

Dear Church Musician Colleagues,

December 16, 2022

I'm writing to share an exciting new choral offering for church choir singers and directors hosted by Messiah University's Department of Music. Our **Church Choir Festival 2023** will take place on **February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023** in beautiful Parmer Hall at the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and the Performing Arts. This one-afternoon festival will provide area church choirs with the chance to fellowship together by learning and performing diverse anthems of the Christian faith in a large festival choir conducted by Messiah University music professors and alongside Messiah University's 45-voice Concert Choir. In addition to choral clinics and performance, the afternoon will also include lifelong-learning classes for singers and directors by professors of theology, hymnology, Christian ministries and music. The cost for participation is \$25 per singer which includes all music and an afternoon snack, and all proceeds support Messiah University's choir outreach tours.

**Festival Repertoire:**

If Ye Love Me – Philip Wilby  
Let Everything That Hath Breath – Jeffrey Ames  
All Things New – Elaine Hagenberg  
How Great Thou Art – arr. Eric Nelson

**Festival Schedule:**

12:30pm: Registration Begins  
1:00-3:00pm: Rehearsal  
3:00-3:45pm: Lifelong-Learning Classes  
    Healthy Vocal Habits for Aging Voices – Joy Meade  
    Theology of Great Hymns of the Faith – Doug Curry  
    Organ Repertoire for Worship – Mina Choi  
    Singing the Psalms – Richard Roberson  
3:45-4:15pm: Meet & Greet Snack Break  
4:15-5:15pm: Rehearsal  
5:30-6:30pm: Festival Performance and Hymn Sing  
    (Audience welcome, no tickets required)

Singers can register individually by email, mail or by calling the music office. Directors can register singers as a group by email or mail via the attached form. Registration is open until February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

Please feel free to reach out with questions to Dr. Joy Meade – [jmeade@messiah.edu](mailto:jmeade@messiah.edu), 610-513-1909.

Warmly,

Joy Meade, D.M.A.  
Director of Choral Activities

Doug Curry, D. Min.  
Worship Pastor

## CHURCH CHOIR FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM

To register by email, please return this form to [jmeade@messiah.edu](mailto:jmeade@messiah.edu)

To register by phone, please call Joy Meade at 717-796-1800 x6474

To register by mail, please complete the form below and mail to:

Joy Meade  
Messiah University  
One University Avenue Suite 3004  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Registration closes February 3<sup>rd</sup>

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