

# Children's Music Opportunities

The children of Third Church have the opportunity to participate in a graded choir program beginning in preschool and continuing through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In choir the children learn the joy of singing hymns and anthems with sacred texts that instruct, challenge, inspire and deepen their faith experience. By participating regularly in worship, the children understand the responsibility and satisfaction of leadership in the church community. The choir also provides friendship opportunities for the children within a Christian context.

**Junior Choir**  
will have its first rehearsal on  
**Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.**  
in the Moots Arts Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parish House)  
Refreshments will be served.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** is for children grades 3 – 6. The choir rehearses every Sunday and Wednesday during the program year. Wednesday rehearsals will begin on September 10 from 5:30–6:15 P.M. Beginning in October, Wednesday rehearsals will be held during the Qabats program and will again be held at 5:30 P.M. Sunday rehearsals will normally be at 9:30 A.M. *September 7 only will be at 9:00 A.M. because of the Rally Day schedule.* The Junior Choir will sing each Sunday in church at the 10:45 A.M. worship service starting on September 14.

- **TO REGISTER FOR JUNIOR CHOIR** read and sign the enclosed Choir Commitment Pledge and return to Chris Lenti at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St., Rochester, NY 14607 by **September 1**
- **PARENTS MEETING:** A brief informational meeting will be held in conjunction with the Qabats Parent's Meeting at 12 noon on September 14 in the Celebration Center for all parents. Please plan to attend. Specifics about the choir year will be discussed. Come ready with questions and ready to volunteer. Your help is essential to the success of this program.
- **FIRST ANTHEM:** Junior Choir's first anthem will be Sunday, September 28. Save the date!! Other scheduled anthem dates are October 26, December 7, December 24 (Nativity), February 8, March 15, April 12(Easter), May 10(Music Recognition) and June 7.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS THIS YEAR** for the Junior Choir will include
  - October 5                      Camp Cory Evening Prayer at the Christ Episcopal Church in Pittsford (for those who attend camp this summer)
  - November 8                    Children's Handbell Workshop with Pam Spirko
  - December                      Christmas Cookie Sale (fundraiser for Junior Choir)
  - December 24                  Festival of the Nativity (4:30 pm)
  - January 25                      Junior Choir will sing at New Life Presbyterian Church
  - Winter/Spring 2009        Record a CD of Children's Music.

**THE CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR** will begin again this year with rehearsals at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, before Junior Choir. The choir is open to all children grades 3-6, however preference will be given to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Call as soon as possible if you are interested. Places will be filled in the order that calls are received.

**THE GLORIOUS VOICES!** This choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:50- 7:30 p.m. as part of the *Qabats* program, beginning October 8, The choir features a multi-activity program designed to introduce early-elementary children to basic musical ideas through games and songs. Emphasis is on exploring the voice, pitch matching, developing musical sensitivity, and having fun with music. The choir sings in worship about 4 times a year, including at the Nativity on Christmas Eve and on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009. Children may sign up for the *Glorious Voices* by registering for Qabats on the enclosed registration form.

**CAROL CHOIR** (Preschool and Kindergarten) meets on Sunday mornings during Church School from 11:40 - 12:00 a.m. The children learn simple songs, play rhythm instruments, and explore musical ideas using movement and games. The Carol Choir traditionally sings in worship at the Nativity on Christmas Eve and Mothers' Day. No registration is needed for this choir and rehearsals will begin on September 14.

**CONTACT** Chris Lenti if you need further information about any of the children's music opportunities. 271-6537 x 110 or [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).