

MISSION STATEMENT

The Grace Church Choir Program seeks to sustain and strengthen the rich tradition of choral offerings at Grace Church by fostering a community for everyone celebrating excellence in music and God's love for all. The Choir Program welcomes singers and musicians who desire to celebrate and extend this ministry undertaken by Grace Church. Choristers are those young people through high school participating in the choirs of Grace Church. No advance training is necessary.

Grace Church respects every person and every family's choice of personal belief. The choirs are professional music ensembles founded to support the community of Grace Church so as members in this musical ensemble appropriate behavior of respect and participation is required, just as if you were cast in a role as an actor. We support the theater of the Liturgy.

A Note About Receiving Communion or a Blessing at Worship Services

Following the choir's policy of each person and family making their own choices about belief and religion, it is important to repeat that *no chorister is required to receive communion when celebrated*. This also applies to Christian Families whose practice for first communion may be different from that practiced at Grace Church. For the flow of the choreography it is important for the group to move as a line to the communion rail. Choristers may have the chalice pass them over by crossing their arms over their chest. The priest will give them a blessing instead. Any family not comfortable with this solution is invited to speak with Patrick to make an agreeable solution.

A NOTE FROM P. ALLEN

I want to thank every one of you for being part of the Choir Family. We are stewards of an amazing choral foundation! The choirs are based on an ancient tradition, most recently in the past thousand years in England secured in the Cathedrals, Parish Churches and Collegiate Chapels.

Our community is defined in the Book of Common Prayer that affirms our respect of the dignity of all humanity. The choristers follow the ancient model of being the sopranos for professional choirs where adults sing the alto, tenor and bass parts. The experience a child receives in this type of training is unique and equips them in so many special ways for the rest of their life. Choir is a team sport.

Let's have fun, make great memories, and create beautiful music in our 131st season as we prepare for the summer 2026 concert tour to France. Let the music and fun flow! PA

PROFESSIONAL CHORISTERS OF GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

The Choir of Men and Boys

- Novices (2nd, and 3rd Grade Boys)
- Junior Choristers (4th and 5th Grade Boys)
- Senior Choristers (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Boys)
- Robe Warden (helps care for boys vestments)
- Librarian (helps care for our music)
- Lead Chorister (Experienced Boy Chorister Leader)
- Optimus (Head of the Boy Choristers)

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

- Novices (2nd, and 3rd Grade Girls)
- Junior Choristers (4th and 5th Grade Girls)
- Senior Choristers (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Girls)
- Robe Warden (helps care for girls vestments)
- Librarian (helps care for our music)
- Lead Chorister (Experienced Girl Chorister Leader)
- Optima (Head of the Girl Choristers)

Stipends, Scholarships, Awards, and Medals

- *Stipends*. Standards, Salary and Extra Salary are payable to chorister by check twice a year
- *Scholarships*. Payable to parent by check at the end of the year
- *Awards*. At the Choirmaster's discretion
- *Medals*. Light Blue Medal; Dark Blue Medal; Red Medal ; Purple Medal;

COMMITMENT, CONDUCT & COMMUNITY

Safe Church

Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

Choir Attendance

- *General.* Call 212-254-2004 or email gracechoir1894@gmail.com if you cannot attend
- *Absences or Lateness.* Penalties apply unless excused
- *Leave of Absence.* Consult [Handbook](#)
- *Required Attendance for All Choristers.*
- *Entering The Church.* Enter at 802 Broadway at 7 am (not before) on weekdays and 9:45 am on Sundays
- *Dismissal.* After the Daily Prayer for Choristers

Social Conduct

- *Expectations and Standards of Behavior.* Respect, attentiveness, teamwork, commitment and accountability
- *Misconduct.* May result in suspension, fines or termination
- *Wrongful Treatment.* Should be reported immediately
- *Feedback.* Provide regularly to the Choirmaster
- When in doubt, read the [Handbook](#)

Boys Choir Dress Code for Services & Concerts

Appropriate church clothes. Specifically,

- Dress Shoes: Black (NO sneakers)
- Socks: Black or Navy socks
- Pants: Black or Navy (NO khaki)
- Shirt: White Collared Shirt
- Tie

