

COUNCIL REPORT
Ministry Director for Music
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This past Advent/Christmas season was a wonderful one for all of us.

We presented our annual Christmas at Trinity concert to an SRO crowd of over 800. I want to thank all of our musicians - and Trinity's Concert Series Patrons for underwriting the costs of the concert. I don't think many people realize how much it costs to hire a professional orchestra (which is necessary to play the caliber of music we do): around \$6000!

I accompanied the Harrisburg Singers in a concert presented here on Dec. 7 which attracted a large audience of nearly 400. Several members of our Chancel and Concert Choirs are in this group.

All of the choirs - including the Family Choir and Family Bell Choir- sang and rang at our December services.

We utilized a mix of our own "in-house" and guest instrumentalists on Christmas Eve: a brass ensemble from Messiah College at 2PM; our Childrens' Choirs and Junior Bells at 4PM; our wonderful Matins and Youth Bell choirs at 6PM; and a string ensemble comprising both members and guests at 10PM. All of the services were well-attended.

A group of 20 singers from the Chancel Choir went caroling at Bethany Village.

I played for the Preschool Christmas Rehearsal and Program on December 18/19.

I've been writing and sending out a lot of publicity for our concerts this winter and spring.

Our 2020/2021 Concert Series is in the planning stages.

Some service music planning and scheduling for the Winter/Spring semester also took place in December.

I attended a Creative Worship meeting, staff meetings, a Christmas concert involving two of our youth, and dozens of rehearsals.

Happy New Year to all!