# **Christmas Choir 2025**

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Hello!

I am SOOO happy for your interest in joining the Christmas choir this year. For special services, having a choir in the mix adds so much to worship, and I enjoy praising the Lord with a wonderful group of worshippers! Here, you will find information such as rehearsal times, important dates, skills needed, and other things pertaining to the Christmas choir.

I hope that you will sincerely pray and consider lending your voice to the praise and worship of the Lord. Whether young or old, seasoned professional or just a joyful noise maker, I welcome ALL who are willing to smile, sing praises, and joyfully celebrate the season of glorifying the new born KING!

Your brother in Christ, Aaron McAllister Traditional Service Worship Pastor & Choir Director

~ Do I need to know how to read sheet music?

Though the skill may be helpful at times, it is NOT a requirement at all! Each part of every song will have an audio rehearsal track for you to listen to and practice with, your neighbor in the choir is there to help, and I (as well as my wife Rebekah) are always here and willing to help when needed!

~ Do I need to be an excellent singer?

When I say I welcome everyone, I mean it! You don't have to sound like Frank Sinatra to worship the Lord, and we're all called to "make a JOYFUL noise unto the Lord." (Psalm 100:1) The beauty of ensemble singing is that all voices join together in creating one beautiful sound, so you won't have to worry about sticking out individually. If you love Jesus, you can sing in the choir!

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#### ~ When are rehearsals?

#### Rehearsal times are as follows:

- Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th:
  12:30-2:00 pm ~Choir only in the chapel
- Wednesday, Dec. 17th:5:30-7:30 pm ~Choir added to full band in the worship center
- Sunday, Dec. 21st: (Day of service)
  7:30-9:00 am ~Final runthrough with full band in the worship center

### ~ What services will the choir be singing in?

The choir will sing in both the 9:30 and the 11:00 contemporary services. They will NOT be singing in the 8:30 Traditional or Monday night contemporary services.

## ~ What songs will we be singing?

We will be singing a mix of traditional Christmas hymns and modern worship, some even mashed together! Abbie has diligently selected pieces that follow Jeff's sermon, honor the Lord in the season, and that will sound LOVELY with a choir added to the mix! The songs are as follows:

- Angels We Have Heard on High
- How Many Kings
- Behold (with O Holy Night)
- He Who Is To Come (with O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Sheet music and rehearsal tracks will be available at the first choir rehearsal on the 2nd of November.

## ~ What do I do if I have other questions?

Please contact Aaron McAllister at his email, <u>Aaron@gracefs.com</u>, with any and all questions pertaining to the choir.