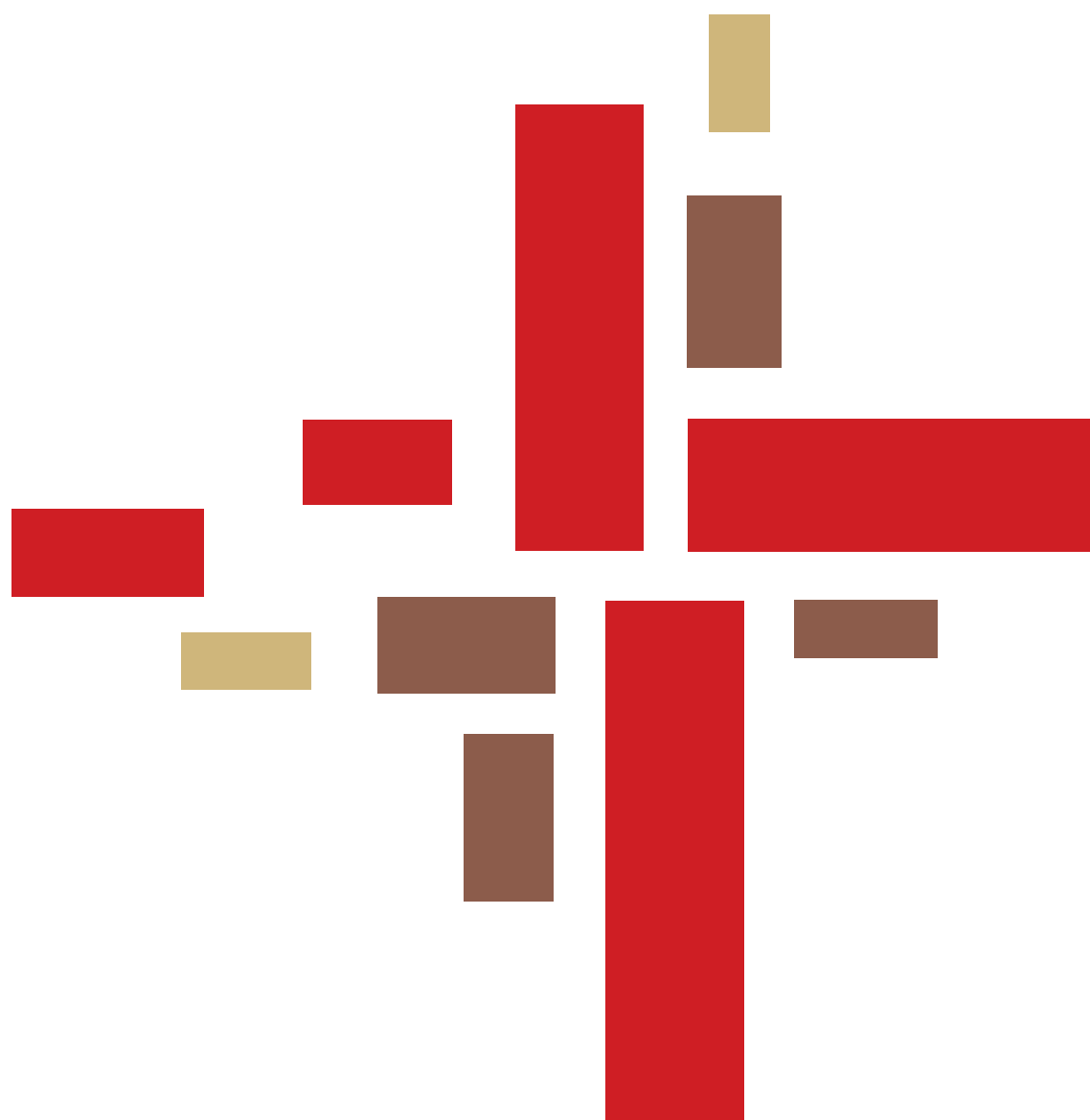


Cherub Choir

The Church of St. John the Divine



2026-2027



"I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

1 Corinthians 14:15

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Mission Statement

At St. John the Divine we are striving to foster and strengthen a lifelong appreciation for music in children and adults - cradle to grave. SJD Choristers will apply the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) *Voice for Life* Curriculum, beginning with ages 3-18 with the goals:

- to teach and guide children and youth in sacred, choral and worship music to sing for JOY and all to God's Glory,
- to encompass pedagogy, theory, and liturgy into the program for age appropriateness,
- to work in conjunction with Children, Youth and Family Ministries,
- to pass on a love and appreciation of Anglican worship and to sing intergenerationally with the SJD Chorale in the Anglican Cathedral tradition in addition to other styles of sacred music.