Girls Choir Dress Code for Services & Concerts

Appropriate church clothes. Specifically,

- Dress Shoes: Black or Navy (NO sneakers, open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs or flip flops)
- Socks/Tights/Hose: White, black or navy socks or tights; nude-colored hose.
- Dress / Skirt
- Shirt: No collar showing above the cassock except a simple white collar
- Hair: No noticeable hair ornaments

Choir Closet for Boys & Girls Choirs

Appropriate clothes available for borrowing

Parent Participation

Required for all choir parents at least once in the fall and once in the spring.

Please sign up for one or more of the following volunteer slots for 2025 and 2026:

- [Choir Sunday Services Parent Helper Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Communication

Online Choir Schedules 2025 - 2026:

REMEMBER Kathy's Link to our Google Doc Schedules, they are ready to go <https://gchoirsched.info/>

Website:

1. GO TO: <https://music.gracechurchnyc.org/>
2. CLICK: Login to Choir Family
3. ENTER User Name: helfenstein
4. ENTER Password: Stanfordlives1894

WhatsApp

Please join the relevant chat group for your child.

Instagram

choirs.music.gracechurchnyc

Please follow us and please send your pictures & videos to gracechoir1894@gmail.com for posting.

The Choir Special Projects Fund

The annual fund raising for the Choir Special Projects Fund is vital and our results affect every choir family. We are always raising money for current and future offerings, special projects, and tours simultaneously.

Recruiting is Never Over

This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms (and TOURS EUROPE!!!). Parents are the best recruiters. Help spread the word by sending [this link](#) to interested families.



REGULAR WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FALL 2025 THROUGH SPRING 2026

PLEASE SPEAK WITH PATRICK ALLEN REGARDING A CONFLICT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

*** IMPORTANT NOTE ***

Part of what makes the choir program so special is the mentoring of younger choristers by older ones. That is why over the past year we are making adjustments to our training schedule with the most efficient and respectful use of everyone's time. All choristers are required to sing on Sundays following the respective boy or girl treble section as scheduled. Sunday morning service is the center of who we are, presence on Sunday morning is essential for the life and health of the choirs. We are a professional ensemble; the lesson of showing up for work (even when you don't feel like it) learned at an early age is a lesson that follows the choristers through life.

Senior Families send your choristers to mentor a junior Evensong or a "junior" Sunday. The "book buddy" musical relationship is essential for the musical and communal growth of our choral foundation.

DAY	CHOIR ACTIVITY	WHO IS REQUIRED
TUESDAYS	6:45 AM Breakfast Club (Begins Sept. 9 th) 7:15 AM - 8:10 AM Rehearsal	Senior Boys <i>Parents are always welcome to sit in.</i>
	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Rehearsal (Begins Sept. 16 th) -or- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Evensong Service (begins Oct 7 th)	Junior Boys AND Junior Girls <i>Senior Mentors encouraged</i> <i>Parents are encouraged to attend</i>
WEDNESDAYS	6:45 AM Breakfast Club (Begins Sept. 10 th) 7:15 AM - 8:10 AM Rehearsal	Senior Girls <i>Parents are always welcome to sit in.</i>
THURSDAYS	6:45 AM Breakfast Club (Begins Sept. 11 th) 7:15 AM - 8:10 AM Rehearsal	All Boys <i>Parents are encouraged to attend</i>
FRIDAYS	6:45 AM Breakfast Club (Begins Sept 12 th) 7:15 AM - 8:10 AM Rehearsal	All Girls <i>Parents are encouraged to attend</i>
FRIDAYS	8:15 - 8:45 AM HS Singers in Chantry (Begins 9/12)	All HS Singers
SUNDAYS	7:00 AM - 8:45 AM, Rehearsal (<i>Optional for novices</i>) 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM, Breakfast 9:45, Warm up with adult singers 11:00, Morning Service	All Boys or All Girls depending upon <u>which Choir is singing at the Service that day, also listed below.</u>

