

The Music Ministry, which sets the tone for worship services and provides music for special events, includes the Adult Choir, Adult Praise and Worship Teams, Orchestra, Youth Choir of Alexandria (yca), and yca Praise and Worship Teams. Members of the adult choir minister during services and other events at The POA. The youth choir provides music for RUSH Hour (youth) services and concerts, and combines with the adult choir for special events.

Choir auditions are held several times each year. The audition process has changed for new and old members. In order to try out for choir - 1) call the music office at 427-6608 to sign up to attend the mandatory Pastoral orientation on September 2nd, 2009. Pick up a choir application packet from the information center in the foyer and - 2) return completed application to the music office by Sunday, August 30th.

Members of the choirs meet several times each week to practice and to lead worship in the services.

Each *Tuesday evening*, the youth choir meets at 5:45 p.m. to practice. Choir practice for the adults follows at 7:05 p.m.

On *Wednesday evenings*, the band and singers for RUSH Hour (youth service) meet at 6:00 p.m., and the adult praise singers and worship team meet at 6:30 p.m. The two groups must be ready for their respective services at 7:00 p.m.

Every *Sunday morning*, the adult praise/worship team meets at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the morning worship service, which begins at 10:30 a.m.

On *Sunday evenings*, musician rehearsal begins at 4:15 p.m., adult choir rehearsal is at 4:45 p.m., and the service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Choir members are involved in a number of activities. These include:

- rehearsals (including teaching, training, and coaching)
- concerts for the community and church
- serving as worship leaders for all services
- social events for choir members

Resources used by the Music Ministry include:

- Worship Leader magazine
- CDs, videos, and DVDs
- Songsource music club
- Gospelflava.com and Integrity's website