



PRESBYTERIAN
ASSOCIATION OF
MUSICIANS

Worship & Music Conference

Registration FAQ

How often do the classes meet?

Unless otherwise stated, all classes on the schedule meet Monday through Friday for 50-minutes. One-time 50-minute submission-based Interest Sessions led by PAM members on 16 varied topics will be held Monday-Thursday at 10 am and 4:30 pm.

Am I required to register for a class for each hour of the day?

Absolutely not! Depending on the type of person you are, you may want to register for 7 hours of classes each day, but remember, this conference is 5 days long. Our prayer for you is to be refreshed and renewed when you return home, not exhausted. So please do what is best for you to ensure you have a full, but Sabbath-full week at Montreat. We find most registrants average 5 hours of classes daily.

Are adults required to attend both daily adult choir rehearsals?

If you plan to sing in the Adult Choir, yes. If not, no.

Are there required classes for children and youth?

Yes! All required classes will conclude by 3:20 pm daily.

- Senior High - Sr. High Choir and Small Groups. This age may also choose up to 4 electives.
- Middler - Middler Choir and Small Groups. This age may also choose up to 4 electives.
- Children –Choir, Bible Study, Art, and Fun and Games. Children will be assigned classes by the Conference Administrator. The team will work to keep children from the same family, church, youth group, etc. together throughout the day. Groups larger than 8 may be placed into two groups. This age may also choose to participate in Dance as Spiritual Practice, African Drumming, or Handchimes at 3:30 pm.

Do I need to register for instrumental ensembles?

Yes. All instrumentalists should register for the 8:00 am Instrumental Ensembles rehearsal. String instrumentalists may also register for the 3:30 pm String Chamber Ensembles. During conference check-in, you will need to meet with the Instrumental Ensembles Director, Mark Britt, to determine your ensemble placement. Mark will work with you and the needs of the conference to ensure you are placed with the appropriate group. Music is provided!

Do I need to register for the Adult or Senior High Chamber Choir or Auditioned Advanced Handbells?

No, these are audition-based ensembles. The directors will host auditions during on-site check-in. Results will be posted by 6 am on Monday. If you are selected for Adult or Senior High Chamber Choir, you will attend those rehearsals twice daily (8 am & 4:30 pm for Adult and 8 am & 1:30 pm for Senior High), rather than the classes for which you originally registered. If you are selected for Auditioned Advanced Handbells, you will attend rehearsal (9am daily), rather than the class for which you originally registered. Music for these ensembles must be purchased Monday morning prior to the first rehearsal. Senior High and Adult Chamber music will be on sale in Convocation Hall beginning at 7:15 am. Auditioned Advanced Handbell music will be on sale at the on-site Jeffers store in the Way Out Building beginning at 7:30 am.

NOTE: If you are 18-20 years of age, you are invited to audition for the Senior High Chamber Choir OR the Adult Chamber Choir, but not both.

May I register for more than one handbell class?

To ensure all conferees may register for a handbell class, all registrants are limited to two classes. However, during on-site check-in you may register for available slots in any of the handbell classes.

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My child, spouse, etc. does not have an email address. How can I register this person?

Children, Middlers, Senior Highs, Chaperones, and Supporting Adults (church group drivers, cooks, etc.) registering in a family or with a church group do NOT require an email address as long as they are being registered by a group leader with an email address. All Adult participants registering must have a unique, valid email address to register for the conference.

How do I register a group from my church? Can I add registrants to my group after I've already registered?

Step-by-step instructions for registering your group will be available in December 2024.

If you need to add registrants to your group, contact our partners at Travelink at pam@travelink.com or (502) 569-5288 option 1.

Do I need to register "extra" adults that I bring with our group to the conference? (ie, cooks, drivers, etc.)

You have the option to register extra adults – adults who come with a group solely to function as cooks, drivers, etc. – as a Supporting Adult during the registration process. The cost for a Supporting Adult (church group drivers, cooks, etc.) is \$50.

When coordinating your group, keep in mind that PAM requires a 1:6 adult to child/youth ratio in all its conference offerings. To ensure the safety of all children and youth, groups are required to register one chaperone for every six children they register.

Chaperones will have the opportunity to register for a specific age group: Children, Middler, or Senior High. Children's chaperones will choose to attend morning or afternoon classes. Middler and Senior High chaperones will choose to chaperone morning or afternoon classes, one evening event, and will be assigned a small group. Registered Chaperones are expected to fully participate in the classes or events they sign up to chaperone.

Are there options for children who are not old enough to participate in the Worship & Music Conference?

Children younger than completed 3rd graders may not register for the conference. However, Montreat's regular daytime childcare and recreation programs - Montreat Clubs - are available by pre-registration for children ages two years through high school. Childcare and Clubs fees are payable to Montreat Conference Center. Evening childcare is available at an additional charge. Registration is required for childcare, and space is limited. You must register at least 30 days in advance of the conference to guarantee enrollment in the program. To register for childcare, visit montreat.org/search/clubs. or call (828) 419-9837 after March 1st.