KEY DATES 2025/2026 - REQUIRED ATTENDANCE

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DATE & TIME	WHO IS REQUIRED	CHOIR ACTIVITY
SEPTEMBER 3 WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11:30 a.m. Pizza Lunch ● 12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Musical and vesting sessions ● 4:30 Choir Cookout 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS ALL CHOIR FAMILIES	CHOIR CAMP & PARENT ORIENTATION Pizza Lunch for Choristers in Huntington Close (Rain Location is Tuttle Hall). Enter from GCS into the Honor Room. Pick up from the Honor Room.
SEPTEMBER 3 WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Parent Orientation 	Each family needs at least one parent to attend the orientation session. Caregivers are also welcome at orientation in addition to the parent.	PARENT ORIENTATION Parent Orientation in the Chantry will be at the same time as the chorister lunch. Enter from GCS into the Honor Room.
SEPTEMBER 5 FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:45 a.m. Breakfast Club ● 7:15 a.m. - 8:10 Reh. 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS	FULL MORNING PRACTICE for all Choristers Enter Chantry Gate to Honor Room until 7:20 After 7:20, enter GCS on 4 th Avenue. Meet in the Honor Room, Reh. in the Church
SEPTEMBER 7 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	START OF THE 131st SEASON OF THE CHOIRS Welcome Back Reception after the 11 a.m. service
SEPTEMBER 11, THURSDAY 6:30 p.m.	CHOIR PARENT EVENING IN THE RECTORY	Informal time together, questions, answers and lovey social time
SEPTEMBER 14 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. ● 8:45 a.m. Breakfast ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys
SEPTEMBER 21 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. ● 8:45 a.m. Breakfast ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
SEPTEMBER 24 WEDNESDAY, YOM KIPPUR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. 	ALL CHORISTERS Not observing Yom Kippur	SPECIAL REHEARSAL to kick off recording project. Enter at the Chantry Gate to Honor Room.
SEPTEMBER 28 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunch after the Service; ● 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.Rehearsal 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS <i>Everyone is singing</i>	BRITTEN REJOICE IN THE LAMB SPECIAL EVENSONG - DRESS REHEARSAL Dress Rehearsal with Adults after church for the Sunday, October 5 Evensong.
OCTOBER 5 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

OCTOBER 5 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:45 p.m. Call • 4:00 p.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	BRITTEN REJOICE IN THE LAMB SPECIAL EVENSONG The Choir of Men and Boys
OCTOBER 19 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys
October 19 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch after the Service • 1:00 - 3:00 Master Class 	ALL CHORISTERS	VOCAL COACHING WITH TAMI PETTY Next and final session February 22 and May 3 In the Chantry
OCTOBER 26 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
OCTOBER 26 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch after the Service • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS <i>Everyone is singing</i>	BRITTEN CEREMONY OF CAROLS - REHEARSAL Rehearsal with Ladies from the Adult Choir and HS Singers.
NOVEMBER 2 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS	THE SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 9 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. • 8:45 a.m. Breakfast • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys
NOVEMBER 16 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. • 8:45 a.m. Breakfast • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
NOVEMBER 23 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 25 TUESDAY End of School Day before Dismissal	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	GCS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

