

## ST. TIMOTHY'S CHORISTERS

(ages 8-12, grades 3-7)

May include older/younger children, depending on maturity and interest; please inquire.

Meets 4:00-4:15 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays in Choir Room

The Choristers rehearse each week (except during school breaks and high holy days), 9/7-4/26. They should make an effort to attend at least one of the scheduled weekly rehearsals. Sunday will offer a short *Voice for Life* class following rehearsal for choristers interested in pursuing medals and ribbons. They sing as prepared at the 10:30 service. Special services are announced. The director of the Choristers is Philip Newton, Director of Music Ministries.

Additional opportunities for Choristers include participating in the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCM) curriculum (*Voice for Life*) and summer course (Charlotte 6/25-7/2/2017), as well as local summer choir camps and group field trips to special performances (11-12 March 2017, Nashville Chorister Festival; 1-2 April, Chattanooga-area Chorister's Evensong, hosted this year by St. Timothy's). Many of these activities include combining forces with choirs in Chattanooga.

## ST. TIMOTHY'S SCHOLA

*St. Timothy's youth singing and advanced ringing choir*

(ages 13+, grades 8+)

Meets Sundays in the Choir Room and Nave, 1:30-2:30 p.m., or as fits the schedule of active teens! Flexibility is the key with this group, including those who just ring and those who just sing.

The Schola rehearses each week (except during school breaks and high holy days), 9/7-4/26. They sing/ring as prepared at the 10:30 service. They may also participate in the choral events above and with the adult choir on Christmas Eve and for the Chattanooga-area adult Evensong on 26 February 2017. The repertoire includes classical and world music, serious and fun. RSCM opportunities are provided for this choir as well. Membership is open to younger boys with changed voices; please inquire. We also practice small ensemble handbell ringing (duets to quartets). Philip Newton is the director.

*Our younger children's choirs utilize a unique sacred music and movement curriculum called God's Children Sing, which nurtures faith development as well as basic music concepts such as tuneful singing and a sense of steady beat. We will be doing activities that encourage family involvement and an appreciation of the natural world surrounding us. Through song, stories, playing instruments, movement activities, and moments of worship in each lesson, children grow in their awareness of God's love for them and for all creation.*

Sharon Dunn on the curriculum used with the Pre-School Choir and Young Singers/Ringers



## ST. TIMOTHY'S RINGERS

*St. Timothy's youth handbell choir*

(ages 8-12, grades 3-7)

May include older/younger children, depending on maturity and interest; please inquire.

Meets Wednesdays in the Nave, 5:00-5:45 p.m.

The Ringers rehearse each week (except during school breaks and high holy days), 9/7-4/26. New ringers will be provided an orientation session prior to joining the choir. They ring as prepared at the 10:30 service. The director of the Ringers is Philip Newton.

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## Children's Choirs

**2016-2017**

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# Rationale for St. Timothy's Children's Choirs

When children sing, the purity of their uplifted voices opens the hearts of all who listen. Music collects us, moves us, and unifies our hearts and minds to continue God's work in the world. For the children, and for us, long after the songs are finished, the music remains.

*Why music?* If our lives are busy, our children's may be busier. Between school and soccer, baseball and basketball, it's hard to carve out a spiritual niche for church. But we do it, sensing its importance for our children's connections to God. One of these bridges to a spiritual life can be reached through music. The mission of the music ministries at St. Timothy's involves bringing the experience of worship and the mystery of the liturgy to life through the magnificent music of our Anglican tradition.

*Rewards and Service* A richer sense of spiritual community comes to our young musicians not only through the music and the worship, but also through the bonds of friendship formed with each other over the course of time. Choir cultivates a sense of teamwork and spirit, personal and group responsibility. As we develop our music program, the congregation benefits by hearing more beautiful, more complex music. The children continually learn more challenging pieces. Worship becomes more inspiring, more involving. We find ourselves amazed and grateful to God for these gifts given to God and to the church, sung and rung with spirit and understanding.

A new project is currently underway to reveal the glories of Anglican music as we strive to inspire future generations. "Sacred Sound" will result in a documentary film. Video excerpts, providing testimony to the worthiness of this work, may be found at the movie's website: <http://sacredsoundmovie.com/video-gallery/>.

## Choirs and Rehearsals/Services

All children of St. Timothy's and Signal Mountain are invited to join our choir program. As a parent, you are making choices for your child's growth in cognitive thinking ability as well as choosing paths for a fulfilled life. Studies show that children who learn music develop higher cognitive functions more readily, and there are some areas that only music can develop. The music we explore comes from the best choral traditions and curriculums; it is challenging and well crafted. With it we expose our children to new worlds of sound and teach a discipline that will serve them well both in school and later during their careers. And, this education is completely *free!*

### PRE-SCHOOL CHOIR

*an introduction to singing, with movement and rhythm activities*

(ages 3-5\*, pre-school through Kindergarten)

Meets Wednesdays in Children's Choir Suite, 4:00-4:45 p.m. per "Term Schedule" (see below)

### YOUNG SINGERS/RINGERS

*an introduction to singing and ringing; rings hand-chimes, plays drums and rhythm instruments*

(ages 6-7\*, grades 1-2)

Meets Wednesdays in Children's Choir Suite, 5:00-5:45 p.m. per "Term Schedule" (see below)

\*Depending on maturity and experience, some younger or older children may be eligible for both choirs; please inquire.

These choirs are designed to lay a foundation of the love of music and ability to understand basic reading, rhythm, and pitch skills. No formal performing requirements are expected of these groups, although they may occasionally participate in musicals or services. The director of these choirs is Sharon Dunn.

The above choirs follow a term schedule as follows:

FALL—9/7-10/5 (5 sessions)

CHRISTMAS—10/19-11/16, 11/30-12/24 (9 sessions; concludes at Christmas Eve family service at 4 p.m. on 12/24)

WINTER—1/18-2/22, 3/4-5 (12 sessions, concludes with dinner theatre on 3/5)

## Children's Choir Response Form

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E-MAIL

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CHILD'S NAME/AGE/CODE\*

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\*Indicate choir choice by code above:

PSC—Pre-School Choir (ages 3-5)

YS/YR—Young Singers/Ringers (ages 6-7)

CHO—Choristers (ages 8-12)

STR—St. Timothy's Ringers (ages 8-12)

S—St. Timothy's Schola (teens)

Please return this form to the Music Department.

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