

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church  
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Position Description  
Children's Choir Specialist

Overview: The Children's Choir Director works with three children's choirs, which are organized by age and support worship services from September through May.

- Joyful Noise is a 30-minute beginner level choir for ages 4 - 5. Through fun musical activities, movement, and simple songs, children explore their voices and learn the basics of singing alone and in a group, gaining a familiarity with Christian worship.
- Junior Choristers is a 30-minute beginner level voice choir for grades 1 - 3. Emphasis is placed on developing the fundamentals of singing and music theory, with a focus on learning about music in worship.
- Lewinsville Choristers is a 60-minute intermediate/advanced level choir for grades 4 - 12. The chorus learns repertoire appropriate for use in worship services and will be conducted primarily by the Director of Music, with assistance from the Children's Choir Specialist.

This part-time position requires approximately 10 hours per week, from September through May, including planning, rehearsal time and worship services.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Experience in children's choral conducting
- Demonstrated conducting skills and appropriate education
- Great understanding of vocal technique and children's vocal pedagogy
- Familiarity with Royal School of Church Music's Voices for Life regimented church chorister developmental program
- Kodaly and Orff training preferred, as church owns Orff instruments
- Familiarity with Protestant worship
- Keyboard skills

Responsibilities:

- Plan, select, and purchase choral music appropriate to each choir for the liturgical seasons
- Recruit members and teach choirs in weekly rehearsals
- Rehearse and direct choirs during Sunday worship when scheduled
- Assist with music in monthly family worship service on Sunday morning
- Maintain the children's music library
- Work within the church music budget
- Foster and engage Christian and musical development in children and families involved in Lewinsville's music program
- Coordinate all activities with the Director of Music, to whom the Children's Choir Specialist reports

#### Music Vision:

To glorify God in song and worship every Sunday with our best efforts towards reverent, worshipful, and inspiring music in Lewinsville's cultured tradition. We are a suburban family-first church that nourishes and provides musical and artistic outlets in a small group community, with a focus on fulfilling the church's mission. Through pastoral music ministry, growing and developing each of our choirs, attracting new members, and providing outreach to our community, the music ministry helps move our church forward and supports spiritual development.

#### Children's Music Vision:

- To educate children in music and liturgy
- To form and nurture their character and habit
- To lead the congregation in worship
- To enrich the cultural life of the community

Physical Demands: Movement appropriate for instructing and interacting with young children