

CHANCEL CHOIR 2019 REPORT

People have been singing together for as long as we have kept recorded history. Throughout the history of the Christian church music has been used to proclaim the gospel and to return thanks and praise to God. Choral music can enlighten, emend, and inspire our worship experience.

With its 25 men and women and an exceptional accompanist, the Federated Chancel Choir strives to do just that. It has from time to time been referred to as Federated's version of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Charles Osgood said "I think the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is as great as it is because it's become a labor of love. They love what they do." That describes the Chancel Choir as well.

The choir provides enhancement to the Sunday morning worship experience September through May. The exception is the third Sunday of each month when the Bell Choir steps in. The Chancel Choir also participates in many special services such as Christmas Eve. Within the choir are various talented soloists and instrumentalists that also play an important part of this music ministry. Membership is made up of dedicated men and women that are willing to share God's gift of music. There are no auditions to be a member. The only requirements are a commitment to Wednesday evening rehearsals and a desire to sing praises to God.

"Members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir are not superhuman. They are ordinary people with ordinary frailties. But therein lies the power of their example." Russell M. Nelson

During the summer months and on occasion at other times of the year when the choir isn't available, the church service is enhanced with the presence of vocal or instrumental soloists or small groups. These can be members of the church or musicians from outside the congregation.

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