<p>DECEMBER 7 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service <p>DECEMBER 7 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 - 8:00 p.m 	<p>ALL CHORISTERS <i>Not in the GCS Middle School Drama production and HS Mentors.</i></p> <p>ALL CHORISTERS & THEIR FAMILIES</p>	<p>THE FIRST OF THREE SPECIAL SUNDAYS (GCS MS Ski trip, and 2 Drama productions)</p> <p>THE ANNUAL CHOIR FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY GCS Dining Room</p>
<p>DECEMBER 10 WEDNESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 a.m. Lunch 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Carol Sing 12:45 p.m. Ice Cream 	<p>ALL CHORISTERS & THEIR FAMILIES</p>	<p>THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING Lunch in the Chantry Carol Sing in the Church for the public Ice Cream in the Chantry</p>
<p>DECEMBER 13, SATURDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 - noon 	<p>GIRL CHORISTERS AND HS GIRLS <i>Everyone is singing</i></p>	<p>BRITTEN CEREMONY OF CAROLS - DRESS REHEARSAL In the Church Required to sing on Sunday</p>
<p>DECEMBER 14 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service 	<p>ALL BOY CHORISTERS</p>	<p>REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys</p>
<p>DECEMBER 14 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15 p.m. Call 4:00 p.m. Service 	<p>ALL GIRL CHORISTERS</p>	<p>BRITTEN CEREMONY OF CAROLS - SERVICE The Girls' Choir and HS Singers with Alumni of the Choir and Adult Ladies</p>
<p>DECEMBER 18 THURSDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 p.m. Call for Choristers 6:30 p.m. Call for HS Singers 9:00 p.m. Rehearsal Ends 	<p>ALL CHORISTERS AND HS SINGERS</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Rehearsal Ends for Novices</p>	<p>A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - DRESS REHEARSAL Required to sing the service on Christmas Eve</p>
<p>DECEMBER 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:45 p.m. Call 8:00 p.m. Service 	<p>ALL CHORISTERS AND HS SINGERS</p>	<p>A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE The Combined Choirs of Grace Church</p>
<p>JANUARY 11 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service 	<p>ALL GIRL CHORISTERS</p>	<p>REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers</p>
<p>JANUARY 25 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service 	<p>ALL CHORISTERS <i>Not going on the GCS Middle School Ski Trip and HS Mentors.</i></p>	<p>THE SECOND OF THREE SPECIAL SUNDAYS (GCS MS Ski trip, and 2 Drama productions)</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 1 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. 8:45 a.m. Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service 	<p>ALL BOY CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)</p>	<p>REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys</p>

FEBRUARY 3 TUESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Each day we will polish/workshop several compositions and record them	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES Weekday entrance/pickup from the Honor Room. Parents come through GCS or the Broadway Gate.
FEBRUARY 4 WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Each day we will polish/workshop several compositions and record them	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES Weekday entrance/pickup from the Honor Room. Parents come through GCS or the Broadway Gate.
FEBRUARY 5 THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Each day we will polish/workshop several compositions and record them	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES Weekday entrance/pickup from the Honor Room. Parents come through GCS or the Broadway Gate.
FEBRUARY 6 FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00/3:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Each day we will polish/workshop several compositions and record them	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES Weekday entrance/pickup from the Honor Room. Parents come through GCS or the Broadway Gate.
FEBRUARY 7 SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS <i>Note: required to be able to sing the Evensong on Sunday.</i>	A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES Weekday entrance/pickup from the Honor Room. Parents come through GCS or the Broadway Gate.
FEBRUARY 8 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15 p.m.. Call 4:00 p.m. Evensong 5:00 p.m. Light reception 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS <i>Note: Only those choristers who attended on Saturday</i>	A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES Light reception to follow
FEBRUARY 22 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
FEBRUARY 22 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch after Church Master Class 1:00 - 3:00 	ALL CHORISTERS	VOCAL COACHING WITH TAMI PETTY Next and final session May 3 In the Chantry
MARCH 1 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. 8:45 a.m. Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Call 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys

MARCH 8 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. • 8:45 a.m. Breakfast • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY , Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
MARCH 15 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. • 8:45 a.m. Breakfast • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY , Choir of Men and Boys
APRIL 4 SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45 a.m. Call • 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Rehearsal 	ALL CHORISTERS <i>Everyone singing</i> Required to sing Easter Day	DRESS REHEARSAL FOR EASTER DAY SERVICES in the Church The Combined Choirs of Grace Church
APRIL 5 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 a.m. Call • 9:00 a.m. Service • 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS <i>Everyone singing</i>	EASTER DAY SERVICES Easter Breakfast in the GCS Dining Hall <i>(For the entire Choir Family, not just those singing)</i> The Combined Choirs of Grace Church
APRIL 12 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. • 8:45 a.m. Breakfast • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY , Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers BOYS are welcome to get extra practice for Spring Concert and France Tour
April 19 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Morning Reh. • 8:45 a.m. Breakfast • 9:45 a.m. Call • 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS (Novices optional for early rehearsal)	REGULAR SUNDAY , Choir of Men and Boys GIRLS are welcome to get extra practice for Spring Concert and France Tour
APRIL 23 THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 p.m. Call for all Choristers • 6:30 p.m. Call for HS Singers • 9:00 p.m. Rehearsal Ends 	ALL CHORISTERS Everyone singing Required to sing the Concert • 8:00 p.m. Rehearsal Ends for Novices	THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT - DRESS REHEARSAL
APRIL 24 FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:45 p.m. Call for Everyone • 7:00 p.m. Concert 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS AND HS SINGERS	THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

