

Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church

Worship and Choir News



Everybody's Worship

You are invited to join us for our inaugural *Everybody's Worship* Service at 10am on October 1st. *Everybody's Worship* is an intergenerational service that will occur once a month or so. It will be led by Dr. Judson, Rev. Blair and our combined children's, youth

and adult choir. It will be a shorter service that engages the hearts, minds, senses and spirits of people of all ages. It will be different, and yet familiar. Mark your calendars for October 1st as we celebrate World Communion Sunday with our new *Everybody's Worship* format.

Children's and Youth Choirs Re-Envisioned

What's happening this fall with Children's Choirs?

Andrew Herbruck and Margaret (Maggie) Rees-Baker are teaming up to lead the **Carol Choir** (Grades K-2) and **Chapel Choir** (Grades 3-5). Both choirs will meet in New Song Studio at 4:45pm on Wednesdays starting September 13. For the first half hour of rehearsal we will all rehearse as one choir and work on a song. For the second half hour, Ms. Maggie will lead the Carol Choir in exploring instruments, music theory, and musical games. In the second half hour, Mr. Andrew will lead the Chapel Choir and teach them a song to sing with the combined Youth and Chancel Choir.

What's happening this fall with Youth Choir?

Andrew Herbruck will lead the **Youth Choir**, which will continue to meet on Sundays from 11:15am-12:15pm. We are relaunching the Youth Choir with the goal of establishing the best youth choir in Metro Detroit. With that goal in mind, each choir

member will have access to a free, weekly private voice lesson. There is a catch! There is now an expectation that Youth Choir become a weekly priority in the same way that playing lacrosse or soccer is a priority. What does that mean? We expect weekly attendance at rehearsal. If you can only commit to a few times a month, this is probably not the group for you. However, if you love to sing, want to be a part of a group that strives to be the best, or have more questions, please contact Andrew Herbruck at andrewherbruck@fpcbirmingham.org.

What about Music Makers?

Samantha Samuels will continue to lead **Music Makers** for Preschoolers on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:15pm in the Youth Room.

As we move in this new direction with new leadership for the children's and youth choirs, we want to especially thank Sue Kohns for her dedication to these choirs over the last eight years. Thanks, Sue, for sharing your gifts with us all.



Margaret (Maggie) Rees-Baker comes to us with many years of experience leading children's choirs in Troy, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Grosse Pointe Woods. Margaret is returning to the area after serving as the choral director at the prestigious Ashley Hall School in Charleston, South Carolina. After receiving her bachelor's degree in music from Wayne State University, Margaret has gone on to win many international vocal competitions. She has a passion for leading children's choirs and is thrilled to be a part of the staff of First Presbyterian Church.