



children's  
Music  
ROSWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**2017-2018  
Children's Choir Handbook  
for Parents**



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Dear Parents:

I treasure the opportunity to grow with the children as part of the Music Ministry at Roswell Presbyterian Church, and I am thrilled about the upcoming opportunities for children of all ages to share their faith and God's love through song! We have so many exciting events and programs planned for this year and would love for you to join us!

I invite you to register your children for one or more of our five Children's Choirs or participate in our Family Music program. Programs are offered for children ages newborn through 5th grade. If you have not joined a choir before, now is your chance! A Drum Circle (Fall Term only) and Handchimes class will be offered as part of our extended onCore again this year. You can register to be a part of the entire onCore program or choir only.

My goal for the Children's Music program at RPC is to inspire children to develop a love for music through participation in church and worship, as well as grow an appreciation for church music and worship that will last a lifetime. Let's commit to serve God and others through song!

Please make note of the dates for our Children's Christmas Concert, Children's Choir Festival, and Spring Musical. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions about the Children's Music Ministry here at RPC.

I look forward to seeing you and your children in choir!

God Bless,



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\* We also have a Youth Choir and Handbell Choir for grades 6th-12th. Please visit [www.roswellpres.org/youthmusic](http://www.roswellpres.org/youthmusic) for more information.

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## **Family Music**

The *Family Music* program is for parents and children ages newborn through 3 1/2 years. This program is designed to introduce children to the world of music through singing, movement, instruments and dance in a family setting. Visit [www.roswellpres.org/familymusic](http://www.roswellpres.org/familymusic) for more information and complete class listing. Fee required.

Instructors: Amy Fudger and Rachel Bachmeier

## **Music Arts Bunch**

*Music Arts Bunch* was created for children ages 4-5 years old. There is a limit of 20 children and registration is first-come. We meet each week to focus on a Bible truth and explore that truth through music, art, and Bible stories. Students bring their lunch. RPP students will be picked up directly from their classrooms. We meet each week on Tuesdays from 12:10-1:30 p.m. Fee required.

Instructors: Amy Fudger and Betsy Homer

## **Celebration Choir**

The 3-year-old *Celebration Choir* is a music class designed to teach basic Christian children's songs, explore movement activities, and learn about singing voices, group singing, and instruments while developing listening skills. Singing opportunities include Wednesday Evening Fellowship, Bible Sunday, Children's Christmas Concert, and the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Children, 3 years of age by September 1, 2017, are eligible to participate. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-5:55 p.m. in Room 104.

Director: Rachel Bachmeier

## **Cherub and Creation Choirs**

*Cherub and Creation Choirs* are for young singers, ages Pre-K and Kindergarten. The Pre-K (*Cherub*) meet in the Multipurpose room from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and the K (*Creation*) meet in the Children's Choir Room from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Time is spent playing singing and rhythm games, learning about the different types of voices, participating in movement activities, and learning songs to be sung in worship. Children learn about our worship service so they can participate as active members in our congregation. The choirs participate in the Children's Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve Service, and periodically in church.

Directors: Kristy Baker and Anna Padgett

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## **Carol and Chorister Choirs**

The *Carol and Chorister Choirs* are for children in 1st through 5th grades. Choirs rehearse on Wednesday afternoons and help lead worship through song every 4 to 6 weeks. Each week, we spend 30 minutes together learning about basic music terms, begin reading music, learn about our voice and the proper way to sing, play games, and prepare to lead worship.

Children are dynamically engaged in learning about the different parts of our worship service at RPC and spend time with the “Hymn of the Month,” as we grow to know more and learn how we, as God’s children, can play an active role in the weekly church service.

The *Carol and Chorister Choirs* join with the Celebration Choir, Cherub Choir, and Creation Choir performing in the annual Children’s Christmas Concert and the Mother’s Day Musical.

Director: Betsy Homer

## **Drum Circle (Fall Term Only)**

Our Drum Circle will meet again this year as part of our extended onCore **in the Fall Term**. Children, grades Kindergarten – 5th, will meet from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Children’s Choir Room to learn about different types of drumming styles and how to improvise as part of a drum circle. Basic musical notation will be taught.

