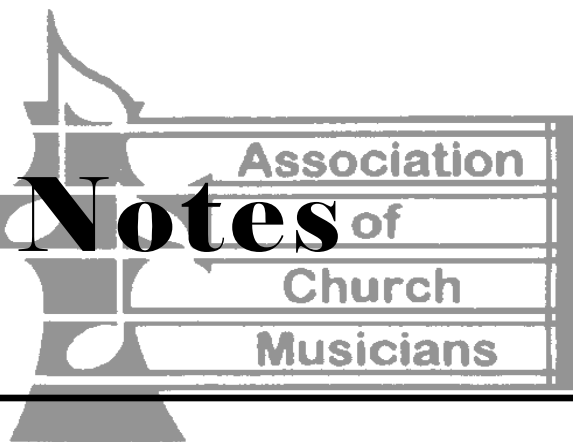


# Church Music Notes

JANUARY 2008



## Hymns of Thanks & Praise Fall Festival

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the ACM Hymn Festival at First Congregational Church on November 18, including directors Mark Bloedow, Sonja Kremer and Linda Warren and organists Charles Thomley, Donald DeBruin and Mark Brampton Smith. We appreciate the many volunteer hours that went into making the event a success. See pictures at left of the chimes, organ and choir. Thank you to all!

## President's Letter

As church musicians we have just come through an extremely busy time, both in the lives of the congregations we serve and in our personal lives. So what now? What is next? For some the church's annual meeting may be on the horizon. We may need to direct our thoughts to the "business" of church. Budgets and salaries come to the forefront. For some the fast approaching seasons of Lent and Easter means planning and scheduling for another extremely busy time. But take some time to reflect, to catch your breath. Sleep. Plan on attending ACM's Church Music Appreciation Dinner in February.

As members of the Association of Church Musicians, here are some thoughts from Carl Schalk in a presentation to the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians last July. "First and foremost we are *church* musicians. That means that we live and work in a community of faith which has a history and a song... This is not a song we bring to the church, not a song of our own invention, but a song we are graced to join and, for many of us, to lead... But we are not only *church* musicians. We are, at the same time, church *musicians*. Music, God's good gift, is the medium of our vocation, and we deal with the raw material of music with great care... As church musicians, whether through formal or informal means, we are constantly learning and honing our craft, keeping up with the literature, attending conferences and workshops, taking lessons, and in general growing in the knowledge and practice of our craft."

We are indeed musicians, and a very special kind at that.

May God bless us as we begin 2008.

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Pictured above are the choir and handchime groups from the recent ACM fall Hymn Festival at the First Congregational Church in Madison. Mark Bloedow and Sonja Kremer directed the choir. See page two for an abbreviated copy of the festival program.

The Association of Church Musicians presents

**Hymns of Thanks & Praise**

A Thanksgiving Hymn Festival

Sunday, November 18, 2007, 3:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church

1609 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin

The Program

**PRELUDE:** Festival Processional on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. J. Eggert

**WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
arr. J. Eggert

**READING**

**HYMN:** O God Beyond All Praising, arr. R. Hobby

**READING**

**HYMN:** We Praise You, O God, arr. L. Larson

Instrumental interlude between stanzas 2 and 3

**FESTIVAL CHIMES:** Variations on Holy Manna  
arr. L. Warren

**HYMN:** For the Fruit of All Creation

**READING**

**HYMN:** When In Our Music God Is Glorified  
arr. H. Hopson

**BRASSWORKS:** Ode to Joy, Beethoven

**HYMN:** Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Stanza 2 Choir Only

**READING**

**HYMN:** Come, You Thankful People, Come  
arr. L. Larson

Choral introduction precedes singing of hymn,  
Instrumental interlude between stanzas 3 and 4

**FESTIVAL CHIMES:** Now Thank We All Our God  
arr. L. Warren

**HYMN:** Praise and Thanksgiving

Stanzas 1 & 4: All, Stanza 2: Women, Stanza 3: Men

**READING**

**OFFERING:** In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful,  
J. Berthier (Taize)

Repeat chant until cue for conclusion

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** Praise the Lord Who Reigns  
Above, arr. L. Larson

**CLOSING HYMN:** Now Thank We All Our God  
arr. K. Lee Scott

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** The Lord Bless You and  
Keep You, P. Lutkin

**POSTLUDE:** Now Thank We All Our God  
arr. D. N. Johnson

Hymn Festival Participants

Pastor David Berggren, Reader

Mark Brampton Smith, Donald J. DeBruin, &  
Charles Thomley, Organists

Festival Chorus Directors:

Mark Bloedow & Sonja Kremer, Directors

Charles Thomley, Accompanist

Festival Chime Choir, Linda Warren, Director

BrassWorks Brass Quintet

Jim Jackson & Randy Roisum, trumpets;

Jean Stalal, horn; Steve Ash, trombone; and

Bob Kaiser, tuba

A special thank you for First Congregational  
Church and Donald DeBruin, Music Director, for  
hosting today's event.

Thank you to the First Congregational Church  
Choir for hosting a reception following the hymn  
festival.

