CHOIR SCHOOL

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 a.m. service (following “A Time With The Children” in the worship service) September through May.
CHOIR SCHOOL CLASSES

Cherub Choir | Ages 4-Kindergarten Room 312
Carol Baker, director | Tom Ristine, accompanist
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
Terion Cooper, director | Eunice Holden, accompanist
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
Erin Quandt, director | Karen Ristine, accompanist
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.

SERVICE PARTICIPATION

All three children’s choirs participate in Sunday morning services on a regular basis. 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.)
CHOIR SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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 non-profit organizations. In addition to her service for Second Presbyterian, she works for Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra as Marketing Manager.

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 Dr. 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, and Gambold Preparatory Magnet High School, before moving to his current school, Shortridge High School, where he teaches band and choir. Mr. Cooper directs the Indianapolis All City choir, a select choir of high school students from all of the Indianapolis public schools and the Indianapolis Sänger Chor, a German-heritage choir. He also sings with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir.

Ms. Erin Quandt  Director of Carol Choir | EQuandt@SecondChurch.org

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.

CHOIR SCHOOL ACCOMPANISTS

2016-2017 Accompanists

Tom Ristine, Cherub Choir Accompanist
Eunice Tong, Choristers Accompanist
Karen Ristine, Carol Choir Accompanist
IMPORTANT DATES*

September 10 – Choir School 1st Day
October 1 – Sing for Morning Worship
October 29 – Reformation Themed Concert with Sanctuary Choir (Carol Choir and Choristers Only)
November 12 – Sing for Morning Worship, 11 AM (Cherub Choir Only)
December 10 – Children’s Christmas Music Sunday; Sing for Morning Worship
January 7 – Spring Semester Begins
February 25 - Sing for Morning Worship
April 22 - Sing for Morning Worship
May 6 – Spring Musical Program

*Subject to change

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