

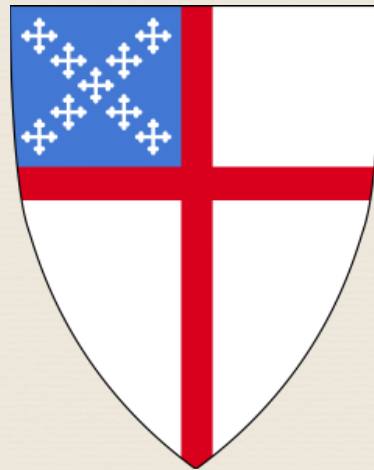
ST. CECILIA CHOIR GRADES 3-8

The curriculum for the St. Cecilia Choir is designed to ensure maximum growth for each child. The St. Cecilia choir will be vested and sing in the choir stalls on Sunday mornings. The Young Choristers Program at Christ Church will be modeled after a time-tested program used nationally and intentionally for children in church choirs, called RSCM (Royal School of Church Music). Most of the time, children can accomplish tasks better than adults. The fact is children can achieve an adult-like music product! Most activities, like sports, are limited to children by their various stages of motor-skill development. *Singing*, however, is so satisfying to children because they CAN BE and MAY BE as good as adults!



Benefits of an Education through Music

Research has shown that children who are active in a regular musical training program excel in school and in life in ways such as: 1) Improved focus, attention, and memory, 2) Improved language, reading, and math skills, 3) Improved social skills, self-confidence, and independence, 4) Leadership skills, 5) Friendships that often last a lifetime.



Please contact the Director of Music/Organist to talk more!

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YOUNG CHORISTERS



An opportunity for young people to learn music, theological concepts, and most importantly to develop their faith.



About

What is a “Chorister”? This word comes from middle English, meaning “A member of a choir, especially a child or young person singing treble in a church choir”

Singing in church is not just about music! History shows that involvement and dedication in a young choristers program is a path to dedicated commitment to the church in adult life. A parent who actively supports and encourages a child’s development in the church’s music ministry is practicing good *stewardship* of the child’s developing spirit and soul. All children are a gift from God, and so all children have a God given instrument to praise Him.

The main goal of this program is to train young people to be congregational leaders through music. They will be helping to lead worship from the choir stalls, singing special music to the Glory of God, and learning about what it means to be an Episcopalian.

The Choristers Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHAT WILL THEY LEARN?

With so many choices in our lives for every child’s development, few programs offer such a comprehensive approach to holistic growth.



Musical Learning

- 1)Using the voice well, 2)Good posture,
- 3)Breath support, 4)Range of the voice,
- 5)Vocal health, 6)Sight-Singing,
- 7)Musical Terminology,
- 8)Pitch recognition, 9)Repertoire

Non-Musical Learning

- 1)Bible study, 2)theology,
- 3)worship skills and structure,
- 4)character development, 5)team building,
- 6)church terminology, 7)what to wear in church/tidiness, 8)church seasons