APRIL 26 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
MAY 3 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL BOY CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Men and Boys
May 3 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunch after Church ● 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 	ALL CHORISTERS	VOCAL COACHING WITH TAMI PETTY
MAY 10 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	MOTHER'S DAY AND ELEVATION OF NEW SENIORS
MAY 17 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS <i>Not in the GCS Middle School Drama production and HS Mentors.</i>	THE FINAL OF THREE SPECIAL SUNDAYS (GCS MS Ski trip, and 2 Drama productions)
MAY 31 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL GIRL CHORISTERS	REGULAR SUNDAY, Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
JUNE 7 SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:45 a.m. Call ● 11:00 a.m. Service 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS AND HS SINGERS	END OF THE 131st SEASON, CHOIR APPRECIATION & CHURCH PICNIC
JUNE 10 WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30 a.m. Warm up ● 10:30 a.m. Ceremony 	ALL CHORISTERS: NOVICES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS	GCS 8TH GRADE GRADUATION Enter and depart from the Honor Room
June 11/12 - 20th A Choir Tour to Normandy/Paris, FRANCE	Choristers with a parent(s) and siblings that register to go. The community is committed that no chorister should not attend due to financial situations, speak with Dr. A.	Information will be sent out before summer dismissal and an organizational meeting for interested families will take place in September.

VOCAL COACHING

Three special Voice Master Class Sessions with Dr. Tami Petty spread out over the course of the season. Sunday afternoons, Senior Choristers required, Novice and Junior Choristers optional. October 20, February 23 and May 4, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

SENIOR AUDITIONS

Senior Auditions are an important part of our training program. Following the Festival of Music for Treble Voices all Fifth grade choristers will be invited to audition to become seniors. It is fun and an

amazing experience. Everyone is scheduled to complete their audition before promotion on Mother's Day in May.

SUMMER TOUR

A tour is planned every two to three years so that every chorister has a chance to go on a special concert tour. Summer of 2026 we plan to tour Normandy and Paris, France.

We have been on tour eight times to Europe (See Exciting Past Tours Here).

All senior choristers are invited to participate as well as novice and junior choristers with siblings that are seniors and are at an appropriate level to sing. For novices and juniors, it is a case by case decision between parents and P. Allen.

It is a family trip. At least one parent of participating choristers attends. When this is not possible an attending choir family arranges to adopt a chorister into their family for the tour.

The tour begins on location. Each family takes the responsibility to arrive at the designated place and time on their own.

SPECIAL PROJECTS & RECORDINGS

- *Special Projects.* Several are in the works and information will be shared as they come together.
- *Recordings.* To be announced.

*Thank
you!*

CHORISTER REGISTRATION FORM 2025 – 2026

Please fill out and return to PA. We have a complicated web of institutions whose process doesn't always communicate with one another about contact details. This helps PAllen keep the choir records up to date. Many thanks, p

CHORISTER LAST NAME	CHORISTER FIRST NAME	NAME CHORISTER PREFERS
GRADE	SCHOOL	BOYS CHOIR OR GIRLS CHOIR
ADULT1 LAST NAME	ADULT1 FIRST NAME	ADULT1 CELL
ADULT1 STREET ADDRESS	ADULT1 APARTMENT NUMBER	ADULT1 CITY/STATE/ZIP
ADULT1 EMAIL		
ADULT2 LAST NAME	ADULT2 FIRST NAME	ADULT2 CELL
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EMERGENCY CONTACT	CELL	EMERGENCY CONTACT RELATION
ALLERGIES OR OTHER IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
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The Choirs of Grace Church in New York were founded by the Parish in 1894 to provide musical leadership and inspiration for the worship and celebration of life events of the parish. Out of that Grace Church School was founded. For decades, since the reorganization of the school, the Choir program has not been part of the School curriculum or program in an official capacity but does receive priceless emotional and musical support through our joint families. The choirs receive no financial support from the school.

