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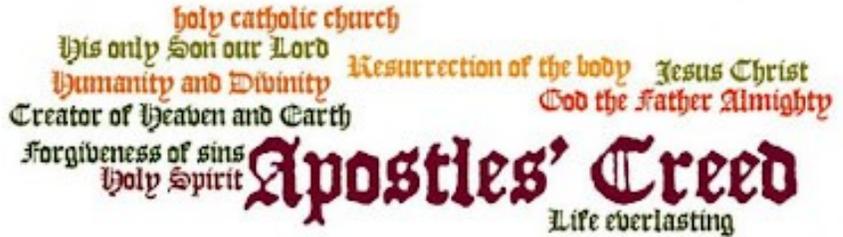
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President's Message

The Foundation of Our Faith



What do you believe? For many of us, the clear, concise words of “The Apostles’ Creed” has been our answer, pointing to God’s gift of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ.

As we prepare for this summer’s Annual Church Workshop, I hope you’ll consider spending some time in prayer as you ask yourself what you believe. How have your beliefs helped to develop your faith in God? How does it affect the foundation of those you are in fellowship with? If someone asked you what you believed, how exactly would you answer them? We all have a story that has been impacted by our beliefs. What’s your story? I hope you’ll join us this summer from June 12th through 16th at the Warren Willis Conference & Camp Center in Fruitland Park for our Annual Church Music Workshop. Come explore with us our “Foundations of Faith & Fellowship.”

Joan FitzGerald, Chapter President

REGISTER NOW



[Registration](#) is open and ongoing for the Annual Church Music Workshop, sponsored by The Florida Chapter of The Fellowship, known by many as “Music Camp”. On June 12th through 16th, 2023, we will gather again in Fruitland Park at the Warren Willis Camp & Conference Center. We are very excited to showcase many amazing Florida Fellowship musicians and worship artists as we present an event with Foundations of Faith and Fellowship as our theme.

The Workshop Planning Committee has gathered an outstanding group of clinicians to work with attendees this year. Each of our clinicians is a Florida resident with many years of experience in leadership with our annual Workshop. Youth and adults alike can join the Intermediate Handbell group lead by the incredibly experienced and knowledgeable Rick Holdsworth. Rick is a familiar, friendly face in participation and leadership with The Florida Fellowship and we are very happy to be under his tutelage this year. Rick will also instruct adults in an Advanced Bell group that is certain to be a fun learning experience. All adults will have the privilege of working under the distinguished and extensive choral direction of Jeff Faux. Ever a servant, Jeff is a recent past president of the Florida Fellowship and has spent many years as a dedicated member of the planning committee. Jeff is a true gem and we are thrilled to sing under his leadership this year. All youth in attendance will sing under the outstanding and multi-talented Bryan Browning. Bryan has been a fantastic leader of the instrumental ensemble for many years as well as a crucial part of the Vesper’s worship team. He is loved by all who know him and we know that the youth in his care will benefit from the experience.

There are also very special plans for worship during Workshop this year. The committee is thrilled to welcome back Bryant Manning to lead Vespers. Bryant is a gifted musician and spiritual leader who has served in many capacities at workshop over the years. He has made a deep positive impact on many Workshop participants – both youth and adult – and we know that many will be blessed through his participation this year. Each day of Workshop, all youth and adult participants will be lead in worship by a collection of speakers with deep connections to the annual event.

There are a variety of classes and other activities offered at Workshop. Some of our most popular classes include sign language, art, dance, guitar, and Voices of Praise worship ensemble. There will be classes lead by many of our talented clinicians and reading sessions to experience new choral and handbell music. Evening activities include a campfire and Talent Show for youth and adults!

In a time when there is so much conflict in the world, we purposefully selected a Workshop theme to focus on the things that are truly important. It is our sincere desire for you to join with us for this uplifting and spirit-filled experience.



