WELCOME TO SONSHINE SINGERS

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

Membership- All children in Grades K-1 or 2 who enjoy singing are welcomed to join "Sonshine Singers." This introductory choir teaches basic music fundamentals and using our voices properly to glorify God.

Rehearsals- Rehearsals are on Sundays from 10:45-11:15 am in room CE23. Children will be taken back to room CE22 at 11:15 for pick up.

<u>Attendance</u>- In order for your child to feel comfortable singing in worship, they need to be confident that they know the music. Please plan to attend every rehearsal unless you are ill or out of town. Sick children may be excused by e-mailing 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 for special rehearsals or changes in regular schedule.

Parent Observers can be a distraction to the director or the children. If your child has trouble adjusting to choir, I encourage you to stay and *participate* in the rehearsal with your child until they feel comfortable.

Sunday School-. When you check your child in for Sunday School, be sure to check the box for "choir" on the sign-in sheet. Your child will be escorted to choir at 10:45 am, and back at 11:15 am.

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 Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Feb. 5, 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 Eve, Dec. 24- 5:00 service "Sing for the King": May 7, 2017

Robes- 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.

