



Skyland United Methodist Church  
Skyland, North Carolina



Thank you for worshipping with us at Skyland United Methodist Church recently. I hope your visit was meaningful and that you will consider us for your church home. Skyland UMC has a rich history in the growing South Asheville Community. Whether you are seeking to know more about Christianity, new to The Faith, or simply looking to enhance your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at Skyland United Methodist Church.

In that spirit, I would like to invite you to Skyland's Music and Liturgical Programs.

**8:30 AM Praise and Worship** is a contemporary setting of modern day tunes, complete with a praise band and a "come as you are" state of mind. Instruments and other opportunities for service include guitars, drums, keyboards, vocals, and **sound system operation**. You need not have to read a note of music. We will guide you every step of the way. Currently, practice is on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 until 6:30. An informal audition will assess where your gifts might be best utilized.

**11:00 AM Liturgy Ministry** is a simple but meaningful way to serve at Skyland. This ministry is a rotating list of folks whose only requirement is an ability to read. On any given Sunday, Liturgists might recite sacred poetry, scriptures, or lead congregational prayers driven by the particular theme of the service that day. Each passage is written out beforehand, although individual creativity is encouraged and welcomed. Though simple to execute, it is one of the most important elements of the worship service.

**11:00 AM Chancel Choir** sets the tone for the traditional worship service. No audition is required. Normal rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 until 8:45. This group performs for the Christmas *Lessons and Carols* ala King's College style, set for the first Sunday night of every December. Other special programs throughout the year bring more opportunities, such as the *Lamentations* service on Good Friday of Holy Week.

Throughout the year, the Chancel Choir strives to perform a variety of sacred works, from G. F. Handel and Gustav Holst, to Mark Hayes and Keith Hampton. We've also been known to rock out to a Spiritual or two, as well as an occasional down-home gospel tune.

Sound like a lot of work? Take heart. The Chancel Choir takes several very restful breaks during the year. In the summer the choir enjoys a six week sabbatical while **The Summer Music Fest** takes center stage. Professional groups provide the music for our 11 o'clock service and as an added treat, perform a light concert in our courtyard just prior from 9:45 until 10:30 am. All varieties of music are employed, from Folk and Mountain, to Classical and Celtic.

We also take a hiatus from Wednesday rehearsals during the month of December immediately following the service of *Lessons and Carols*.

In addition, special ensembles are formed throughout the choral season that include instruments from flute to trombone, and fiddle to cello. If you can play it, there is a place for you!

If **Hand Bells** are what really rings your chimes, look no further! This program thrives under the co-direction of Bob Wrhen (adults) and Kathy Woods (children's chimes and youth bells). We desire to spread the Love of Christ while making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We practice weekly, play monthly and take a break in the summer. No prior music experience needed.

The best news of all is that **you do not have to be a member** of our church to join these groups, although we know once you try us, you'll not want to go anywhere else!

As our program grows, so do our ideas. Please contact me at the church office number above if you would like to know more about how you can serve.

Again, thanks for visiting. We look forward to hearing from you!

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