

**Orrville Community Chorus
2026 Rehearsal and Performance Schedule**

www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org

Persons ages high school through adult are welcome to sing with the Chorus.
There are no auditions, but it is requested that new members have previous
experience singing choral music.

Questions or to order a score.

Email: info@orrvillecommunitychorus.org

Performance Location

Central Christian School
3970 Kidron Road
Kidron, OH 44636

REHEARSALS

Sunday, November 1
Sunday, November 8
Sunday, November 15
Sunday, November 22
Sunday, November 29

1:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All rehearsals will be at Central Christian School in Kidron.

**Chorus members are asked to allow time to sign in and
be in place by 1:50 p.m. for announcements.**

PLEASE BE PROMPT AND PLAN TO ATTEND EACH REHEARSAL

DRESS REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 5
Chorus & Orchestra 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Orchestra 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Sunday, December 6
Warm-up 3:45 p.m.
Performance 7:00 p.m.

Performance Day Information

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Meal – Sunday, December 6

There will be a meal after the warm-up.

Please take the food to the cafeteria PRIOR to the rehearsal.

Soprano: Finger foods, salads
Veggie tray/dip, deviled eggs, cheese/crackers
Cheese balls, Jello or vegetable salad, etc.

Alto: Desserts
Fruit, cookies, brownies, pie, cake, etc.

Tenor/Bass: Sandwiches
Turkey, ham, chicken, tuna, egg salad
Trail bologna, etc.

Drinks, chips, plates, cups, and silverware will be provided.

Performance Attire:

Women: White blouse and black skirt or slacks.

Skirts must be long enough to cover the knees when sitting.

Men: White shirt, dark tie, and black pants.

Please keep water containers as discrete as possible.

Those with a straw are preferable.

NO PERFUME OR COLOGNE DURING REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE

Parking

Chorus members are asked to park behind the school the evening of performance.

We are singing to the glory of the Lord.
Let your spirit and face reflect His glory during the performance.

Chorus Pieces
2026

- #4 And the Glory of the Lord
- #7 And He Shall Purify
- #9 O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion
- #12 For Unto Us a Child Is Born
- #17 Glory to God
- #21 His Yoke Is Easy, And His Burthen Is Light
- #22 Behold The Lamb of God
- #24 Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs
- #25 And With His Stripes We Are Healed
- #26 All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray
- #28. He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him
- #33 Lift Up Your Heads
- #44 Hallelujah!
- #46 Since By Man Came Death
- #51 But Thanks Be To God
- #53 Worthy Is The Lamb
Amen

Rehearsal Schedule for Messiah Choruses – 2026 (subject to revision)

Week 1: November 1, 2026

1. Glory to God (#17)
2. And the Glory of the Lord (#4)
3. But Thanks Be to God (#51)
4. For Unto Us a Child is Born (#12)
5. Lift Up Your Heads (#33)
6. He Trusted in God (#27)

Week 2: November 8, 2026

1. O Thou That Tellest (#9)
2. And He Shall Purify (#7)
3. Since by Man Came Death (#46)
4. His Yoke is Easy (#21)
5. Amen (#53 Letter F)
6. He Trusted in God (#27) REVIEW
7. But Thanks Be to God (#51) REVIEW

Week 3: November 15, 2026

1. Surely (#24)
2. And With His Stripes (#25)
3. All We Like Sheep (#26)
4. Behold the Lamb of God (#22)
5. Worthy is the Lamb with Amen section (#53)
6. Hallelujah (#44)
7. For Unto Us a Child is Born (#12) (REVIEW)

Week 4: November 22, 2026

1. O Thou That Tellest (#9) REVIEW
2. Lift Up Your Heads (#33) REVIEW
3. And the Glory of the Lord (#4) REVIEW
4. Since By Man Came Death (#46) REVIEW
5. And He Shall Purify (#7) REVIEW
6. But Thanks Be to God (#51) REVIEW
7. He Trusted in God (#27) REVIEW
8. Glory to God (#17) REVIEW

Week 5: November 29, 2026

1. And With His Stripes (#25) REVIEW
2. For Unto Us a Child is Born (#12) REVIEW
3. Surely (#24) REVIEW
4. All We Like Sheep (#26) REVIEW
5. Behold the Lamb of God (#22) REVIEW
6. His Yoke is Easy (#21) REVIEW
7. Hallelujah (#44) REVIEW
8. Worthy Is The Lamb/Amen (#53) REVIEW

Stand – Sit Instructions

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The chorus will be cued to stand and sit as indicated below. Paper clip your score to turn directly to the next chorus. Please do not follow along with the soloists. The page turns are noisy and distracting.

#4	STAND	And the Glory of the Lord	SIT
#7	STAND	And He Shall Purify	SIT
#9	STAND 5 bars before H:	O thou That Tellest	SIT
#12	STAND	For Unto Us a Child is Born	SIT
#16 #17	STAND	Soprano: And Suddenly There Was With the Angel Glory to God	SIT
#21	STAND	His Yoke Is Easy, and His Burthen Is Light	SIT
Intermission:		Joy to the World Verse 1 and “He rules the world...” O Come All Ye Faithful Verse 1 and “Sing choirs of angels” Silent Night Verse 1 and “Son of God, love’s pure light...”	
#22 #24 #25 #26	STAND	Behold the Lamb of God Surely He Hath Born Our Grievs And With His Stripes We Are Healed All We Like Sheep	SIT
#28	STAND	He Trusted in God That He Would Deliver Him	SIT
#33	STAND	Lift Up Your Heads	SIT
#44	STAND	Hallelujah Chorus	SIT
#46	STAND	Since By Man Came Death	SIT
#50	STAND	Downbeat of O Death, Where is thy Sting (alto/tenor duet)	
#51		But Thanks Be To God	SIT
#53	STAND	Worthy Is The Lamb/Amen	SIT

2026 Letter to the Chorus from the OCC Board

Thank you for your dedication to the Orrville Community Chorus! We are glad you have chosen to sing with us this year as we celebrate the 81st annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" by OCC. Your enthusiastic commitment to our rehearsals and performance demonstrates the importance of this masterpiece in your life.

Orrville Community Chorus, Inc. operates on an annual budget of more than \$15,000 to present Handel's "Messiah". Major expenses include venue rental, riser rental, printing costs, and musicians' fees.

OCC also sponsors the Victor Gerber Memorial Music Scholarship, which is awarded to outstanding Wayne County high school seniors who are actively involved in music and plan to continue their music involvement in college. The 2026 recipient was Charles Lorson, a graduate of Orrville High School. He was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded annually is determined by funds available and applicant merit. As of 2026, OCC has awarded \$42,000 in scholarships since 2003.

Chorus members' dues for 2026 are \$35 for adults and \$25 for students. The dues are separate from donations. If you have any questions, please email the Chorus at info@orrvillecommunitychorus.org

In addition to your vocal support and dues, donations are always welcome to assist the chorus in meeting the expenses of our annual performance and scholarship awards. Orrville Community Chorus, Inc. is a non-profit charitable corporation, so donations are tax deductible. A Board member will be available at the sign in table at every rehearsal to accept dues and donations. A receipt for donations will be provided to each identified donor. Chorus members and others who donate at least \$25 no later than the November 22nd rehearsal will have their names listed in the program unless anonymity is requested. In addition, each donor of \$100 or more will receive two passes to the December 6, 2026 performance.

We thank you for your devotion to the Orrville Community Chorus and look forward to performing Handel's "Messiah" with you this Christmas season!

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