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"Virginia's Oldest Church"



National Historic Landmark, National Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop

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# **A Colonial Christmas Concert**

Smithfield, VA- On December 2nd, 2017, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Historic St. Luke's will partner with the Smithfield High School Choraliers Ensemble to present, "A Colonial

Christmas Concert". Get into the holiday spirit as the



Smithfield High School Choraliers Ensemble takes you on a trip back in time to the colonial days with songs from the period. Seating is limited. We encourage those interested to purchase tickets in advance online at <u>www.historicstlukes.org</u>. Tickets are \$10 per person and the proceeds will benefit both Historic St. Luke's and the Smithfield High School Choraliers Ensemble.

## About Historic St. Luke's Church

Historic St. Luke's Restoration, established in 1954, is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit is Virginia's Oldest Church built in the 17th-century and remains an enduring symbol of Americans' pursuits of religious freedom and separation of church and state as imbued in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Today it operates as a National Historic Landmark, National Patriotic Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop.

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Throughout the year daily guided tours are provided to the general public and private groups and educational

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special events and lectures are held. The museum displays a number of artifacts from throughout its history including America's Oldest Organ - a 1635 English Chamber Organ. Historic St. Luke's does not receive any funding from the federal, state, or municipal governments - all funding comes from private sources including individuals and foundations. Proceeds from this concert will continue funding the museum's education and preservation mission.

#### About the Smithfield High School Choraliers Ensemble

The Smithfield High School Choraliers Ensemble began as an after school ensemble during the 2015-2016 school year. Since that time, under the direction of Mr. Paul Putnam, the group has grown and become part of the Smithfield High School (SHS) Advanced Chorus Class. The SHS Choraliers perform regularly for the school and the community. Proceeds from this concert will be used to help support the choral program at Smithfield High School, as well as the upcoming competition trip to Washington D.C. in April 2018.

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