Director: Betsy Homer

## **Handchimes**

Our Handchimes group is for children in grades Kindergarten– 5th. Classes will be held every Wednesday night from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Children’s Choir Room. We will learn how to read music, use proper chiming technique, and will play in church a few times throughout the year.

Director: Jean Dancy-Jones

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# Children's Music at RPC

## Family Music

- Classes for parents and children ages newborn through 3 1/2
- Offered on Monday & Tuesday mornings beginning September 11
- [www.roswellpres.org/familymusic](http://www.roswellpres.org/familymusic) for complete class listing

## Music Arts Bunch

- Classes for children ages 4-5 years
- Every Tuesday afternoon beginning September 5
- 12:10-1:30 p.m.
- [www.roswellpres.org/familymusic](http://www.roswellpres.org/familymusic) for registration and fee

## Celebration Choir

- Choir/Music Class for 3-year-olds
- Every Wednesday night beginning August 23
- Room 104
- 5:30-5:55 p.m.

## Cherub Choir

- Choir for age 4 (Pre-K)
- Every Wednesday night beginning August 23
- Multipurpose Room, 117
- 6:00-6:25 p.m.

## Creation Choir

- Choir for age 5 (Kindergarten)
- Every Wednesday night beginning August 23
- Children's Choir Room
- 5:30-5:55 p.m.

## Carol Choir

- Choir for 1st and 2nd graders
- Every Wednesday night beginning August 23
- Children's Choir Room
- 6:00-6:25 p.m.

## Chorister Choir

- Choir for 3rd through 5th graders
  - Every Wednesday night beginning August 23
  - Adult Choir Room
  - 5:25-6:00 p.m.
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## Special Events 2017-2018

Wednesday, October 4	No onCore activities - Fall Fest, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	Last onCore Fall Term
Wednesday, November 22	No Wednesday night activities
Wednesday, November 29	Dress Rehearsal 5:30-6:00 p.m., Celebration Choir 5:30-6:00 p.m., Cherub and Creation Choirs 5:30-7:20 p.m., Carol and Chorister Choirs
Sunday, December 3	Children's Christmas Concert, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24	Christmas Eve Services, 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	onCore Winter Term begins
<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	<b>Children's Choir Festival, Decatur, GA (Chorister)</b>
Wednesday, February 14	No onCore - Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 28	No onCore - Holy Week
Wednesday, April 4	No onCore - Spring Break
Wednesday, April 18	Joint Choir Rehearsal & onCore End-of-Year Celebration 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	Musical Dress Rehearsal 5:30-6:00 p.m., Cherub and Creation Choirs 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carol Choir 5:30-7:20 p.m., Chorister Choir
Wednesday, May 2	Musical Dress Rehearsal 5:30-6:00 p.m., Cherub and Creation Choirs 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carol Choir 5:30-7:20 p.m., Chorister Choir
Wednesday, May 9	Final Musical Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary 5:30-7:30 p.m., Carol and Chorister Choirs
Sunday, May 13	Spring Musical, 11:15 a.m.

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## Singing Dates and Times 2017-2018

Sunday, September 10	Cherub and Creation, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, October 1	Carol and Chorister, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, October 22	Cherub and Creation, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, October 29	Carol and Chorister, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, November 5	Handchimes, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, November 12	Cherub and Creation, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday, December 3	Cherub/Creation/Handchimes, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, December 3	Children's Christmas Concert, 5:00 p.m. Celebration, Cherub, Creation, Carol, Chorister Choirs, Handchimes & Drums
Sunday, December 10	Carol Choir, 9:45 a.m. Chorister Choir, 11:15 a.m.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Sunday, December 24	Celebration, Cherub, Creation, 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24	Carol, Chorister, Handchimes, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 21	Carol Choir, 9:45 a.m. Chorister Choir, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, February 4	Handchimes, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, February 11	Celebration Choir, 9:45 a.m. Chorister Choir, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, February 18	Cherub and Creation, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, March 25	Carol and Chorister, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, April 29	Cherub and Creation, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday, May 13	Cherub, Creation, Carol, Chorister, 11:15 a.m.

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