Children’s Choir School
A guide and calendar for 2014-2015
Dear Parents,

Our church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. We invite your child to gather with us each Sunday during the school year for age-appropriate music instruction that encourages spiritual and artistic growth.

Choir School curriculum includes music reading, notation, rhythmic and vocal training, and ensemble skills like part-singing, tuning and blending. Children will also deepen their familiarity with scripture and worship and enhance their understanding of the power of music to express feelings, tell stories, and call people to Christian discipleship. Throughout the year, choirs will offer their musical gifts in worship services and testify to their faith through song.
Parents are an important part of Choir School. Your encouragement ensures a lifetime enjoyment of praising God through music and the continuation of our church’s rich musical tradition for generations to come. Please consider becoming a parent volunteer. For more information regarding Choir School, please contact Carol Baker at 253-6461, x356 or via e-mail at CBaker@SecondChurch.org.

It takes a village to make Second Church’s Choir School a wonderful experience. Thank you to the enthusiastic staff of Children’s Ministry and Music and Fine Arts Department, dedicated directors, talented accompanists, wonderful volunteers and YOU!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100:1-2

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle L. Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts
The Children’s Choir School at Second Presbyterian Church offers a comprehensive music curriculum that encourages the spiritual and artistic growth of children age four through fifth grade. Children receive instruction in music reading, notation, rhythmic and vocal training, and ensemble skills like part-singing, tuning and blending. In addition, children deepen their familiarity with scripture and worship. Skills developed in Choir School lead to a lifetime enjoyment of praising God through music.

Three children’s choirs (Cherub, Choristers and Carol) meet on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 AM service (following “A Time With Children” in the worship service) September through May.

**Mission Statement**

The Mission of our Children’s Choirs at Second Presbyterian Church is to nurture the spiritual development of all children through musical education, vocal expression and service in the music ministry of the church and community at large.
Cherub Choir | Ages 4-Kindergarten
   Room 312
This playful approach to music learning will help children reach their potentials in singing, vocabulary development and motor skills while developing an understanding of church music and worship participation. Children will discover worship as a place where people express love for God and experience the Bible, its stories, people, passages and verses as a part of their everyday lives.

Choristers | Grades 1-2
   Room 112
In Choristers we develop the singing (head) voice, introduce harmony through partner songs and simple canons, and music reading. Children will understand worship as a proclamation of God’s Word and their role as music ministers in service. Additionally, children will build a working knowledge of repeated liturgical practice, contents of the hymnal and specific age-appropriate hymns and what they mean.

Carol Choir | Grades 3-5
   Choir Room
Children develop musical skills in music reading, notation, rhythmic and vocal training, and ensemble skills like part-singing, tuning and blending in the Carol Choir classroom. Children will enhance their understanding of the power of music to express feelings, tell stories, and call people to Christian discipleship. Additionally, children will learn specific age-appropriate hymns focusing on historical and cultural aspects and what they mean.
Attendance
Each week Choir School directors work with your child to build musical skills, knowledge of the church’s musical tradition and components of the worship service, and prepare children to sing in worship together. Therefore, consistent attendance is encouraged. We understand illnesses and family trips may preclude a child from attending a rehearsal. If it becomes necessary to miss several rehearsals in a relatively short period of time, please contact the choir director to alert him or her to the situation.

Service Participation
All three children’s choirs participate in Sunday morning services on a regular basis. Please note upcoming dates on the calendar (pages 10-11). When choirs participate in service, choirs may meet in their rehearsal rooms earlier in the morning and/or be dismissed earlier than usual. Parents will be advised in advance of special instructions, including special call times and volunteer needs.

Note: When choirs participate in worship services, children will normally wear choir robes provided for each singer at no charge. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather, keeping in mind that robes can be rather warm. Participants should wear dark, closed-toed shoes.

Special Events
In addition to regular Sunday morning worship services, choirs may also participate in other special events such as singing at Families@Five, presenting musical offerings in other parts of the community, both locally and abroad, and performing in the annual Spring Concert or Musical. Singers who participate in choir throughout the year receive priority consideration for solo singing and speaking roles in the Spring Concert/Musical.
Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers provide invaluable assistance during Children’s Choir School classes. Duties include escorting children from Sanctuary to classrooms, recording attendance, distributing and collecting materials, helping children with any personal issues that arise during rehearsal, and assisting with robing and processing on worship Sundays.

To maintain a healthy, safe environment, we require all volunteers to complete a Volunteer Approval Process.

Children’s Music Advisory Team

The Children’s Choirs benefit from the wise counsel of the Children’s Music Advisory Team. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Carol Baker at CBaker@SecondChurch.org.

Chorister’s 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.

(Published in the School of English Church Music Choristers' Pocket Book, 1934.)
ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

Dr. Michelle L. Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts | MLouer@SecondChurch.org

As the Director of Music and Fine Arts at Second Presbyterian Church, Dr. Michelle Louer conducts the 70-voice Sanctuary Choir and the Beecher Singers. She also directs the professional Festival Orchestra and Festival Brass. She oversees the youth and children's music program, adult handbell ensemble and a growing visual and dramatic arts department.

Dr. Louer earned a Doctorate of Music in Choral Conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where she studied with Jan Harrington, Carmen Téllez, Thomas Dunn and Robert Porco. She graduated summa cum laude from Yale University with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting under Marguerite Brooks. She conducted the University Chapel Choir and was the assistant conductor of the Yale Camerata and the Pro Musica Chamber Singers. She received a Bachelor of Music from Stetson University, where she graduated magna cum laude with a double major in piano performance and church music. Dr. Louer formerly served as visiting director of the University Choir at Butler University.