Guidelines

Attendance

Commitment to regular attendance is essential and expected for the success and formation of our Cherubs. Young children thrive from consistency. Please email Ms. Anna or Ms. Rebecca at least one week in advance for any absence. For a last-minute unexpected absence, please email or text.

Drop-off/Pick-up and Safety

To ensure the safety of each cherub, please drop off and pick up your cherub promptly before and after each rehearsal. Punctual pick up is especially important as other rehearsals follow. **If your child arrives more than 10 minutes before the start of rehearsal, an adult from their family must supervise them.**

While there is no childcare on Tuesdays, parents and guardians are welcome to supervise children at the church. Room L20 is available during rehearsals as a "quiet room" for homework and other activities. The play pit in the Atrium and First Steps playground are also available for children under the supervision of a parent or guardian. **When playing in the Atrium, please be mindful of noise levels as this is still a workplace on Tuesday afternoons.**

Dress Code

For traditional services, Cherubs wear "Sunday Best" attire under their Cherub Smock. For Awesome Worship services, Cherubs wear their red SJD Choristers t-shirt and dark bottoms. For all services, please make sure hair is combed and pulled back off their face.

SJD Chorister Program Weekly Schedule

Tuesday Rehearsals:

The Cherub Choir: age 3- Kindergarten

Choir C **2:40 - 3:10 PM**

Choir A **3:15 - 3:45 PM**

Choir B **4:00 - 4:30 PM**

The Preparatory Choir: 1st- 3rd Grade **4:45 - 5:30 PM**

Wednesday Rehearsals:

SJD Choristers: 4th- 12th Grade **5:30 - 6:30 PM**

Important Dates - Fall & Christmas 2026

Saturday, August 22

Cherub Choir Open House

Come meet your choir teachers, have a snack and play some musical games!

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Tuesday, September 8

Back to Choir! Rehearsals begin!

2:40 - 3:10 PM - Choir C

3:15 - 3:45 PM - Choir A

4:00 - 4:30 PM - Choir B

Tuesday, October 13

No Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 27

Costume Parade!

2:40 PM Choir C drop off (regular time)

2:50 PM Cherub Choir C Parade

3:15 PM Choir A drop off (regular time)

3:25 PM Cherub Choir A Parade

4:00 PM Choir B drop off (regular time)

4:10 PM Cherub Choir B Parade

Sunday, November 15

Cherub Choir sings in Awesome!

9:15 AM service

8:40 AM Call

Tuesday, November 24

No Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, December 20

Cherubs Choir sings in the Church

9:00 AM or 11:15 AM service

Call for 9:00 AM is 8:25 AM

Call for 11:15 AM is 10:40 AM

Sign-up to be sent prior to services. Space at each service is limited. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Awesome Worship

11:00 AM service

10:30 AM call

Christmas Eve Traditional Worship

3:00 PM service

2:30 PM call

We will offer two opportunities to sing on Christmas Eve. Space at each service is limited, and sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For all families with a sibling in the Preparatory Choir or SJD Choristers, your Cherub will sing at the Traditional Service at 3:00. More information to come.

Important Dates - Winter and Spring 2027

Tuesday, January 5

Rehearsals Resume at 2:40 PM, 3:15 PM, & 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 10

**** “Festival of Lights” Durham Fundraiser Concert ****
All choirs will participate. More information to come.
6:00 PM concert
Call TBD

Sunday, February 21

Cherub Choir sings in the Church
9:00 AM or 11:15 AM service
Call for 9:00 AM is 8:25
Call for 11:15 AM is 10:40
Sign-up to be sent prior to services. Space at each service is limited. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tuesday, March 9

No Rehearsal for Spring Break!

Sunday, March 21

Palm Sunday Services
9:00 AM or 11:15 AM service
Call for 9:00 AM is 8:25 AM
Call for 11:15 AM is 10:40 Am
Sign-up to be sent prior to singing. Space at each service is limited. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tuesday, March 23

Holy Week - No Cherub rehearsal

Tuesday, April 20

Final Cherub Rehearsal and Celebration

Sunday, April 25

All Cherubs sing in the Church
9:00 AM service
8:20 AM call

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) Concerts

ROCO is proud to offer ROCOrooters during and after their performance at SJD! This program offers engaging music lessons and activities with our teachers, a trip into the concert hall to hear one piece live, and pizza and movies with 5 hours of childcare under the supervision of certified and bonded childcare professionals. We encourage you to take advantage of this incredible musical resource in our community!

Cost is \$65 per child, and you can register at www.rococo.org/rocorooters.

Saturday, September 26

Concert: “Eyes on the Horizon”

4:30 - 5:00	Child Drop-off @ SJD Reception Desk
5:00	Concert @ SJD
10:00	Child Pick-up @ SJD Parlor

Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants
who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts
we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.