

St. George's United Methodist Church
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CHORISTER'S PRAYER

God of all lovely sound,

grant us a share

in your great harmonies

of earth and air.

Make us your choristers,

that we may be true,

worthy to offer

music unto You.

Amen.

Children and Youth Music Ministry



Choir Handbook 2009-2010

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Choirs and Choir Schedule

CHERUB CHOIR

Age 3 – Kindergarten
Rehearsals: Thursday – 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Location: Room 202
Director: Denise Jones
(703) 764-9573

HOSANNA CHOIR

1st grade – 3rd grade
Rehearsals: Thursday – 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Location: Room 204
Director: DeDe Plante
(703) 543-7771
acdcplante@yahoo.com

ALLELUIA CHOIR

4th grade – 6th grade
Rehearsals: Thursday – 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Location: Music Room
Director: Megan Wood
(817) 584-4527
Accompanist: Kristin Bruck
(703) 425-8584

CELEBRATION SINGERS

7th grade – 12th grade
Rehearsals: Sunday – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Location: Music Room
Director: Julie Moore
(703) 764-8830
Accompanist: Kristin Bruck
(703) 425-8584

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:

Michael Lonneke
Kristin Bruck

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR HANDBOOK

Welcome to the Children and Youth Music Ministries of St. George's UMC! This Handbook will provide information about our choirs and policies and procedures. We look forward to sharing our love of music and singing praises to God.

Rehearsal Guidelines

Please observe these guidelines for all rehearsals:

Be on time and make a commitment to attend every rehearsal.

Cherub Choir parents are strongly encouraged to participate in each weekly rehearsal.

When arriving, please go directly to your room. After rehearsal, Cherubs and Hosannas must wait in your room until your parent comes to pick you up. Alleluia Choir members may walk to the Fellowship Hall to meet your parents.

Remember that rehearsals are times to learn music and worship God – this means that we are to be on our best behavior at all times.

Please call your director if you will be absent.

Visitation by parents and other people is welcome and encouraged. Please take this opportunity to share in your child's experience in this ministry.

Rehearsals Before Worship Services

Participation as a choir in the Worship Service is a very important part of our music ministry. You are serving as Worship Leaders when you sing and you are ministering to members of the congregation through your service. When your choir sings in a Worship Service, please note the following guidelines:

Arrive for rehearsal at least thirty minutes before the service begins. Your Choir Director will give you more detailed information when the time comes.

Sit quietly with your choir until it is time to rehearse.

After the service, meet with your Choir Director to hang up your robe.

General Guidelines

Snow and Ice – If Fairfax County Schools are closed (for Thursday rehearsals), rehearsals are canceled.

Choir Angels – Each choir needs at least two Choir Angels to assist with music, discipline, and many other duties. If you are willing to serve, please contact your Choir Director.

Help from Moms and Dads – We periodically need additional help from Moms and Dads with choir robes, special treats, parties, etc. We hope that all parents will be able to share in these responsibilities as they arise.

The Chorister's Guild Pledge

The Chorister's Guild Pledge was written to help all choristers, across the nation, adhere to the same pledge as they worship God through song. We hope that you will join us in adhering to this Pledge:

I pledge myself:

To be loyal to the group ...

through regular attendance at rehearsals and services

by a cheerful obedience to the requirements and regulations of the choir

by carrying through faithfully any responsibility asked of me.

To be friendly in my attitude towards all choir members, thus reflecting in myself Christ's teaching of the Golden Rule.

To be reverent in appearance, thought and action as I worship and minister to others in the services of the church.