Brian & Kristin Dow, Co-Workshop Chairs



Total Cost per Participant	
Adult with Double R&B	\$530
Adult with Single R&B	\$580
Adult commuter w/Meals	\$350
Youth (Double Room)	\$395
Youth Team (Double Room)	\$345
Youth Chaperone (Double Room)	\$300
Middle School Youth Chaperone Fee *	Addl. \$50

*Churches bringing Middle School Youth must provide a paid chaperone (pay their R&B – see above) or pay the additional \$50 per Middle School Youth Chaperone Fee.

REGISTER NOW

When: Monday, June 12th through Friday, June 16th

Where: Warren Willis United Methodist Camp & Conference Center,
4990 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Who Can Attend? Adults and Youth (rising 6th graders through high school)
[Scholarships for First Time Adults & Youth](#) are available!

2023 Workshop Clinicians

Adult Choral Clinician: Jeff Faux



Jeff Faux is the Director of Sacred Arts at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, where he oversees a large program that includes ten vocal and instrumental ensembles. The choir has a recording, *Great Hymns of the Faith* available online and has performed in Florence, Italy, Barcelona, Spain, and Paris, France. In 2023, Jeff will conduct the Choir and other singers from around the United States in Dan Forrest's *Te Deum* with the Oxford Symphony in London in a series of performances in collaboration with John Rutter.

Jeff is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. He served as an adjunct instructor of Music Education at Westminster Choir College and graduated from Michigan State University with a Masters in Choral Conducting and is pursuing a doctorate in Worship Studies at the Robert E.

Webber Institute for Worship Studies.

Formerly the Artistic Director and conductor of the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers and the Naples Philharmonic Chorus, Jeff has collaborated with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, The Southwest Florida Symphony, The Gulf Coast Symphony, Opera Naples, Gulf Shore Opera, and the Charlotte Symphony. In 2010, the chorus was invited to perform with the Star Wars in Concert tour at Germain Arena. On September 11, 2011, Jeff conducted the Naples Philharmonic with the Naples Philharmonic Chorale and the Mastersingers in a concert remembering the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. Jeff made his European conducting debut in 2019 conducting the Fauré Requiem with the Orchestre Symphoniqu Bel'Arte of Paris at L'eglise de la Madeleine, where Fauré wrote the work.

Advanced & Intermediate Handbell Clinician: Rick Holdsworth



Rick Holdsworth has dedicated his careers to sharing music with the public, as a vocalist, instrumentalist, director, arranger, and music educator. His love of music began at an early age, and grew as a member of his high school marching band. After graduation, he began his first professional music career in the U.S. Navy. During his 30 years of service, Rick performed in, managed and directed Navy bands around the world. After retiring as a master chief, he began his second career in music ministry. For more than 20 years now, Rick has been leading an extensive music ministry, including vocal and handbell choirs of all ages and skill levels, as the Director of Music at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida.

A recognized expert in all facets of handbell music and operations, Rick has been an enthusiastic member of the handbell music community for nearly four decades. In 2009, Rick founded Ring Sarasota – an advanced handbell community ensemble – and continues to lead the organization as principal conductor. He has been an invited guest conductor and clinician at handbell conferences and festivals throughout the southeast, and has published handbell arrangements and orchestrations with five different music publishers to-date. His first handbell arrangement, a complete transcription of “Jupiter” from *The Planets*, was published by From the Top Music and selected for performance at Distinctly Bronze East 2015 – an event he has participated in for a decade.

Rick is an active member of the American Guild of Organists Sarasota-Manatee Chapter, the Handbell Musicians of America, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the Fellowship of Methodist Musicians. When not creating handbell music, he works behind-the-scenes as the Florida Handbell Doctor repairing, adjusting, refurbishing, and cleaning handbell sets for organizations throughout the southeast.

Rick is married to Cher, and they have three grown children and five grandchildren. In his spare time, he can be found tinkering with his Lionel O-Gauge model train layout.