Ms. Carol Baker
Director of Cherub Choir | CBaker@SecondChurch.org

As an arts education and non-profit management specialist, Carol Baker enjoys strengthening communities through supporting and cultivating meaningful civic and arts education activities. Having served as director of education for Indianapolis Symphony, Carmel Center for the Performing Arts and Indianapolis Opera, Ms. Baker has also served as a program, board, and grants consultant for organizations like Actors Theatre of Indiana, Hamilton County CVB, Ronen Chamber Ensemble, VSA Indiana and 100 Black Men of Indy.

Ms. Baker holds a MPA from IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs and a Bachelor of Music Education from University of Louisville. In addition, Ms. Baker has completed courses in Aesthetic Education through Lincoln Center Institute and early childhood music from John Feierabend, creator of the First Steps in Music program. In 2006, Ms. Baker received an Arts Council Creative Renewal Fellowship.
Mr. Terion Cooper  
Director of Choristers | TCooper@SecondChurch.org  
Terion Cooper is a Michigan native who received his Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Arts in French degrees with honors from Grand Valley State University. In Michigan and Indiana, Mr. Cooper has taught in both private and public schools in the areas of general music, band and choir. He spent his first few years in Indianapolis Public Schools at Broad Ripple Magnet High School for the Arts and Humanities before moving to his current school, Gambold Preparatory Magnet High School, where he teaches band, choir and design.  
Mr. Cooper directs the Indianapolis Sänger Chor, a German-heritage choir and sings with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir.

Ms. Erin Quandt  
Director of Carol Choir | EQuandt@SecondChurch.org  
Director of Music for Families@Five  
Erin Quandt is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Vocal Music Education from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and her Master’s Degree in Music Education from Anderson University. In addition to the master’s curriculum, Ms. Quandt completed Orff-Schulwerk Levels I, II, and III. In 2008, Ms. Quandt received the Outstanding Young Music Alumni Award from Nebraska Wesleyan University.  
She teaches vocal/general music at Frederick Douglass Elementary and Middle School, IPS #19. She has been teaching in the Indianapolis Public Schools since 2003, and has been called upon as a guest speaker/clinician for district-wide professional development. From 2008-2011, Ms. Quandt worked for the Indianapolis Children’s Choir as the Regional Director of the Eastside Choir.  
Ms. Quandt is a member of Music Educators National Conference, Indiana Music Educators Association, Indiana Orff-Schulwerk Association and American Orff-Schulwerk Association. She is also an active member of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir.
# 2014-2015 CHILDREN’S CHOIRS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<td>Sunday, September 7</td>
<td><strong>Choir School Fall Kickoff</strong></td>
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<td>Sunday, September 14, 21 &amp; 28</td>
<td>Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.</td>
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<td>Sunday, October 5</td>
<td><strong>World Communion Sunday</strong></td>
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<td>• Carol Choir attends Worship with their families; no rehearsal.</td>
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<td>Saturday, December 6</td>
<td><strong>Dress Rehearsal for Children’s Christmas Music Sunday</strong></td>
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<td>• Carol Choir rehearses from 9-9:45 a.m. in Sanctuary.</td>
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<td><strong>Christmas Music Sunday</strong></td>
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<td>• No rehearsals held in the morning; Choir children are encouraged to attend worship with their families.</td>
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<td>• Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten may choose to attend Children’s Chapel with Miss Polly following the Time with Children at the 11 a.m. service.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, December 24</td>
<td><strong>Christmas Eve Services</strong></td>
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<td>o Contact Reverend Caroline Dennis for a rehearsal schedule and call times.</td>
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Sunday, January 4
• Children can attend Epiphany Worship with their families and participate in the parades at 9:30 and 11 a.m.; Children’s Chapel is offered for children Pre-K through 2nd grade.

Sunday, January 11
Choir School Resumes

Sunday, January 18
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, January 25
Spring Children’s Choir Workshop
• Dr. Brent Gault, director of the Indiana University Children’s Choir, will do an interactive clinic with the Children’s Choirs in the Multipurpose Room during the second service.

Sunday, February 1
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, February 8
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.
• Carol Choir sings at Families@Five service, call 4:15 p.m. in Chapel.

Sunday, February 15 & 22
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, March 1 & 8
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, March 15
• Carol Choir sings at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. services; call 8:45 a.m. in Choir Auditorium.
• Cherubs and Choristers sing at 11 a.m. service; call 10:30 a.m. in Choir Auditorium.
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, March 22 and 29
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday—No Rehearsals

Sunday, April 12
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Sunday, April 19
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.
• Choristers sing at Families@Five service, call 4:30 p.m. in Chapel.

Sunday, April 26
• Regular rehearsals for all Choirs.

Saturday, May 2
Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal
• All Choirs rehearse from 9:30-11 a.m. in Sanctuary.

Sunday, May 3
Choir School Spring Concert
• 4 p.m. performance; Call for all choirs is 3 p.m. in Sanctuary.

Sunday, May 10
• Choir School Boys sing for Mothers on Mother’s Day. Call 10:30 a.m., Choir Auditorium.
• Youth and Children’s Choir Awards Ceremony in Choir Auditorium following “Time with Children” at 11 a.m. service.

Summer Opportunities for Children
• Contact Reverend Caroline Dennis for a schedule of events for children throughout the summer.