

## Music at IPC

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H. Douglas Slusher &ndash; Director of the Chancel Choir (Emeritus Minister of Music)

Doug Slusher graduated from Westminster Choir College with a Bachelors of Music in voice and church music. He later earned both a Masters and a Ph.D. in music from The Ohio State University. Doug was Minister of Music at Indianola from 1969 until 2004 and was named Minister of Music Emeritus in 2005. With his retirement as an Academic Advisor at OSU, he has returned to IPC as Director of the Chancel Choir. He has taught at OSU, Heidelberg College and Dennison University. Dr. Jerry Lowder - Organist

Jerry Lowder has been organist at IPC since 1976 and has served as a church musician for the past four decades. Joining the Ohio State University School of Music faculty in 1970, Dr. Lowder developed a new course sequence in piano pedagogy, achieving national prominence as an authority in group piano instruction and Class Piano Pedagogy. Dr. Lowder was active in local, state and national music organizations, serving as clinician for the National Piano Foundation, adjudicator of OMEA piano solo contests, member of MENC, MTNA, CMTA, also Pi Kappa Lambda and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies. He also accompanied faculty voice recitals and taught courses in church music during his tenure at OSU before retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1995.

Mary-Rebekah Nutt - Director of Handbell Choir

Mary Rebekah Nutt attended Capital University where she received a Bachelors in Music Education and Masters in Music Education with an emphasis in the Kodaly Method. While an undergraduate, she spent a semester studying at the Kodaly Pedagogical Institute of Music in Hungary. Mary Rebekah currently teaches music at Hanby Arts Magnet School in Westerville, Ohio and is on staff with the Columbus Children's Choir. Mary Rebekah directs the Handbell Choir at IPC. She also leads the Children's Choir and the Youth Choir when they participate in worship services.

Adult Choir The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings in the Choir Room from 7:15 pm until about 9:15 pm. The choir sings an introit and an anthem during most Sunday morning worship services from the first Sunday in September through the last Sunday in May. On Sunday mornings the choir gathers at 10 am in the Choir Room to warm up and run through the morning's anthem. In June and July the choir meets only on Sunday morning at 10 am to prepare an anthem for presentation during the morning's worship service.

Children's Choir At present the Children's choir participates in the Christmas Eve Service, the Palm Sunday Service, and the Choir Appreciation Service. The choir rehearses on Sundays during the Sunday School hour for about 4-5 weeks before each occasion.

Youth Choir The Youth Choir operates as part of the church's Youth Group and presents musical offering during worship on Christmas Eve, as part of Choir Appreciation, and several additional times between September and May.

Handbell Choir The Handbell Choir rehearses at 4 pm on Sunday afternoons from September through April. The choir plays in worship on Christmas Eve, as part of Choir Appreciation Sunday, and during several worship services throughout the church program year. Special Music Services During the course of the year special music services generally include:&bull; Jazz Worship (the last Sunday before Lent &mdash; aka Mardi Gras Sunday)\* Choir Appreciation Sunday (usually the first Sunday in May)&bull; Advent/Christmas Choral Service (the first Sunday in December)&bull; Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols