

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Change Ring Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium"
– 13th Century Plainsong, arr. Gramann
We Need a Little Christmas – Herman, arr.
Mallory
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came –
Basque Melody, arr. Raney
Little Saint Nick – Wilson and Love, arr. Mallory
Winter Wonderland – Bernard, arr. Raney
A Celebration of Christmas – arr. Moklebust
A Holly Jolly Christmas – Marks, arr. Raney
Caroler's Hoedown – arr. Stephenson
*Christmas, Don't Be Late (The Chipmunk
Song)* – Bagdasarian, arr. Eithun
Sleigh Ride – Anderson, arr. Thompson
Blue Christmas – Hayes and Johnson, arr.
Morris
Jingle Bell Rock – Beal and Boothe, arr. Morris
Sing We Now of Christmas – French Carol,
arr. McChesney

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Mark Loring

Concert Coord.: Lindsay Smith

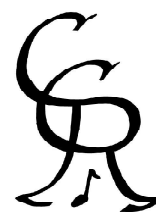
Ringers: Ash Dickins, Kyle
Dymond, Sarah Dymond, *Corlie
Eldred, *Kim Finison, *Lorraine
Finison, *Rick Hobrla, John
Jaquith, Tammy Nott, Cory
Payne-Drueke, Shannon Quinn,
Lindsay Smith, Laura Sparks,
Kristin Stroble, Stu Talsma, and
Jane Wright

**section leaders*

AND THERE'S MORE!

- Our concerts this fall include *Le Petit Ensembell*, a handbell quintet of CCR members Laura Sparks, Kim and Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn, and Kristin Stroble. They will ring arrangements of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. They are also guests of the Men of Orpheus male chorus at their concert on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Central United Methodist, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, where they will play three pieces with the chorus and three solo numbers.
- CCR is thrilled to be the special guest of the Jackson Chorale at their concert at First United Methodist, 275 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4:00 p.m. We will play three solo numbers and several selections with the Chorale.

Take Note! Except for Friends of CCR and those who request paper copies, we have switched to email only. Send an email to info@capitalcityringers.com to provide your email address or to be removed from our list. Call (517) 321-3221 or send a note to Capital City Ringers, 1104 Alexandria Dr., Lansing, MI 48917, if you need to receive paper mailings. Thanks!



Ring Tones

Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers

Fall

2025

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

Music Director Mark Loring and CCR present their 42nd Annual Holiday Concert, "*Retro Holiday Spectacular!*"—a fun and family-friendly concert of mostly carols and well-known secular and holiday favorites from a bygone era. In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features keyboard, bass guitar, drums, and a variety of percussion instruments. Come and join us for some holiday entertainment at these venues:

- **Lyons-Muir Church**, 1074
Olmstead Rd, Muir 48860; Saturday,
Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Eastminster Presbyterian Church**,
1315 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing 48823;
Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Delta Presbyterian Church**, 6100
W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48917;
Monday, Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Donations will be gratefully received at our concerts. For directions, maps, and complete concert information, go to the Concerts tab on our website, www.capitalcityringers.com.

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BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR

CCR has 7 octaves of Malmrk handbells, and 6 octaves of Malmrk handchimes, plus the lowest handchime made, the C2, so we have started acquiring the lower 7th octave handchimes (C2-F#2), which are VERY expensive.

We appreciate the donations of our many Friends and invite you to become a Friend of CCR, if you aren't already. We have enclosed a form for your tax-deductible contribution. Your name(s) will be listed on our website, in the *Ring Tones*, and in our Lansing-area concert programs.

REMINDER ABOUT THE CAPITAL AREA COMMUNITY BELL CHOIR

In 2023, the Capital Area Community Bell Choir was formed. They welcome new ringers. All levels of experience are welcome, but the ability to read music is necessary. The group plays easy to medium difficulty music and has fun making music together. Two to three times a year, they play for senior care facilities.

Rehearsals are at Eastminster Presbyterian on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. For more information, email co-leaders Susan Kilmer and Rachael Short at CapitalAreaCommunityBells@gmail.com.

