

MUSIC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2025

THE CADENCE

MUSIC AT WPC



"Music should be your escape."
- Missy Elliot



October's Music Message

Siblings in Christ,

September was a month full of energy, music, and community at Westminster! We had a wonderful start to both the choir and handbell choir seasons, filling our spaces with joyful sound once again. Our hymn classes began, taking us on a journey through the history of congregational song, a journey we'll continue through October 19. We also experienced the beauty of a Taizé service by candlelight, creating space for prayerful silence and simple song. And, we hosted Organ Day, inviting the community to see our magnificent instrument up close, learn how it works, and even try it out for themselves.

Looking ahead to October, we are thrilled to host a combined choirs concert at WPC on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. This special event will bring together around 120 singers from across Northeast Ohio, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. It promises to be a truly inspiring occasion that you absolutely will not want to miss! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors, let's pack the sanctuary and celebrate this extraordinary collaboration. I have plenty of extra flyers available, so don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like some to distribute.

As the fall season continues, we are already turning our eyes toward Advent and Christmas. It's hard to believe, but preparations begin soon for the music of this meaningful season. Mark your calendars for our festive Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m., a joyful time for all ages to gather and sing the songs of the season together. I am so looking forward to the music we will make in the coming weeks and months as we prepare to welcome Christmas with hearts full of song!

Cheerfully in Christ,
Nik Stackpole

OCTOBER'S CHORAL ANTHEMS:

Sunday, October 5: Be Thou My Vision; Richard Shephard

Sunday, October 12: My Song Is Love Unknown; James Kirkby

Wednesday, October 15: Additional rehearsal with all Requiem choirs

Sunday, October 19: Teach Me, O Lord; Thomas Attwood

Saturday, October 25: Additional rehearsal with all Requiem choirs and chamber orchestra

Sunday, October 26: Pie Jesu, from Rutter's Requiem; John Rutter

Updated schedules and recordings are on the church's website. Recording links of each piece are available at westminsterakron.org under the "Events and Newsletter" tab, scroll to the bottom.

OCTOBER NORTHEAST OHIO MUSICAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 5- 4:00 PM: University of Akron Faculty and Ensembles, Bob Carlyon and Nik Stackpole, Organ Duet- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron

Saturday, October 11- 4:00 PM: Kahrin, Folk Singer- Bath UCC, Bath

Sunday, October 12- 2:00 PM: Lecture on Roy Stoughton and Albert Reimenschnieder by Kiersten Hopko- Baldwin Wallace University, Lindsay-Crossman Chapel, Berea

Friday, October 17- 7:30 PM: Les Delices performs “Bohemian Rhapsody”- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron ****TICKETS REQUIRED- PURCHASE ONLINE***

Friday, October 17- 7:00 PM: Verona String Quartet- Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton

Sunday, October 19- 4:00 PM: University of Akron Chamber and Concert Choir, “Without Fear”- Fairlawn Lutheran Church, Fairlawn

Sunday, October 19- 4:00 PM: Andrew Peters, Organ Recital- St. Sebastian Parish, Akron

Sunday, October 19- 4:00 PM: Ekco Ringer’s handbell duets- Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brecksville

Sunday, October 26- 4:00 PM: Rutter’s Requiem- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron

If you need an address for any concert or would like additional information, please reach out to Nik!



Music at WPC
Presents

JOHN RUTTER'S REQUIEM



Featuring the WPC choir
Woodridge High School's Rhapsody Choir
Cantate Singers
Firestone CLC's Symphonic Choir

OCTOBER | 26 | 4:00 PM

1250 W. Exchange St.
Akron, OH 44313

Free Parking across from the church

MUSIC AT WPC PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS
CAROL SING



21 DEC
2025

4 00
PM

FREE
ENTRY

Come celebrate the season with us on
Sunday, December 21, as we sing all
your favorite Christmas classics
together!



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MUSIC AT WPC PRESENTS:

FIRESTONE CLC MADRIGAL CHOIR

Music offered during our 10:30
church service on the First
Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
10:30 AM

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CHURCH,
1250 W EXCHANGE ST.
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Music at WPC

2025-2026 CONCERT SERIES

1250 W. Exchange St.
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Sunday,
September 14
12:00 PM

Music at WPC Community Day

Sunday,
October 26
4:00 PM

Rutter's Requiem

Sunday,
December 7
10:30 AM

Firestone Madrigals

Sunday,
December 21
4:00 PM

Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday,
January 25
4:00 PM

Ensemble Mercury

Sunday,
April 26
4:00 PM

Stow Heritage Ringers

Sunday,
May 24
12:00 PM

Picnic and Carillon Concert



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