

# First Presbyterian-Children's Choir

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Dear Children's Choir and families,

## Welcome to 2025!

January is a time of new beginnings. This is especially true for First Presbyterian Church as we welcome a new pastor, and we begin an exciting building renovation.

It's a perfect time to refocus on the role of the Children's Choir and the reasons for participating in the ministry. Please see the **"What We Do"** section of this newsletter to review how the Children's Choir participates (our role) in the Encounter, Engage, and Equip work of this congregation. Note that we have added our own "E" to the list!

Children who are involved in this ministry learn scripture, prayer, and/or praise in every anthem we present. Because we memorize most everything, these lessons are "written on our hearts"!

There will be more emphasis on our hymn challenge as we move into spring! Lots of children are well on their way to a ribbon! Join the challenge!

## "Hymns For a Lifetime"

You have been challenged to memorize 2 verses of 20 hymns this year. (1 verse for grades K-2) You will have a set group of hymns in a prescribed order. Everyone interested in participating has received a packet of hymns to take home for practice. There may be a few more available. Please ask Mary Gonzales for another copy if you're unable to find yours. You can also use your own hymnal if you have one. Remember that this is a completely voluntary activity. No one is required to participate.

Choristers will be able to pass off hymns **every Wednesday** starting on January 15, 2025. You can sing hymns alone or with a friend.

After "passing off" 10 hymns you will receive a silver "Hymns for a Lifetime" ribbon. After "passing off" 20 hymns you will receive a gold "Hymns for a Lifetime" ribbon.

We will be singing the hymns more often in choir rehearsals.

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## Upcoming Events

### January 8

First rehearsal of 2025  
5:50 in the choir room

### February 16

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

### March 23

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

### April 13

**Palm Sunday**  
Traditional Worship

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

### April 23

Video recording session  
5:50 in the choir room

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## What We Do!

### Encounter

Encounter God each week in the choir room!

### Equip

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

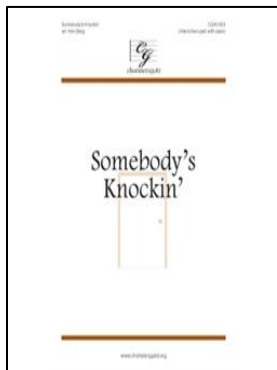
### Engage

Help the congregation encounter God in musical worship!

### Encourage

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

## Learn the Lyrics!



Somebody's knockin' at your door

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Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Somebody's prayin' for your soul

Somebody's prayin' for your soul

Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's prayin' for your soul

Someone is a knockin', Someone is a knockin', Someone is a knockin' at your door.

Somebody's singin' hallelu

Somebody's singin' hallelu

Oh, sinner, why don't you listen? Somebody's singin' Hallelu.

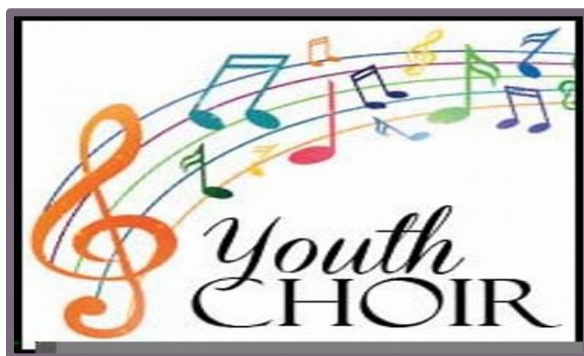
Save the date! May 4, 2025 (5:00-7:30ish)

Fifth Graders Finale in Children's Choir

Introduction to Youth Choir and

A special celebration to thank our fifth graders!

(Details TBD)



PS

Somewhere in our hard copy of this newsletter is a small error! Be the first one to find it and text, email, call or tell a choir leader 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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