

First Presbyterian-Children's Choir

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Upcoming Events

October 9

Traditional Worship

9:15am (meet in the sanctuary at 8:40)

November 13

Traditional Worship

9:15am (meet in the sanctuary at 8:40)

December 10

10:00am-2:00pm

Music and Mission at Korner's Folly in Kernersville

(More details to come!)

Dear choristers and families,

Welcome back to CHILDREN'S CHOIR! At the beginning of the summer, I was feeling the need to "get inspired" for the upcoming year of children's choir ministry. I attended a FABULOUS week long online camp called Kids Discovering Music taught by a friend of the Michael Dodds family affectionately known as Professor Carol. There were children from all parts of our country as well as children from other countries participating in the camp. Professor Carol has a beautiful way of integrating the arts, history, and music. She reminded me of the deep connection we have with our heritage through music, and indeed how vital it is to learn our past and to appreciate it. (More on that later!)

I also attended the International Barbershop Harmony convention in Charlotte, NC which was just the pure fun and joy of singing on display for hours every day! The atmosphere was intense at every level and only increased with each passing round of competition. Surprisingly, the overwhelming majority of participants at the convention were young people! Barbershop singing is alive and well in America! I heard, on more than one occasion, that singing is an activity that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, so it's life-giving to develop the skill!

Mary Gonzales

Mary is another one of our adult choir members who is joining us to help out with all kinds of logistics! We are so very grateful for her willingness and enthusiasm!

Lastly, I, along with Charlotte Brown and Susan Orgain, participated in yet another week of training at the Choristers Guild Institute. The instructors for the institute are no less than ON FIRE with enthusiasm and skill for teaching our children the tenets of the faith through the most well thought out and composed music available. There were more than 35 children's and youth choir directors involved, and we all received one-on-one attention to increase our skill and knowledge. We studied everything from pedagogy and choral methods to conducting and vocal modeling! It was the proverbial "drinking from a fire hose" experience for the week!

All this is to say, WELCOME BACK, DEAR FRIENDS! There is fresh inspiration in our music ministry! There are new folks who have stepped up to join us in this mission! There are our usual opportunities to serve, and there are NEW opportunities to minister in the community with our music! SO, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT YEAR TOGETHER!

What We Do!

Encounter

Encounter God each week in the choir room!

Equip

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

Engage

Help the congregation encounter God in musical worship!

Encourage

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



Faith Formation

Pearl of Wisdom from Helen Kemp (renown children's choir director and composer)



Feed your children a steady diet of nutritious anthems!

Fast food is great once in a while, but don't forget the foundational importance of good nutrition!

Attendance Chart

Each week you will need to check in with Ms. Mary or Ms. Katie and put a sticker beside your name on the chart. Everyone gets a sticker for coming to practice. If you arrive in the choir room at or before 5:50 you will put a "different" sticker beside your name. We all work hard to be on time for practice and, as a group, we will work toward getting 75 of the "different" stickers. When we accomplish that goal, we will have a special treat at choir rehearsal!

There will be a rehearsal plan on the board for each practice. As we finish each task on the plan, we'll check it off. If we finish the entire plan in our rehearsal time the choir will receive 5 bonus stickers toward the goal of 75. This, of course, means we must limit talking. I bet you can get lots of bonus stickers!



Reminders about good stewardship

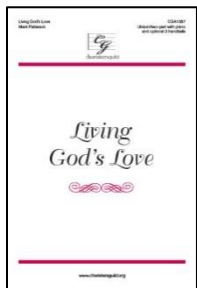
White boards

You can have lots of fun drawing on two of the white boards. Please don't use the one with the rehearsal plan on it. Remember to give everyone a chance and to share the markers. BTW...the markers will last a lot longer if you make sure the cap is snapped on.

Musical instruments

The instruments may only be used (touched) if you have permission. We have chimes, tape player, a piano, two glockenspiels, and various other instruments that need special care!

Learn the Lyrics!



"Living God's Love"

May the word of Christ dwell richly in you as you teach one another with wisdom and with love; giving thanks to God in all that you do:

**In the Psalms of praise
In the hymns of faith,
And the songs of the spirit, too:**

May the word of Christ, may the word of Christ, may the word of Christ dwell richly in you.

For you are the people chosen by God
To live a life of compassion and kindness to all:
Working together, helping each other, living God's love.

Music and Mission – A Victorian Storybook Christmas in Kernersville

Save the date! Saturday, December 10, 2022

Time is approximate...10:00am – 2:00pm



We'll be involved in a mission project. We'll be singing Victorian Christmas carols. We'll have a wonderful lunch and a special Christmas treat!

PS

Somewhere in our 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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