

Welcome! Here's a chance to share YOUR musical talents with your church family. We have musical opportunities available such as handbells, choir, and other impromptu groups. David wrote in his 100th psalm to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord"! If God has put music in your heart that you want to share through song, instrument, groups or your own personal style, talk to Hilary Orlando.

Those who were able to join us in handbells and chancel choir this year have blessed their church family and each other in their group efforts. Rehearsals have held some moments of struggle, but also many beautiful "Aha!" moments when the music becomes a part of the person studying it. The Readington Ringers presented some exciting (and challenging!) pieces in worship at the Christmas Eve service and throughout the following spring. On Palm Sunday, Nathan Vandegiessen joined them on his trumpet and the ensemble's triumphant music filled the church to the rafters. The Chancel Choir has helped to lead worship during key parts of Sunday mornings throughout the year. This season they did so in a variety of musical styles, from classical to modern music, groups and solos, as well as in echoes and rounds. As they contribute weekly in the services, their servant's hearts and willingness to share through song are deeply appreciated by all.

Jessica Iselin has done wonders with the children in music. She not only prepared them to ring bells and/or sing on the 2nd Sunday of each month, she also integrated music-reading into their time together. The outcome has been thrilling and the children are growing in their musical knowledge and learning teamwork. On Father's Day year the children presented most of the worship service themselves. They will be making music again as Sunday School starts up on September 11th. We encourage you to come and see how these little ones delightfully share their gifts with us and their Heavenly Father.

Handbell and choir rehearsals will start again on September 21st with the Chancel Choir meeting at 6pm on Wednesdays followed by the Readington Ringers at 7pm. Come out and join us for some great fellowship and music-making!

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the musical parts of worship this past year. Your offerings of time and music have spoken to many hearts, including mine, and your friendships are truly a joy.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Hilary Orlando