Some summaries of dates that may help get families organized - at a glance so to speak:

Typical Weekly Choir Schedule

Grace Church in New York

Tuesday Morning Sr. Boys Rehearsal: 7:15-8:10 a.m.

Senior boys required (grades 6-8)

Breakfast Club in the Honor room 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Novice Choristers invited to participate (grades 2-3)

Tuesday Afternoon Jr. Boys & Girls Rehearsal: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Junior choristers required (grades 4 - 5)

Novice and Senior choristers invited (grades 2-3, 6-8)

Honor room doors open for snack and study hall 4:30-5:00.

Enter from GCS into the Honor room; dismissal from the Honor Room, exit through GCS.

October – May, Evensong sung in the church 6:00 – 6:30, open to all.

Wednesday Morning Sr. Girls Rehearsal: 7:15-8:10 a.m.

Senior girls required (grades 6-8)

All girl choristers invited (grades 2 – 5)

Breakfast Club in the Honor room 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Thursday Morning Full Boys Rehearsal: 7:15-8:10 a.m.

Novice, Junior and Senior boys required (grades 2-8)

Breakfast Club in the Honor room 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Friday Morning Novice, Full Girls Rehearsal: 7:15-8:10 a.m.

All girls required

Breakfast Club in the Honor room 6:45-7:15 a.m.

• Friday - HS Singers rehearsal in the Chantry, 8:15-8:45 a.m.

For all morning rehearsals, enter Broadway Chantry Gate to Honor Room. After 7:15, enter GCS and come to the Honor Room.

HS Singers enter from GCS, 4th avenue and come to Honor Room.

Sundays

Most Sundays either the boy or girl choristers make up the soprano section of the choir singing.

The Choir of Men and Boys

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

On a boy Sundays, all boys at every level are required to be present and sing.

On a girl Sunday, all girl choristers are required to be present and sing.

On most Sundays there is a 7:00 a.m. rehearsal for all Junior and Senior Choristers singing that Sunday at 11 a.m. Novice choristers are welcome.

Breakfast follows at 8:45

9:45 warm up with the Adult singers

11:00 service.

On special occasions we do not have the morning rehearsal or breakfast, or, we have lunch after church and a special rehearsal with adults or a vocal master class, please keep an eye out.

Summaries:

During the year there are several special afternoon and two evening offerings

September 3, Choir Camp, start of new season for everyone

October 5 at 4:00, The Choir of Men and Boys Evensong

December 10 at 12:15, The Community Carol Sing

December 14 at 4:00, The Girls' Choir with Adult ladies and HS Girls and Alumni, Evensong

December 24 at 8:00 p.m., Christmas Eve, The Carol Service

February 3-8, The Festival of Treble Music and Evensong on the 8th at 4:00

April 5, Easter Day

April 24 at 7:00, The Annual Spring Choir Concert

On special Sundays we combine all choristers boys and girls.

September 7, Start up Sunday

November 2, All Saints' Sunday

November 23, GCS Sunday

April 5, Easter Day

May 10, Mother's Day

June 7, End of Season

Three Sundays a year, some group of choristers are away on GCS activities, we ask all Choristers not involved in those opportunities to sing and lead the soprano section

December 7

January 25

May 17

The Festival of Music for Treble Voices

Mr. Walden Moore, guest director

All Choristers required, Schedule list above.

Promotion of new choristers (we promoted most of 2/3 grade choristers last year, bravo.)

All Choir Activities are on goggle cal.

Link to our platform that has the schedules for each level of boy and girl choristers, HS Singers, Adults, and one that contains the entire schedule.