

100 Years of Ministry

From its founding in 1907, APC has valued an excellent music program. Most strongly associated with this tradition was Claribel Thomson, who served as organist/choir director from 1938 to 1990. Known for her exacting manner, she led a professional vocal quartet for Sunday services, and a volunteer choir for occasional choral services. After her retirement, Clair Rozier expanded the choral program, including multiple vocal and handbell choirs, and began what is now the Claribel Thomson Memorial Music Fund.

Gary Garletts recently marked his 10th year as Director of Music/Organist, and his 30th year in professional music leadership. Gary leads Chancel Choir (including professional quartet), Youth, Children's and Handbell Choirs. Jennifer Bonanni leads Cherub Choir, and other members assist with Children's and Cherub Choirs.

Gary administered a rebuilding of the church's 1959 Moeller organ by Luley and Associates. The organ now includes 60 pipe and two digital ranks, and is tonally similar to an English cathedral organ. Gary is also Artistic Director of the Chester County Choral Society, whose members augment the Chancel Choir on special occasions.

In observance of the church's centennial anniversary (2007), the Chancel Choir toured Scotland and Northern England, singing at Greyfriars Kirk (Edinburgh), Iona Abbey, and York Minster. The church also commissioned Arlen Clarke to compose an anthem, "The Call," which reflected on the call of the church's first pastor (Dr. Rawson) while articulating the church's centennial theme, "Our Life, Our Heritage."

Ardmore Presbyterian Church

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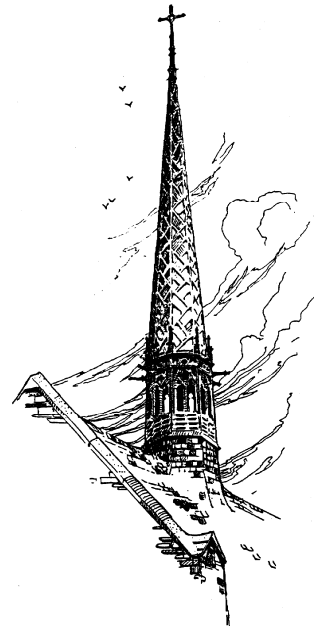
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Music at Ardmore Presbyterian Church 2009-2010



The great reformer, Martin Luther, called music "a fair and glorious gift of God." Our Music Ministry gratefully acknowledges this valuable gift, and aspires to lead our congregation in the high calling of praising God, as revealed through Jesus Christ.

Adult, handbell, youth, children's and cherub choirs, soloists, and the sounds of organ, piano and other instruments are a regular part of worship services. APC also hosts special choral services, hymn festivals and concerts, featuring APC choirs, guest choirs, and/or instrumentalists.

Sunday Worship

APC celebrates worship in the Reformed tradition each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (10:00 a.m. in summer months). Here our faith community gathers to sing, pray, hear God's word, and be empowered to serve others. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed several Sundays per year and at Wednesday evening vesper services in November and during Lent.

Seasonal Services

Advent/Christmas

- **Advent Family Night** (Sunday, December 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m.)
- **Nativity Tableau & Caroling** (Sunday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.)
- **Chancel Choir**, Bach's *Cantata 142* (Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.)
- **Christmas Eve** (Thu, December 24) Family Service – 7:00 p.m.
Lessons & Carols – 11:00 p.m.

Lent/Holy Week/Easter

- **Ash Wednesday** Communion Service (February 17, 7:30 p.m.)
- **Lenten Vespers** (Wednesdays, February 24 – March 31, 7:30 p.m.)
- **Maundy Thursday** Agape Meal (April 1, 6:30 p.m.)
- **Good Friday** Chapel Services (April 2, Noon and 7:30 p.m.)
- **Easter Sunday** (April 4)
Youth Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Service – 10:30 a.m.
(Brass/organ prelude at 10:00 a.m.)

Other Special Services

- **Reformation Sunday** – Bagpipes, Banners, Annual Three-Choir Anthem (Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.)
- **Fall Vespers** (Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 7:30 p.m.)
- **Presbytery of Philadelphia** Worship Service (Tue, November 24)
- **Bach's 325th Birthday Festival** – Choirs, Handbells, Organ and Violin (Sunday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.)
- **Grove City College Touring Choir** sings for Palm Sunday Worship (Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.)
- **Annual Youth Choir Sunday** – APC & Trinity PC (Arlington) Youth (Sunday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.)

Opportunities for All

Chancel Choir, adult volunteers with professional section leaders, sings weekly in worship (September-early June) and presents two cantatas or choral services. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir (adults) plays occasionally in worship and rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Basic music reading skills are helpful for new members.

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) sings periodically in worship, including special projects (musicals, travel, etc.). They rehearse Sundays, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Children's Choir (grades 2-5) sings periodically, and **Cherub Choir** (pre-K to grade 1) sings occasionally in worship. Both rehearse during "Wednesday PLUS," 5:00-7:00 p.m. during the school year.

Men's, Women's and College/Young Adult Choruses give those who cannot rehearse weekly a chance to sing. Join us for rehearsal 45 minutes before worship.
Men's – January 31 & June 20
Women's – January 3 & May 9
College/Young Adult – Dec. 27 & June 6

Serving Our Community

APC is proud to be the choral concert venue for the **School District of Haverford Township**. Marsha Bobnak directs the **Concert Chorale** and award-winning **Chamber Singers**. Concerts are held Sunday, January 10 (3:00 p.m.) and Sunday, May 23 (7:30 p.m.).

APC also hosts the **Main Line Youth Chamber Orchestra**. Artistic Director Xiao-Fu Zhou leads over 50 musicians in junior and senior ensembles. Maestro Zhou will play a fund-raising concert Saturday, October 17 (7:30 p.m.). The Orchestra plays January 24 and June 7.

