

Music lives at the heart of worship at St. Luke's.

The music program is directed by Brenda Tremblay and is grounded in the Anglican church tradition with the recognition that many come to St. Luke's from other faiths and backgrounds. Services may include spirituals, Taize, contemporary pieces, and original arrangements suited for the occasion.

In the fall of 2019, St. Luke's was gifted with a Opus II, a pipe organ so named as it is the second pipe organ built by Richard Parsons about 50 years ago. The instrument, originally crafted for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, found a new home at St. Luke's thanks to an anonymous donor. With a console crafted from white oak, it has a mechanical-action organ known as a tracker, more than 600 pipes, two manual keyboards, and sounds lovely, especially when making Baroque music.

The core of the music program is St. Luke's Choir. Members do not have to audition or read music to join; we only ask for a willing heart and spirit of community. The choir is a friendly and welcoming group that normally rehearses Wednesday evenings from September to May from 7:00 – 8:30. We look forward to regrouping as soon as conditions are safe. Newcomers are always very welcome! Please feel free to attend an upcoming rehearsal with no obligation to return.

During the 2020 pandemic, our regular choir practices were suspended and parishioners were grateful for the ministry of soloists and small worship teams during online services. If you would like to service as a cantor during a Sunday service, please e-mail Brenda at brendatremblay@yahoo.com.

In early 2021, a small group of singers formed a Schola Cantorum to offer a weekly Compline service on Tuesday nights at 7:15 p.m. Compline is a cherished part of the Anglican/Episcopal tradition that dates back to the 4th century.

Instrumentalists are most welcome at St. Luke's. Our Music Director takes delight in collaborations, and in the past years we've been fortunate to hear from cellists Brian Donat and Glenna Curren, flutists Susan Gates and Annette Farrington, trumpeter Jimmy Steele, trombonist Dave Porter, bassoonist David Keller, saxophonist Andy Stoker, bagpiper Mike Roffe, and violist Mona Seghatoleslami, among others. If you would like to play your Instrument with Brenda on a Sunday, please e-mail brendatremblay@yahoo.com.