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**Rehearsal Times**

**Junior Choir**

Wednesday—4:30 – 5:00 PM  
Parish Hall

**Chalice Choir**

Wednesday—5:15-6:00 PM  
Parish Hall

**Adult Choir**

Wednesday—7:45 to 9:30 PM  
Sanctuary

**Youth Gospel Choir**

Sunday—10:00 to 11:00 AM  
Wright Tavern Sun Porch

**Threshold Choir**

First and third Thursday of the month  
7:30 to 9:00 PM

**Music Staff**

Director of Music: Elizabeth Norton  
Organist: Eric Huenneke  
Children's Choirs: Gail Carey  
Youth Gospel Choir: Anderson Manuel

Contact the music office at  
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**Special Music**

Instrumentalists and vocalists from the parish are encouraged to contact the Music Director about the possibility of providing service music or developing "ad hoc" musical groups. Our service music draws from a wide variety of styles and musical traditions.

**Music Events Committee**

Develops and facilitates a program of music events at First Parish in Concord to feed us spiritually, strengthen our sense of community, expand our musical horizons and offer a gateway to the wider community.

The Music Events Committee is proud to host a concert series by **Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble** ([www.sarasamusic.org](http://www.sarasamusic.org)) at First Parish. This diverse ensemble of world-class musicians plays repertoire from the early baroque to the romantic era. Sarasa also provides a community outreach program to make music available to wider audiences through performances and residencies in correctional facilities, hospitals, homeless shelters and inner city schools.

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**THE  
MUSIC MINISTRY  
of  
First Parish in Concord**




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Unitarian Universalist

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
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
*The Music Ministry at First Parish seeks to enrich and enhance our experience of spirituality, community and creative service through music.*

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### **First Parish Choir**

The First Parish Choir is the cornerstone of the music program. The choir sings almost every Sunday at one of the two services (9:00 on the first two Sundays of the month, 11:00 for the rest). In addition to regular Sunday services, the choir sings on Christmas Eve and prepares larger choral works for special “Music Sundays” during the year.

The choir is for those who love to sing in a group and enjoy the unique community of a singing organization. It is composed of adult men and women, though interested high school singers are also encouraged to join. No previous choir experience is necessary. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

### **Handbell Choir**

The Bell Choir regularly provides music for church services and performs for the wider community in Concord. Traditionally, they play in church on Christmas Eve and on Palm Sunday. They also play for church functions throughout the year. .

(suspended for 2009-2010)

### **Junior Choir – Grades 1-3**

Members of the Junior Choir gather in the safety of a song circle where they are encouraged to discover the inherent beauty of their voices through shared song. Song selections reflect the wide diversity of cultural and religious traditions welcomed and celebrated in our UU faith. The Junior Choir sings at approximately 8 worship services during the year, including Christmas Eve, sometimes combining with other First Parish Choirs.

### **Chalice Choir – Grades 4 to 6**

Members of the Chalice Choir are empowered to assert their choral voices and take fun risks as they begin to learn about their integral role within worship leadership. Song selections reflect the wide diversity of cultural and religious traditions welcomed and celebrated in our UU faith. The Chalice Choir sings at approximately 8 worship services during the year, including Christmas Eve, sometimes combining with other First Parish Choirs.

### **Gospel Choir –Grades 7 - 12**

Through learning and performing music of the Gospel tradition, singers will be empowered to share their musical talents with the congregation and to develop their leadership potential for the benefit of our church. Singers and instrumentalists (keyboard, bass, and percussion) are invited to join the group. The Gospel Choir will provide music leadership in several services scheduled throughout the church year, including Christmas Eve.

### **New in 2009!**

#### **Threshold Choir**

Partnering with the First Parish pastoral care ministry, the Threshold Choir taps into an ancient tradition of singing at the bedsides of those who are struggling with illness or approaching death. At their meetings, singers learn simple, healing music such as hymns, chants, lullabies, rounds and spirituals to support one another and, when invited, to share with parishioners in need of healing, in homes, hospitals and hospice beds. The group is open to any adult who loves to sing and longs to serve through music.