WELCOME TO JOYFUL SOUND

La Jolla Presbyterian Church September 2016 Kathy Fait, Director 619-871-7935

Membership- All children in Grades 2-5 or 6 who enjoy singing are welcomed to join "Joyful Sound." It is our goal to disciple children through the use of quality music, Scripture memorization and hymn singing.

Rehearsals- Rehearsals are on Sundays from *9:30-10:15 am in room CE23. *Treats are given to those who are on time.

<u>Attendance</u>- The Choir is a singing team, and like any team, every member is important. We learn a new anthem every 4 weeks, so I need your child's presence at every rehearsal. Sick children may be excused by emailing me. If you know you will be out of town on a Sunday, please let me know in advance. **The rehearsal** the week before we sing in worship is MANDATORY in order to sing in church. (Call me to discuss special circumstances) See calendar on website for special rehearsals or changes in regular schedule.

Parent Observers can be a distraction to the director or the children. You may watch an occasional rehearsal by arranging it with the director in advance. If your child has trouble adjusting to choir, you are welcome to stay and *participate* in the rehearsal.

Sunday School- After choir, your child will be taken to Sunday School from 10:15-11:00. If you are picking your child up at 10:15, you MUST come into the choir room and sign them out.

Parent Volunteers are an integral part of a successful choir program. I need helpers for robing, refreshments, and escorting children. Please sign up at the parent meeting or at choir rehearsal.

Singing in Worship- The children will be singing in worship at all 3 services on these Sundays:

Nov. 6, Nov. 27, Feb. 5, March 19, and April 9 (Palm Sunday)

See calendar for schedule on "Singing Sundays" (please don't call them "performances." We are leading the congregation in worshipping God.)

Special Concerts (Save the Date):

Christmas Concert- Sunday Dec. 11 4:00 pm (rehearsal Saturday Dec. 10 in the morning)

Christmas Eve Dec. 24- 5:00 service "Sing for the King": May 7, 2017

<u>Robes-</u>All choir members will be assigned a robe to wear when singing in church. It is your responsibility to keep it clean. Machine wash in cold water and tumble dry. Do not dry clean or iron. Please wash your robe as soon as you receive it, at the end of the year, and whenever it has stains. Collars are DRY CLEAN ONLY.

<u>Choir Awards</u>- At the end of their first year, children are given a pendant to wear when we sing in worship. Each subsequent year, the child receives a pin to add on the ribbon. Pins are not given automatically- they must be EARNED each year. Your child may not miss more than 3 "Singing Sundays" or concerts, or more than SIX unexcused rehearsals. Excused absences for illness, family emergency or travel must be phoned in to me in advance or immediately following the missed rehearsal. (NOTE: Birthday parties, soccer games, and other "choices" will not be considered an excused absence.)

Website- http://ljpres.org/childrensyouth-choral-ministries/ Please check it often for calendar updates, links to our anthems, etc.

