

College Avenue Presbyterian Church to Host Gateway Men's Chorus

Alton, IL - College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Alton (CAPC) is excited to announce that on Friday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. they will host a holiday concert of the Gateway Men's Chorus (GMC) in their sanctuary at 1702 Clawson Street (Clawson and College). The concert is free of charge but a freewill offering will be received to support the work of Oasis Women's Center in Alton and Safe Connections in St. Louis. The congregation will host a reception for both singers and the audience following the performance.

Under the direction of its Artistic Director, Al Fischer, the Chorus will perform family-friendly holiday favorites. The music to be performed is an abbreviated version of GMC's holiday show, **Yule Tube**, which will be performed at the Edison Theatre in St. Louis the weekend before the Alton performance, on December 13 and 14. Fischer, who is also the Music Director of CAPC, said that he "is excited to be able to take the Chorus on the road and introduce them to the Alton area. There will be plenty of traditional Christmas carols as well as classics like "White Christmas," "All I Want for Christmas is You," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." He also promised that some fun surprises will be thrown in as well.

College Avenue Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is a welcoming, nurturing, praying community of faith located at 1702 Clawson Street (Clawson and College) in Alton. For over 175 years, CAPC has ministered to the Alton area and beyond. All are welcome to participate in any of its activities. To learn more about College Avenue Presbyterian, check out the website at www.collegeavepres.org or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

The Gateway Men's Chorus is celebrating its 27th season this year. Its members include men from across the St. Louis metro region. The Chorus regularly performs three shows each season, **Yule Tube** being the first in this season. In April 2014, GMC will join forces with the Heartland Men's Chorus of Kansas City to sing **I am Harvey Milk**, an 11-song oratorio written by Broadway composer Andrew Lippa (the Tony Award®-nominated composer of **The Addams Family** and **The Wild Party**). This song cycle will make its Midwest debut after enjoying sold-out performances in San Francisco and Atlanta.

The GMC season culminates in June 2014 when the Chorus presents **The 80's Show!** In a decade where the fashions and culture changed with each passing minute, the music was electric, eclectic, and every bit as eccentric and unpredictable. GMC will revisit several of its favorite tunes from the decade of its founding, including favorites from such artists as Cyndi Lauper, John Cougar Mellencamp, Michael Jackson, and Wham. You can learn more about the Gateway Men's Chorus as well as find ticket information for its upcoming performances at www.gmcstl.org or by calling (314) 289-4169.