

## ***Parents***

YOU are the backbone of this program, and have perhaps the most important role! The director can direct, and the children can sing – but it is *you* who makes sure they are here! You may also be called on to assist with a meal, or chaperone, or carpool, or help organize an event.

It is important that your children are here for rehearsals, so that everyone can keep pace together. Choir is a team sport, and rehearsals carry the same weight as athletic practice.

## ***Do you have younger children?***

We also have a Cherub Choir for grades K-3. This energetic group of youngsters gets an introduction to music and finding and using their voices. They rehearsal weekly on Wednesdays from 5-6pm, and sing occasionally for Sunday morning and special services.



If your child has an interest in music, let The Redeemer foster it. Please contact Andrew Senn, Director of Music, to schedule an informal meeting.

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*We would love for you to join us!*

# The Choristers of The Redeemer





## ***Introduction***

The church throughout history has always been the largest patron of the arts. The Redeemer is no exception, and has always prided itself on excellent music. By opening our doors to the community we further our mission by providing a professional musical education to young people in grades 4-8, some of whom might not otherwise have such an opportunity. It's exciting, challenging, and rewarding.

## ***What are the benefits to your child?***

Choirs give children a safe place in which to make new friends, experience the transformational power of great music, discover the value of teamwork and responsibility, and build skills that will last them a lifetime.

### ***\* Singing in a choir builds confidence***

When a young person learns to love him or herself, that person learns also to love others and act in positive ways, thus attracting positive experiences into their life.

### ***\* Singing in a choir builds teamwork***

The choir is an instrument which requires singers to work together to produce something which could not be produced alone. It requires listening to one another, contributing one's best efforts to the desired outcome, and acting as a unified body.

### ***\* Singing in a choir teaches expression***

Everyone's voice is unique, and it is a fundamental part of who we are. Working hard in a choir teaches children that they are valuable and have something to say.

No prior musical experience or religious affiliation is required. There is no cost to join; the Choristers are supported by Church of the Redeemer. Additionally, there is scholarship money available for private voice lessons.

Choristers learn music theory and harmony at the highest level, and sing music by the greatest composers throughout history, right along side professional musicians. When treated and respected as mature colleagues, children thrive and rise to any occasion.

## ***Rehearsals***

Rehearsals take place in the choir room at The Redeemer from 5-6pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We realize that there are many activities in families' lives which pull them in many directions. As such, we ask that your child attend at least one of these weekly rehearsals, and, if possible, both. There is also a relaxed, informal dinner served on Wednesdays after rehearsal.

## ***Services***

Rehearsals are invaluable. They offer a place to make mistakes along the road to perfection. However, even more beneficial to young singers is the opportunity for leading services. The responsibility of standing up in front, *without* being able to stop and start over again, builds a critical attention span and drive for perfection.

## ***Fun and Travel***

Throughout the year there are fun activities and outings. Usually every other summer there are tours, either domestic or abroad.