“Sounds of the Season”

CCR opened our Fall 2024 concert season with a performance for the Lansing Matinee Musicale in early November. Next on the calendar was an abbreviated concert at the VanAtta’s Green House Holiday Open House. In early December, CCR celebrated a “Presbyterian weekend” with consecutive performances at Eastminster Presbyterian, Jackson First Presbyterian, and Delta Presbyterian.

The highlight of our concert season was a joint concert with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra at St. Paul’s United Methodist in Rochester in front of an audience of about 1000 people. The lowlight of the season was the return trip from the joint rehearsal held two nights before the concert. While the hour and a half trip to Rochester was uneventful, the timing of the return home put us in the middle of one of the worst snowstorms of the winter, with nearly four hours of white-knuckle driving, mostly spent trying to guess where the highway was beneath the snow!

The music selected for the concert season was primarily traditional Christmas songs with a bit of international flavor. The repertoire included *Cantad al Senor* (a Brazilian folk song), *Shades of “Forest Green”* (a traditional English melody), *Sing We Now of Christmas* (a French carol), and *Ukrainian Bell Carol Fantasy*. Newer, less traditional pieces included *It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year* and *Let It Snow*. To augment the handbells, a few CCR members played accompanying instruments, including Sarah Dymond on flute, Corlie Eldred on keyboard, Jane Wright on clarinet, and Kim Finison on an assortment of percussion instruments.

CCR TRANSITIONS

- The “bad news” for CCR this fall was the loss of Justin Farmer, whose schedule as a doctoral student at MSU kept him from ringing this season. The “good news” is that he will be able to return in January, and we will heartily welcome him back. We welcomed frequent sub John Jaquith as a full-time ringer and Justin was able to switch roles and become our primary sub, including for our performance at the VanAtta’s Greenhouse Holiday Open House on Nov. 22!
- We will miss long-time ringer and section leader, Corlie Eldred, who will be out for at least the spring term while she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

“Music in Motion”

CCR’s Spring 2025 musical repertoire featured an eclectic mix of musical styles with many songs related to various forms of dance – hence our concert theme, “Music in Motion.” Dance numbers included Dance Jubilee, Jubilee Hoedown, and Sway. Our challenge piece was Susan Nelson’s composition, *Vortex*, which left the audience energized and the choir exhausted. Other crowd favorites included *For Good* from the musical *Wicked* and Queen’s 1975 rock classic, *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

The concert season opened with a performance at Sturgis First United Methodist. The venue was chosen to express CCR’s gratitude to the church for allowing us to take ownership of their three-octave set of Petit and Fritsen handbells which laid unused for many years. We were pleased to be able to incorporate our new, very old handbells into the program. Following Sturgis, CCR performed at the Masonic Pathways Home in Alma. The season wrapped up with concerts at our traditional venues, Eastminster Presbyterian and Delta Presbyterian.

MEET CCR’s NEWEST RINGER

John Jaquith (a.k.a. *Bell Tree*) joined CCR in the Fall of 2025. John started filling in as a substitute for CCR in 2024. He started ringing in the 8th grade when his home church in Denville, NJ, acquired a 3-octave set of handbells. Since then, he has played with groups in Denville, NJ, Allentown, PA, Ogden, UT, and Trenton, Grand Blanc, and Goodrich, MI. He has also served as either a handbell director and/or church music director in many of those locations. John also started and eventually served as guest clinician/conductor for a local annual memorial mass ring in Genesee County, MI. One of his greatest joys with handbells was bringing his vocal choir and handbell ensemble together at Christmastime at Crossroads Village for several years in a row. In addition to his musical interests, John has served his entire career in the education field, currently working at the Michigan Department of Education. He and his wife, Kristy, recently moved to Grand Ledge from Genesee County in late 2023.

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“Pop, Rock, and All That Jazz!” features popular songs, classic rock, and show tunes from our Spring 2018 concert repertoire, and more.

“Aurora Bronzealis,” a recording taken from live holiday concert performances and featuring Christmas and winter-related songs, including Trans-Siberian Orchestra’s “Christmas Eve Sarajevo” and “Wizards in Winter” as the first and last tracks.

“Season of Wonder” includes carols and holiday songs, featuring a beautiful rendition of “I Wonder As I Wander” as track 1.

Several other CCR logo items are available at our concerts. Check out the merchandise table and see our cool “stuff”!

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