



# WMPC CHILDREN'S Choirs

Dear Choir Parents (new, returning, and potential!)

At every WMPC baptism we make promises to nurture the faith of our children—thank you for allowing our music ministry team the opportunity to share in this tremendous endeavor.

Our choir season **will conclude on April 26**, 2017 this year—we understand that May is too stressful and chaotic to continue weekly rehearsals. We hope that ending in April will encourage more families to participate.

What makes our program area unique? Several things, but one undeniable factor is that in addition to the *process* of shaping faith and lives through music, we work toward a *product* about every six weeks: sharing a song or anthem as worship leaders in one of our Sunday services.

For this reason, participation in our children's choir ministry demands regular and consistent attendance. Like most any other activity, the outcome is proportional to the effort put forth. Parents of past choirs have expressed their amazement and joy at the spiritual impact and beauty of children's singing.

Our younger choirs (Cherubs/five year-old kindergarten and Carol/first–second grades) will sing for six sanctuary services this year and for one of the Christmas Eve Bell Services. Our oldest choir (Joyful Noise/ third-sixth\* grades) will serve as worship leaders for five sanctuary services, one Pickard Hall worship service, Evensong (Nov. 6 at 4:00 p.m.) and the 5:30 Christmas Eve Bell service.

There will also be a short (25 minute) Lenten musical and an end-of-the year celebration (April), both on Wednesdays and prior to church dinner.

We feel it is important for worship participation to be a positive and meaningful experience. Therefore, if your child misses more than two rehearsals prior to singing in worship their director will be in touch with you to discuss their confidence and readiness.

*\*Singers in the sixth grade may sing in the Joyful Noise Choir, or our Youth Choir (grs. 6-12) or both, as they choose.*

If you're uncertain about choir participation, please prayerfully consider the impact the music of our Christian faith can have on your child's life: learning Biblical stories and tenets of our faith; demonstrating collaborative work; discovering stewardship of time and talents; building confidence in front of large groups; developing self-esteem through the practice and use of new skills; improving social skills through interaction with others; experiencing creative activity which has been proven in studies to enhance other areas of learning.

On behalf of all of the staff and volunteers who work with children's music ministry, we look forward to your participation! Blessings,

Thank you,

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