# RICHMOND MEN'S CHORUS

The Richmond Men's Chorus (RMC) was founded on September 10, 2001 and has been a staple in the Richmond LGBTQIA+ community ever since. Over the years two other choruses were created and formed the non-profit, Richmond Allied Voices.

In 2022, St. Paul's Director of Music, Dr. Christopher Reynolds was appointed the fourth director of the chorus. St. Paul's has become a home to RMC for their rehearsals and performances.

RMC will have two concerts this season here at St. Paul's.

#### Holiday Concert Sunday, December 17, 2023, 4:00 PM

This concert will feature all three choruses of Richmond Allied Voices, performing a variety of sacred and secular repertoire for the holiday season.

#### Spring Concert Saturday, May 18, 2024, 4:00 PM

This concert will feature the Richmond Men's Chorus

## GREATER RICHMOND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

#### Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4:00 PM Spring Concert

Now in its 27th season, the critically acclaimed Greater Richmond Children's Choir has sung on four continents in over 40 languages and is recognized for its commitment to excellence and diversity. Under the guidance of Artistic Director Crystal Jonkman, and Associate Director Pete Curry, GRCC offers boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, the opportunity to excel through the graduated study and performance of high-quality choral music with students from all around the region. With generous support from the central Virginia community and beyond, GRCC offers tuition and travel scholarships to more than one third of choristers, making the program accessible to all. This season, GRCC's repertoire explores the theme, Common Ground. More information about the group may be found at grcchoir.org.





#### Music at

#### SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023-2024

Psallam spiritu et mente

The Rev'd Charles T. Dupree, D.Min., *Rector* Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music and Organist*Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate* 

### CHORAL EVENSONG

Evensong is part of the Daily Office, along with Morning Prayer (said here daily). The Daily Office is derived from the regular services of monastic communities in the early Church. By the late middle ages, the Daily Office was seen as the responsibility of the monks and clergy rather than an occasion for participation by all in the prayers of the community throughout the day. After the English Reformation, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) reduced the eight monastic offices to the two services of Morning and Evening Prayer. These services were printed in vernacular English and intended for use by all members of the Church. Evensong is in many ways an amalgamation of the monastic offices of Vespers and Compline; it is one of the glories of the Anglican tradition.

Please join us for the following services of Choral Evensong (4:00 PM):

- October 22, 2023: For Social Justice
- February 18, 2024: Lenten Evensong
- April 28, 2024: Eastertide Evensong
- June 2, 2024: The Feast of Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons



### ADVENT LESSONS and CAROLS

Sunday, December 3, 2023, 4:00 PM



The Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent was originally celebrated at King's College, Cambridge. The order of service includes old liturgical forms that vividly express the Church's preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus both in the festival of Christmas and in the consummation of the ages. The service alternates lessons from the Old and the New Testaments with carols and hymns, finally climaxing in St. Matthew's Gospel, in which the angel brings the news that Mary will bring forth a son, "and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

## RICHMOND THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:30 PM

The Richmond Three Choirs Festival, comprised of the choirs from St. Paul's, St. James's, and St. Stephen's, will present a service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints, **held this year at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**. This will be the first Three Choirs Festival since 2019 due to the pandemic.

#### Vox Humana

Friday, May 3, 2023, 7:00 PM

Vox Humana is a newly formed professional choral group here in Richmond, founded by parishioner Dr. William Bradley Roberts. They will present a spring concert here at St. Paul's on Friday, May 3rd. St. Paul's Director of Music, Dr. Christopher Reynolds, will serve again as accompanist. Vox Humana is supported in shared partnership between St. Paul's Church and River Road Church, Baptist.