

First Presbyterian- children's music

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Final Fanfare for Fifth Graders!

May 4, 2025 (& May 11 and 18)

FPC Children's Choir is grateful to the largest fifth grade group ever to have served in this music ministry! Most of the group have been involved since they were in kindergarten which, amazingly, includes the covid years! These children have participated in 5-6 worship services per year, multiple Music and Mission projects, and Children's Choir festivals under the direction of well-known clinicians. It's an incredible thing to have watched them grow musically and, more importantly, spiritually. This church family is very proud and very grateful for the life and energy they bring to our worship!

Invitation to sing with FPC Youth Choir

Fifth Graders are invited to attend the Youth Choir rehearsals on Sunday, May 4 and 11 at 5:00pm in preparation to join the adults, youth and Evensong octet for Evensong on Sunday May 18 at 7:30.

After the May 4 rehearsal these "graduating" choristers are invited to dinner with their leaders at Umi Japanese Restaurant at 6:30. More detailed information to follow.

It's exciting to have middle and high school students with an interest to serve in music ministry. Students develop their musical skills, and their spiritual lives when they lead in worship.



Leadership in Worship

March 23

9:30am (meet in the sanctuary at 8:30)

April 13

9:30am (meet in the sanctuary at 8:40)

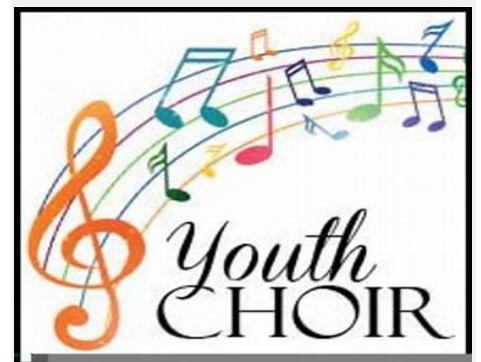
April 23

Video recording session

May 4

9:30am (meet in the sanctuary at 8:40)

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Learn the Lyrics - Parents can help!

Calling by Mark Patterson (blue lyrics are for everyone: red lyrics are for fifth graders only)

Help us to hear your voice, Lord;

Help us to pray and listen for your word as you lead us.

Help us to see your hand, here;

Guiding our steps and showing us the way; give us faith, Lord.

Help us to know in all things that your love will carry us through.

Help us to hear your voice, Lord; help us to trust in you.

In the noisy clamor of this careless world;

In the silent void so vast and deep;

When we lose our way, Lord,

Help us to hear you calling us, like a loving shepherd to your sheep.

Give us faith to follow where you lead.

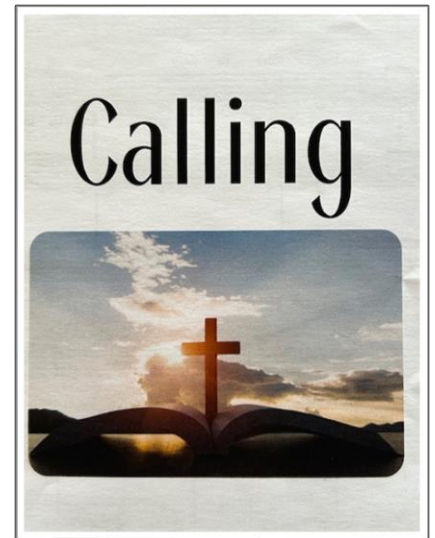
(Help us hear your voice as you lead us) (Help us see your hand, give us faith, Lord.)

Repeat first verse.

Help us hear you calling, Lord;

Help us to trust in you.

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Additional upcoming anthems:

Lo, He Comes

[Choristers Guild - CG](#)

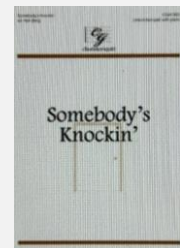
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Somebody's Knockin'

[Choristers Guild - CG](#)

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Communicating Love and Care Ministry and the Children's Choir



The FPC Children's Choir participates in the Communicating Love and Care Ministry of the church by creating a special video recording. The recording is specifically designed to wish a happy birthday to friends and family. Our tech staff creates a QR code to access the video. The code is printed on stickers that are placed inside birthday cards to members of the congregation.

On Wednesday, April 23 we will be recording this year's version. It is our goal to have **ALL** the children in the video! Please come and join in the fun. There is a birthday cake used in the video and naturally we will have to eat it when we're finished! (So don't plan on dessert that day!)

Lanyards and Pins



On Wednesday April 30 all choristers will be receiving a grade level pin to add to their lanyards.

Parents are invited into the rehearsal at 5:50 to celebrate the recognition of the children's service this year.

Hymns for a Lifetime



Many choristers have been "passing off" hymns during rehearsals. We have focused on 20 hymns this year. Choristers who pass off 10 will be receiving a silver ribbon and choristers who pass off 20 will receive a silver and a gold ribbon. Ribbons will be awarded on April 23 so there is still time to work on the hymns. The deadline is Wednesday, April 16.

PS

Somewhere in our hard copy of this newsletter is a small error! Be the first one to find it and text or email a choir leader to win a prize! We will use time stamps to help determine a winner! Punctuation and spelling in song lyrics does not count...it's presented as it is in the music.

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