Thank you to the musicians for sharing their time  
and talents to make this concert possible.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with today's  
event. Blessings from your ACM Executive Board.



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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 6, 10:30am**, Feast of the Epiphany celebrated at the morning Eucharist.

**Sunday, January 6, 4:00pm**, the Sinsinawa Mound Civic Chorus will sing at the Epiphany Prayer Service. This reflective ceremony will include preaching, music, and a procession to the Christmas crèche. For more information, contact Sister Mary Ellen Winston at (608) 748-4411, ext. 843.

Also, the Sinsinawa choirs will begin rehearsal for the spring semester the first full week of January. Everyone is invited to join the choir that fits your needs. The Sinsinawa Mound Children's Choir will begin Monday, Jan. 7, at 6:30 p.m. The children's choir is open to children in grades three through twelve. The Sinsinawa Mound Civic Chorus begins Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. This choir sings for performances such as the annual Solemn Lenten Vespers with Choral Meditations. The Sinsinawa Singing Seniors gather on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. People ages 65-100 are invited to keep healthy through song, light dance movements, and proper breathing techniques. Contact Sister Marie Juan Maney, OP, for information at (608) 748-4411, ext. 807 or for more information on these and other activities at Sinsinawa Mound, contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411, ext. 811, or visit our Web site at [www.sinsinawa.org](http://www.sinsinawa.org). Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque.

**Saturday, January 19, 9:00am-noon, Handbell Music Reading Session:** The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers is offering a handbell music reading session at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church West Campus from 9:00am to noon, with registration at 8:30 am. Since details are still being finalized, registration forms will be sent at a later date.

## Church Music Appreciation Dinner is planned for February

Look for details in the next newsletter about ACM's annual Church Music Appreciation Dinner and Member Recital. We will also put information about the date, time and location up on the ACM website [www.madisonacm.org](http://www.madisonacm.org) as soon as it is available. We hope you will plan to join us at this special yearly event to celebrate church music and church musicians. Clergy are also invited to attend.

**Positions open: for up-to-date listings and those from previous newsletters, please visit our website: [www.madisonacm.org](http://www.madisonacm.org).**



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## Festival Anthem List for Children's Choir Festival, April 5, 2008

### Saints Today, Saints of Old

By John Horman  
Abingdon Press  
712401700 (\$1.50)

### This Little Light of Mine

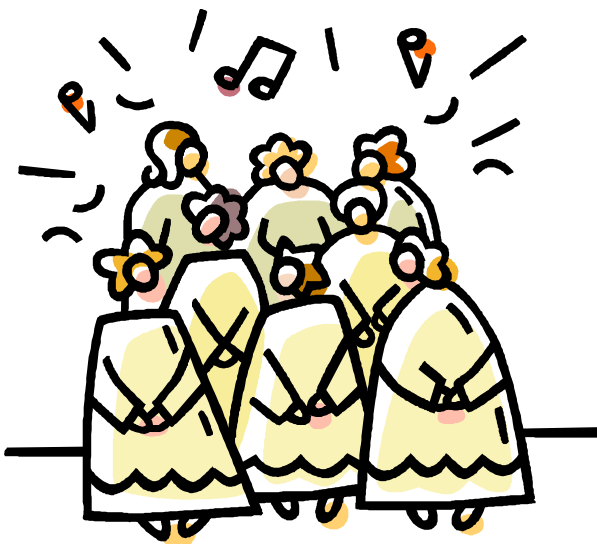
Arr. James Patterson  
Unison/two part  
CGA1108 (\$1.85)

### Forever We Shall Sing

Arr. John R. Paradowsi  
Unison/two part  
CGA1096 (\$1.95)

### Tune My Heart

By James Brighton  
Unison  
CGA1101 (\$1.85)



The fifth piece is the commissioned work by John Horman.

Please contact Sarah Holtz ([sholtz@gsllcwi.com](mailto:sholtz@gsllcwi.com) or 608.843.0520) for copies of the piece.

### Proposed Outline of the Day:

8:30-9:00am	Arrival and Registration
9:00-10:15am	First Rehearsal
10:15-10:45am	Break (snacks provided by each group)
10:45-12:00pm	Second Rehearsal (initial line-up of the group)
12:00-1:15pm	Lunch (\$3.00 per child, or bring picnic lunches)
1:15-2:00pm	Final Rehearsal
2:00-3:00pm	Concert with Free-will Offering
3:00pm	Departure

Madison Area Choristers Guild  
Children's Choir Festival 2008



Registration Form

Choir Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of choir members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students for Lunch (\$3.00/child): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee:    \_\_\_ 1-5 Singers (\$25)    \_\_\_ 6-15 Singers (\$50)

                          \_\_\_ 16 or more Singers (\$75)

Volunteers Needed:

\_\_\_ Publicity    \_\_\_ Planning    \_\_\_ Registrations    \_\_\_ Offering

\_\_\_ Mailings    \_\_\_ Programs    \_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_ Yes, I will be attending the Directors Workshop

Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Return registrations to:

ACM, P.O. Box 5321, Madison, WI 53705

Checks can be made out to Association of Church Musicians

Registrations are due by January 30, 2008