

We look forward to experiencing the coming season with all of you, and want to be sure you are well-informed of special events and schedule/location changes through the end of the year. Please do all you can to use this information to your advantage and prepare ahead of time. You will also be receiving emails with reminders of the schedule each week.

*If you are not currently receiving group emails from me, please let me know so we can ensure your child is registered.*

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION about December 18:**

*Even if your family won't be here on Christmas Eve, you are welcome to participate in our dress rehearsal festivities!*

- **Dress Rehearsal:** We run the whole service in order wearing robes and costumes. This rehearsal is very important for the children so that they can be comfortable singing in the Sanctuary and moving from place to place. **You are invited to view this rehearsal in the back or balcony of the Sanctuary.** *It is very important to keep extraneous movement and noise to a minimum! Childcare is available for little ones beginning at 4:15 p.m.*
- **Pictures:** Each group will have a designated time for pictures at the end of the dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary at which point you will be welcome to come down front to take pictures. Please remember not to share pictures of children other than your own on social media!
- **Luminaries:** At the conclusion of the dress rehearsal, when you pick up your child(ren), you'll be invited to take a battery-operated candle and bag to place in the garden as a luminary on your way to Hancock Hall.
- **Christmas Presents:** This is the night typically designated for the children to get their Christmas gifts from the Children's Music Ministry. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Children's Music Ministry in honor of your child's teacher(s), please email me at [sarah@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:sarah@athensfirstumc.org).
- **Family Christmas Meal:** We hope you'll join us for a special time together following the dress rehearsal. Look for a registration link in your email coming soon!

Please find included in this packet:

- **Christmas 2019 Calendar**
  - 3s, 4s, & K5s info
    - **On Track & Dance**
    - **Music & Movement**
    - **Sonshine Choir**
    - **Joy Choir**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades info
    - **Lyric Choir & Worship Arts (Chimes)**
    - **Celebrate Choir & Worship Arts (Chimes)**

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!



Director of Children's Music Ministry

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Save these 2020 dates in your calendar:

January 8	<b>Kids Music and Arts resumes</b>
February 23	<b>Children's Sunday   9:45 &amp; 11:00 worship</b>
April 22	<b>Spring Celebration</b>
June 2-4	<b>Music and Arts Week   For children who have finished grades K-4</b>

## Christmas 2019 Calendar

Dance, On Track, Music & Movement (3s), Sonshine Choir (4s/PreK), & Joy Choir (K5)

November 27 NO REHEARSALS (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday  
December 4 **Dance & On Track**  
**Regular schedule**

**Music & Movement, Sonshine Choir & Joy Choir**  
**Regular schedule**

Wednesday  
December 11 **Dance & On Track**  
**Regular schedule**

**Music and Movement, Sonshine Choir & Joy Choir**  
**Regular schedule**

Wednesday  
December 18  
Dress Rehearsal

**Dance & On Track**  
**NO CLASS**

**Music Explorers**  
**4:45 meet in Cornerstone classroom** (Room 247 next to Sanctuary/Hancock Street)  
**6:00 pick up in Sanctuary for pictures & lighting of the luminaries**  
**Christmas Family Meal** in Hancock Hall

**Sonshine Choir**  
**4:45 meet in Partners classroom** (Room 222 on Adult Sunday School Hallway)  
**6:00 pick up in Sanctuary for pictures & lighting of the luminaries**  
**Christmas Family Meal** in Hancock Hall following dress rehearsal

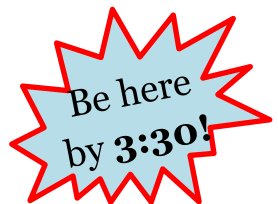
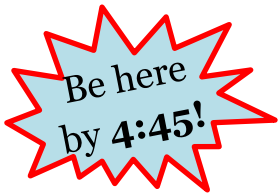
**Joy Choir**  
**4:45 meet in Temple classroom** in costume at drop-off (regular location)  
**6:00 pick up in Sanctuary for pictures & lighting of the luminaries** (take costumes home)  
**Christmas Family Meal** in Hancock Hall following dress rehearsal

Tuesday  
December 24  
Christmas Eve  
4:00 Children's Service

**Music Explorers**  
**3:30 p.m. meet in Cornerstone classroom**  
*Music Explorers will sing at the beginning of the service and be seated in the front with their families after they sing.*

**Sonshine Choir**  
**3:30 p.m. meet Partners classroom**  
*Sonshine Choir children will return to their families right after their part in the service. Parents can meet their children in the side aisle during the hymn following their part in the service.*

**Joy Choir**  
**3:30 p.m. meet in Temple classroom** in costume with neutral clothing underneath  
*Joy Choir will remain in the Nativity Scene until the end of the service. Please remain in the Sanctuary until the other choirs and congregation have cleared. You are welcome to take pictures and then return costumes to Temple classroom.*



## Christmas 2019 Calendar

Lyric (Grades 1 & 2) & Celebrate (Grades 3 & 4) Choirs & Worship Arts (Chimes)

November 27

NO REHEARSALS (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday

December 4

**Altered schedule**

### Lyric Choir & Chimes

**4:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal** in Children's Choir room

**5:00-5:10 p.m. Combined Rehearsal with Celebrate Choir** in Sanctuary

**5:10-5:40 p.m. Chimes Rehearsal** in Sanctuary and Cornerstone rooms

**5:40-6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols** in Sanctuary

*Dismiss from Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.*

### Celebrate Chimes & Choir

**4:30-5:00 p.m. Chimes Rehearsal** in Sanctuary

**5:00-5:10 p.m. Combined Rehearsal with Lyric Choir** in Sanctuary

**5:10-5:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal** in Children's Choir room

**5:40-6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols** in Sanctuary

*Dismiss from Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.*

Sunday

December 8

**Lessons & Carols**

### Lyric Choir & Celebrate Choir

**9:00 a.m.** robing & warm-up in Hancock Hall

**9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. sing in worship**

*Pick up in Hancock Hall following the 11:00 service*

Wednesday

December 11

**Altered schedule**

### Lyric Choir & Chimes

**4:30-5:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal** in Children's Choir Room

**5:00-5:30 p.m. Chimes rehearsal** in Sanctuary

**5:30-6:00 p.m. Tech rehearsal** in Sanctuary

*Dismiss from Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.*

### Celebrate Chimes & Choir

**4:30-5:00 Chimes rehearsal** in Sanctuary

**5:00-5:30 Choir rehearsal** in Children's Choir Room

**5:30-6:00 Tech rehearsal** in Sanctuary

*Dismiss from Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

December 18

**Dress Rehearsal**

### Lyric Choir & Chimes

**4:30 Dress rehearsal** in Sanctuary

**6:00 Pick up in Sanctuary for pictures & lighting of the luminaries**

**Christmas Family Meal** in Hancock Hall following dress rehearsal

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Tuesday

December 24

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00 Children's Service**

### Lyric Choir & Chimes

**3:00 p.m.** meet in Sanctuary

*Pick up in Children's Choir Room following the service*

### Celebrate Chimes & Choir

**3:00 p.m.** meet in Sanctuary

*Pick up in Children's Choir Room following the service*

