

New Parent Information

Joyful Noises

The Joyful Noises is a choir for young people in 2nd-8th grades. (High school assistantships are available.) 2nd-5th graders rehearse Sundays from 11:30-12:15, except for the Sundays the choir leads worship. The older choristers join them at 11:45 and remain until 12:50, focusing on more advanced and diverse worship arts training once the elementary schoolers have departed. The choir works to prepare and present music as an offering for God in worship, develop a deeper understanding of worship and of music as a ministry, experience a variety of creative activities to increase musical skills, and participate in special events and mission projects throughout the year. This choir helps lead the 10:00 am worship service as noted in the calendar [link](#).

Angel Choir

The Angel Choir is a developmentally based music program for children 3 years- 1st grade which is part of the children's faith formation class (Sunday school). This class meets in the music room following the "Lessons for Young Christians" in worship most Sundays September-May.

The Angel Choir uses songs and a variety of activities to reinforce faith formation and foster a growing understanding of the church seasons, encourage active participation in worship, and teach some music fundamentals: recognizing and using the "singing voice," group singing, fast/slow and high/low as they apply to music, etc.

Activities are structured and songs selected so that the youngest through oldest members can enjoy them and learn at a level and rate appropriate for them. While this choir does sing during worship services several times each year, the goal is not a polished "performance," but an experience that every child feels good about. The Joyful Noises often sing to support the Angel Choir to help us achieve this goal. The director works closely with parents to introduce this new experience to each child at a pace that is right for them.