

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon

The Sam and Diana Harbison Choral Scholars

2023-2024

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a vibrant, active, and progressive Episcopal congregation in Pittsburgh's South Hills. Please learn more at www.stpaulspgh.org. Church is located at 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228 Phone: 412-531-7153.

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Chancel Choir and the music for the 10:45 liturgy benefit from Choral Scholars' talents and youthful energy. Our Choral Scholars program is a parish musical education program, an outreach to talented collegiate students and early career musicians, and a method to help energize the all-volunteer choir. We hope to have up to six Choral Scholars for the upcoming academic year.

Choral Scholars receive stipends to pursue our training and performance experience. These young musicians, whose career track may involve sacred music performance, will develop their skills in choral singing, be given opportunities for solo singing, and add to their sacred music choral repertoire.

A potential Choral Scholar is expected to:

- Have prior choral singing experience from within schools or churches.
- Be pursuing a degree in music in a college or university or have already done so with the intent to pursue musical career development.
- Sing well in ensemble and solo singing
- Be available for Thursday evening rehearsals (7:30-8:45 pm) and Sunday morning rehearsals (9:45 am) and performances in liturgy (10:45 am-12:00pm). Provisions can be made for occasional expected absences.
- Transportation is the scholar's responsibility

Choral Scholar Stipends:

- Weekly stipend is \$80 for service and rehearsal. This stipend includes attendance at weekly rehearsal, Sunday rehearsal, and Sunday service.

Professional Practice: Choral scholars are expected to participate in all parts of the liturgy, including spoken and sung responses and postures. All movements and postures are to be carried out with dignity and solemnity. Avoid use of electronic devices that distract from worship.

Printed music: Music properties, including choir books, hymnals, anthems, and folders are entrusted to the singer's care. Singers are expected to keep track of their respective copies and return them, undamaged, at the appropriate time.

Personal practice: Choral scholars are expected to know their notes by performance time. Should additional help be needed, home rehearsal may be required. Every attempt will be made by staff to provide additional home rehearsal materials (You-Tube, mp3) whenever possible.

Attendance policy: Choral Scholars must attend all rehearsals, sectionals, dress rehearsals and performances in the scholar sessions (see below). Punctuality is required. In case of emergency, please let us know both when and why you will be absent.

Scholar Sessions 2023-2024

Fall: Starting September 7

Thursday Rehearsals: Begin promptly at 7:30 and end no later than 8:45

Church Services: Rehearsal begins at 9:45 am and liturgy begins at 10:45 am

Winter/Spring through the school year (2023-24)

Thursday Rehearsals: Same as Fall

Church Services: Same as Fall

Ash Wednesday: February 14

Maundy Thursday: March 28;

Easter Vigil: March 30

Program Ends: May 2024

More Information:

For more information about the program, please contact the Reverend Noah H. Evans, Rector at noah@stpaulspgh.org or 412-531-7153 x11

To schedule an audition email Jonathan Wooding, Organist and Choirmaster, at jwooding@stpaulspgh.org or 412-531-7153 x16

Submit your Name, School, Phone Number, and Voice Part. Please also indicate if you were referred by anyone.