

Music Report

January 2026

Sing to the Lord a new song,

[God's] praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Psalm 149:1



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. (Col. 3: 16).

Music in the Church

God's people sing. They sang psalms in the Old Testament, they sang hymns with Jesus, the earliest Christians sang – Paul and Silas were singing at midnight in prison, Acts tells us – and the Christian church has continued to sing down through history. Our voices, created by God, are uniquely suited to be lifted in praise of God; and during worship congregational singing knits our community more deeply together. Our love for God and for one another becomes more real as we express it in song. Thank God for the gift of music!

Cordova Bay United Church Music Program

As Music Director at CBUC I am privileged to have the joy of serving our community with this gift. I get to play piano and organ for the hymn singing, choose anthems that enrich the theme of the worship service, direct our choir through rehearsals and during the sharing of the anthem with the congregation, attend weekly Worship Committee meetings as we recap and plan services, play for memorial services (such a valuable ministry), plan and practice Centring Music and Postludes, and try to organize other musicians to share their gifts of music with the congregation. I am deeply blessed to have Glenn Parsons and the CBUC Band, Margaret Chambers and her chimes, Lynn Dennis and his gospel stylings, and our wonderful choir to work with me. I am also grateful for Glenn's willing and competent help with anthem accompaniment and filling in for me when ill.

CBUC - Music by the Numbers

- 19 – musically literate, enthusiastic, and committed choir members
- 41 - Sunday anthems sung
- 41 - Thursday evening choir practices
- 41 - pre-service Sunday morning rehearsals
- 3 - choir gatherings: September, December, and June
- 2 - music reading workshops
- 1 - extra Saturday practice
- 5 – worship services enlivened with the CBUC Band
- 2 - special services: Good Friday and Christmas Eve
- 1 – ‘Ode to Joy’ Sunday on Dec 14, with the CBUC band, the CBUC choir, two young dancers, and some chimes all joining in worshipping God through the arts
- 2 - enthusiastic congregational members who joined the choir in rehearsing and singing the choral music for Ode to Joy Sunday

Cordova Bay United Church Band

The Cordova Bay United Church Band is a wonderful group of dedicated musicians. The band instrumentation consists of drums, double bass, keyboard, piano, vocalists, acoustic guitars, flute and sax. They provide an alternative sound for the music of the worship service. Members of the band are:

- Bruce McKenzie
- Stephen Godfrey
- Lynn Dennis
- Glenn Parsons
- Peggy Dayton
- Alan Priestly
- Sam Boehner
- Beth Parsons
- Doug Thompson
- John Hobbs
- Kate Insley
- Joe Bradle

Glenn Parsons – for his creative band leadership and stepping in to lead choir practices

CHOIR MEMBERS

Sopranos:

Sam Boehner, Margaret Chambers, Peggy Dayton, Ria Korteweg, Carol Paton, Lois Steeves, Jeanette White

Altos:

Margaret Bates, Kate Insley, Patricia Lockhart, Beth Parsons, Ruthe Tiessen

Tenors:

Stephen Godfrey, Alan Priestley

Basses:

Perry Calderwood, Mark Collins, Lorne Holland, Atholl Malcolm, Glenn
Parsons

Director:

Sharon Prindle-Collins

Respectfully submitted,

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