2023 Workshop Clinicians

Youth Choral Clinician: Brian Browning

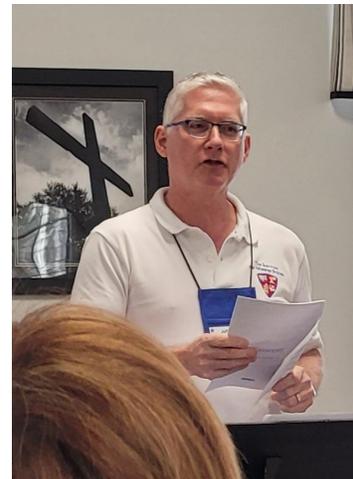


Bryan Browning, our youth choral clinician, is the Director of Music at Moore Haven Middle-High School in Moore Haven, FL, where he oversees the vocal and instrumental ensembles as well as the director of musical productions. He is a pianist, vocalist, and instrumentalist with a B.A. in Music Education from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL. He has been involved with The Fellowship chapter for 23 years as a camper, Youth Team member and has served as the Instrumental Ensemble conductor for many years. Bryan is an event organizer for the Glades County Season of Fine Arts. He also serves as Worship Leader at FUMC Moore Haven in Moore Haven, FL.

Youth Worship Leader: Rev. Bryant Manning



Rev. Bryant Manning is a Provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church currently serving as the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College as well as Trinity United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, as an Interim Associate Pastor. He is passionate about young people and their involvement with the church and helping them pursue a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. He has been involved with the Fellowship for nearly 10 years, serving as the preacher and worship leader for Vespers as well as an assortment of other roles. He is a vocalist, pianist, and guitarist, with both a degree in Music Performance from Florida Southern College and a Master of Divinity from Duke University's Divinity School.



Daily Worship

This year's Worship Planning Committee, headed up by Gaye Herndon, has been hard at work on plans for our daily worship services. They have drawn inspiration from our theme, "Foundations of Faith and Fellowship" and expanded the focus to "Virtues of God." Here's a preview of each day's theme:

Monday: Virtues of Hope & Peace
Rev. Bryant Manning, FSU/TCC Wesley Foundation Director
and Interim Pastor, Trinity UMC, Tallahassee

Tuesday and Wednesday: Virtue of Self-Control and Virtue of Faith
Christian Faux, Minister of Youth & Young Adults, FUMC, Lancaster, PA

Thursday: Virtue of Joy! and Celebration of Holy Communion
Rev. Dr. Laticia Scriven, Senior Pastor of St. Paul's UMC, Tallahassee

Each day there will be testimonies of faith from those who have grown up in the Florida Fellowship.

Come prepared to worship and celebrate!

Scholarships

[Grant K. Pulen Music Scholarship](#)

Named for a founding member of the *Florida Chapter of the Fellowship*, it provides an annual award of \$2,000 to a full-time student majoring in music at an accredited college or university. The 2023 deadline for the submission of an application and the supporting materials is May 15, 2023. The Grant Pulen Scholarship will be awarded at our 2023 Workshop Closing Workshop Concert.

[Rosie-Jean Scholarship](#)

Named in honor of Roselyn Langdale and Jean Bennett, two well-known members and mentors of the Florida Chapter, the scholarship provides the Registration Fee for a first-time attendee at the Adult Church Music Workshop. The 2023 deadline for the submission of your application and the supporting recommendation is May 15, 2023.

[Memorial Scholarship](#)

Established in memory of illustrious Florida Chapter members who lived their lives in distinguished service to God in worship, and to others in fellowship, the scholarship provides Registration and Room & Board fees for a first-time attendee at the Summer Youth Music Camp. The 2023 deadline for the submission of your application and the supporting recommendation is May 15, 2023.

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What is the Fellowship of Worship Artists?

The Fellowship of Worship Artists exists to assist worship leaders in creating meaningful worship experiences that bring people into deeper relationships with God and each other. Founded in 1955 as the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, The Fellowship has grown to include worship artists, clergy, and laity involved in all aspects of worship from a variety of denominations and experiences.

Our Calling

We are Christians embracing God's artistic gifts to create world-transforming worship.

Our Values

- Worship Arts that lead to spiritual growth and faith formation.
- Relationships that lead to hospitality, fellowship and nurture.

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