

“Choir was my introduction to music and to church...it opened up a whole new world to me, and I would not be who I am today without it.” Shane Mulcahy



CHOIR EXPECTATIONS

Parents

- ❖ **Bring your child** to rehearsals, singing events, and special events.
 - ❖ **Assist your child** in memorizing song lyrics.
 - ❖ **Volunteer** to be a choir parent 3-4 times @ year.
- ❖ **Notify director** via e-mail *as soon as* you know your child must miss or by phone if he/she must miss *at the last minute*.

Children

- ❖ **Attend** weekly rehearsals, singing events and special events.
 - ❖ **Memorize** song lyrics at home.
 - ❖ **Work hard, have fun, and keep a positive attitude.**
 - ❖ **Sing** your best.

Director

- ❖ **Plan** fun, engaging, spirit-filled, educational **rehearsals**.
 - ❖ **Begin and end** rehearsals **punctually**.
- ❖ **Select** appropriate, attractive, accessible **music** for the children
- ❖ **Share a special musical experience** to last your child a lifetime.

“Choir days were my favorite days of the week when I was a kid.....I spent seven years in Choir, and I think every child should do the same!” Amy Foye

First Church Children’s Choir

Welcoming children into the community of faith through song



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“Choir was where I learned to sing, literally.....and learning lyrics to songs each week in rehearsal gave me an understanding of biblical lessons....through singing, I was able to fully understand Christ’s story and my connection to it.”
Victoria Townsend

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Children’s Choir at First Church! This unique experience reaps lifelong rewards and offers your child rich experiences in music, worship, and personal growth.

Spiritually, your child will

- ❖ **learn** about God and worship through song and...
- ❖ **participate** as a worship leader.

Musically, your child will:

- ❖ **develop** music literacy and music appreciation and...
- ❖ **develop** his/her singing voice.

Personally, your child will

- ❖ **experience** the joy of musical expression and the satisfaction of attaining musical goals and...
- ❖ **become** an important member of a unique “team” and an active member of an intergenerational church family.

Shouldn’t every child join First Church Children’s Choir?

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“I have always believed that the liveliness of a church comes from the spirit of its younger members, and being involved in the Choir gave me a way to participate, as well as a deep appreciation for worship.”

Ali Brauner



- ❖ **Children will rehearse:**
Thursdays, 6:30-7:15PM, unless otherwise noted in Choir Calendar.
Parents pick up children at Choir Room door at 7:15PM.
- ❖ **Rehearsals will include:**
Singing, games, hymn study, anthem and worship preparation.
Activities will be held in the Choir Room and the sanctuary.
- ❖ **Children will sing** in worship:
Every 4-6weeks, as specified in Choir Calendar.
They will meet at 9AM in the sanctuary on Sundays they sing.
- ❖ **Children will wear:**
Choir t-shirts (provided by First Church)
Khakis and their nicest shoes.
- ❖ **Choir Guests are always welcome!**
Friends are always welcome to attend rehearsal or to join Choir!
Parents are always welcome to observe rehearsals.
- ❖ **Parents will be asked to volunteer.**
Choir Parents will assist the children or the Director during rehearsal.