

Perhaps you know someone who would like to join the First Choristers?

The First Choristers program gives boys and girls a special opportunity for developing the values of self-esteem, a positive attitude, respect, team spirit, discipline, and service to others. Making music at the highest level alongside adult singers, with professional, adult expectations, is the vehicle for developing these gifts. By the time of graduation, singers will have experience and confidence to meet many of the challenges of their future lives.

What a child can expect...

- Singing well is hard work, and also a lot of fun!
- You will make new friends who are as excited about music as you are.
- You will sing the world's greatest choral music in its original form with adult singers, not simplified versions for "children's choir."
- You will rehearse weekly and perform our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols in December. First Congregational Church, Bristol, is a beautiful, safe, inspiring place.



What a parent can expect...

- *Introductory participation.* Following a successful 15-minute audition, each new singer is admitted for a period of one month to be completely sure of readiness for the choir experience, and interest in continuing in the program. In this way, neither parent nor child should feel pressured into making a decision.
- *Brain Power!* The study of music stimulates and often dramatically improves a child's overall intellectual development and academic performance. A choral education teaches problem solving, spatial reasoning, cooperation, and an appreciation of excellence, along with patience.
- *Community.* Parents will find themselves part of an extended and vital "choir family," proud of the whole team's accomplishments.
- *Commitment.* The most important requirement after formal admission to the choir is an unwavering commitment of time: *steadfast attendance at rehearsals and concerts.* Schedules are published online well in advance (www.firstchoristers.org) and families are expected to plan around them. Absences are granted under special circumstances, except on dress rehearsal and concert dates.
- *Free.* Thanks to First Congregational Church and our generous supporters, there is no enrollment fee.

First Choristers is open to new members at any time. A boy or girl (grade 4 or higher) you know may be eligible for the opportunity of a lifetime! If you know a child who may be interested in this experience, please contact us. *You'll be glad you did.*

Audition Application and Schedule: www.firstchoristers.org

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Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 4, 3pm

Weekly Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 18.
Grade 4 and up Schedule an audition now!

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Join us for our third season!