

## **New Parent Information**

### **Joyful Noises**

The Joyful Noises, a choir for young people second grade and up, rehearses from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm on Sunday mornings during the school year. (Youth members meet for an additional 35 minutes of advanced worship arts training after each rehearsal.) Young people in these grades are invited to work together to prepare and present music as an offering for God in worship, develop a deeper understanding of worship and of music as a ministry, experience a variety of creative activities to increase musical skills, and participate in special events and mission projects throughout the year. This choir helps lead the 10:00 am worship service as noted in the calendar [link](#).

### **Angel Choir**

The Angel Choir is a developmentally based music program for children three years old through first grade which rehearses as part of the 10:00 am children's education programming, September through May. This choir uses songs and a variety of activities to reinforce faith formation and foster a growing understanding of the church seasons, encourage active participation in worship, and teach some music fundamentals: recognizing and using the "singing voice," group singing, fast/slow and high/low as they apply to music, moving to the beat, and an introduction to the world of the staff.

Activities are structured and songs selected so that the youngest through oldest members can enjoy them and learn at a level and rate appropriate for them. While this choir does sing during worship services several times each year, the goal is not a polished, professional "performance," but an experience that every child feels good about. The Joyful Noises often sing to support the Angel Choir to help us achieve this goal. The director works closely with parents to introduce all of these new experiences to each child at a pace that is right for them.