



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR: THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2023-2024

Our emphasis this year has been working together as a church family. We looked for ways for the children to serve with other ages and groups in our church family. The children were able to participate in worship alongside parents, grandparents, the Adult Choir, the Exaltation Ringers, the Youth Choir, and the youth bell ringers.

We also wanted to provide the children with the opportunity to see other youth and adults in choirs outside of our church.

### PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP

October 15, 2023	<i>Mungu Ni Mwema/ God Is So Good</i> (with parents, grandparents, and 6 <sup>th</sup> graders plus 2 youth percussionists)
November 19, 2023	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> (with adult choir and youth choir)
December 24, 2023	<i>Unto Us A Child Is Born</i> at Christmas Eve family service (under the direction of Michael Dodds)
February 4, 2024	<i>I Will Show You the Way</i>
March 24, 2024	<i>Hosanna to the Son</i> (with Exaltation Ringers)
April 21, 2024	<i>Look Around</i> (with adult choir, Exaltation Ringers, and a special emphasis on the colors of the sanctuary windows)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Choir outing to see "The Night Before Christmas". December 2, 2023



**Video Recording Session** May 1, 2024

End-of-year birthday/recording party

With the help of Edward Foster the children video recorded one verse of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", and a two-verse rendition of "Happy Birthday". The recording will also include an anthem done in church. It will be used as a gift on their birthday to those who are unable to worship in person (and/or family members who request it).

## PARTICIPATION

A total of 30 children participated in children's choir at some point this year.

7 children had an attendance rate of over 90%.

15 children had an attendance rate of over 85%.

Our Children's Choir was generally younger this year (which bodes well for the future!). There were no fifth graders to graduate to Youth Choir, but there was a very strong fourth grade class filled with outstanding young people. They will serve well next year as role models and leaders in the choir.

We are looking forward to a great 2024-2025 together! See you on August 28!