrators



Rehearsal Schedule 2026

Wednesdays (in the Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 23 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, October 14 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, October 21 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, November 4 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, November 11 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, November 18 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, December 2 7:15–8:15 pm
Wednesday, December 9 7:15–8:15 pm

Saturday Rehearsals

Saturday, September 26, 9 am – 12 pm,
Christmas Festival Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 7, 9 am – 12 pm,
Sanctuary Rehearsal

Saturday, December 5, 9 am – 12 pm, Pro-
Orchestra/Choir Rehearsal (Denver West High
School)

Optional “Pop-Up Bonus” Rehearsals (in the Choir Room)

Sunday, October 4, Tenor & Bass Emphasis
Sunday, October 18, Alto Emphasis
Sunday, November 1, Soprano Emphasis
Sunday, November 22, Tenor & Bass Emphasis

Christmas Concerts

Tuesday, December 1, World Premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York City

Thursday, December 10, Christmas Concert #1 (Denver West HS), Call time 6:30 pm, Concert 7:30 pm

Friday, December 11, Christmas Concert #2 (Denver West HS), Call time 6:30 pm, Concert 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 12, Christmas Concert #3 (St. Andrew UMC), Call time 2:30 pm, Concert 4 pm

Saturday, December 12, 5:30 pm, Choir Christmas Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

Notes

- Adult Choir members will continue with their regular Wednesday evening rehearsals following Festival Choir rehearsals.
- Concert attire: All black. Basses and tenors will be provided with gold ties. Sopranos and altos will be provided with pearl necklaces.

Jubilaum Program Details (60 Minutes Total)

This piece has its world premiere, performed by members of Arvada UMC and St. Andrew UMC, on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

- Orchestra Overture – “Come Emmanuel” 2026 Colorado Premiere by Jeff Cranfill
- Choral Introit – “Comfort and Joy” Ruth Morris Gray
- Welcome and Introduction of the Program
- I. The Fall: *Lux Mundi*

In the beginning, darkness ... “Let there be Light” ... “All we like sheep have gone astray” ... spiritual darkness covered the face of the earth ... cries for our Lux Mundi to save us.

Scripture References: Genesis 1; John 1:14; Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 80:3

- II. The Promise: *The Year of the Lord*

The introduction to the Year of Jubilee. Micro: God’s social justice and mercy on humanity destroying itself. Macro: God establishing the beautiful picture of Redemption fulfilled in the New Testament.

Scripture References: Isaiah 61:1–4; Luke 4:21

- III. The Prophecy: *Rejoice, Daughter of Zion*

Joy because there is a coming King who will deliver us and reign forever.

Scripture Reference: Zechariah 9:9

- IV. The Annunciation: *Favored One*

Gabriel’s announcement and Mary’s Magnificat.

- V. The Nativity: *Hodie*

Hushed and reverent. “Today in the city of David a Savior is born.”

- VI. The Proclamation: *Gloria*

An explosion of joy in the angelic announcement to the world.

- VII. The Incarnation: *The Word Became Flesh*

“...and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory.” Humanity’s response to the Redeemer and Savior.

- VIII. The Fulfillment: *Jubilate Jubilaum!*

Rejoicing in our eternal Jubilee. Today a Savior has come. Today redemption has come. Today salvation is here.

Scripture Reference: Galatians 4:4