

## First Presbyterian-Children's Choir

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### Happy New Year to Everyone! It's 2023!!

It's a new year, so what in the world is in store for children's choir? We are scheduled to serve in worship each of the next three months. It is our hope that these dates will be a priority for you and your family.

In keeping with the mission of the church and, in turn, the mission of the Children's Choir, we are focusing on the "E" for Equip from our list:

#### Encounter

Encounter God each week in the choir room!

#### Equip

Learn ways to praise God with psalms and hymns & spiritual songs!

#### Engage

Help the congregation encounter God in musical worship!

#### Encourage

Help uplift this body of Christ's Church with the sound of children's voices!

I was beyond amazed last year when I asked our outgoing fifth graders their favorite anthem from their years in Children's Choir. The unanimous choice was "We Will Sing For Joy", a Baroque piece based on Psalm 105 written in the early 1700s. I learned two things from their input. First, never underestimate what children can learn! Second, expose children to a wide variety of great music. Therefore, as part of our spring repertoire we will be learning a Jubilate Deo piece based on Psalm 100. It's pure joy to sing!



### Upcoming Events

#### February 19

Traditional Worship

9:15 am (sanctuary at 8:30)

#### March 19

Traditional Worship

9:15 am (sanctuary at 8:30)

#### April 16

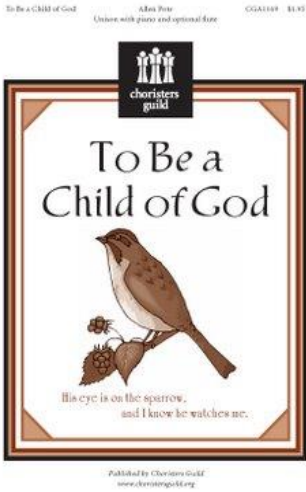
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#### May 3

End of Year Celebration





## Learn the Lyrics!

### To Be A Child Of God

What a wonder it is to be a child  
of God,  
Who hears the prayers of his  
children,  
Who is as far away as the universe,  
Yet lives within my heart.



What a wonder it is  
What a wonderful thing it is  
To be a child of God.

When I think of the colors of creation  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea  
The mountains, oceans, the moon, and the stars,  
I marvel at this world.

But the miracle that fascinates me most,  
A thought more precious than words,  
Is the God who created and still is creating  
Loves me, for who I am  
And I'll sing, yes, I'll sing!

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me

What a wonder it is  
What a wonderful thing it is  
To be a child of God!

[CGA1169 To Be a Child of God \(choristersguild.org\)](http://www.choristersguild.org)



**“Music & Mission 2022”** was a grand success thanks to the efforts of many friends and parents! A special thanks goes to the Sanctuary Choir for helping the children and their families donate so many books to the Korner’s Folly Book Drive to support Kernersville Elementary School.

I want to share the email I received from Suzanna Ritz, the program coordinator of the events at the Folly this Christmas:

*Thank you so much for the sweet words! I am so grateful for you, the children, the musicians, and all of the parents and drivers and friends who made that beautiful opportunity happen!*

*It was truly a glorious experience to have children singing their hearts out in the Theatre, the place where so many productions and performances have happened over the years. Everyone involved was so incredibly respectful of the house, the decorations, the history, and the other visitors. It would be our pleasure to welcome you all back in any capacity in the future! I would love to work with you to help make that happen again, if I can!*

*Please convey our heartfelt thanks for the children's donations to the book drive as well - we are appreciative of their support and generosity, and I know the students of Kernersville Elementary will be absolutely thrilled.*

*I would love to see pics! I got some good video but would happily receive additional photos.*

*Merry Christmas to you all and thank you again for a fantastic Yuletide! I'm still getting weepy at the memory of 'Silent Night' in the Reception Room. :)*

*Warmest wishes,*

*Suzanna*

To access all the pictures from the day and to add you own: click here → [Korner’s Folly Pictures](#)

## Don't forget...

Somewhere in the printed newsletter is a small error! Be the first one to find it and text, email, call or tell a choir leader in order to win a prize! We will use time stamps to help determine a winner! Punctuation in song lyrics does not count...it's presented as it is in the music.

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