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Now accepting singers

grades 6 -12 for the fall 2010.
Call 847-255-5900
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Dear Singer :

I am Ken Whitney, Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church Arlington Heights. It with great excitement that I share with you the Westminster Youth Chorale, and how you can be selected for this ensemble, beginning this fall. The Westminster Youth Chorale is First Presbyterian's newest choir, featuring selected singers from grades 6-12. Members learn and perform outstanding music for concert and worship performances. The Chorale sings a repertoire of all styles and genres, including works by master composers, multicultural music, gospel, vocal jazz, etc. Singers at this level work to develop a wider vocal range and a more mature tone, and develop strong habits of teamwork and performance style.

Interested children entering grades 6-12 need to audition with me, director of the WYC. The purpose of the audition is to place singers in the appropriate vocal section. First, we ask you a bit about yourself. Then, we have you sing ascending and descending scales with the piano to check your singing range—this means how high and low you can sing. You'll sing the first stanza of a familiar song. You'll read a poem or paragraph we give you so we can hear your speaking voice. You'll echo sing melodic and rhythmic patterns, answer some music theory questions, and sight-read melodic and rhythmic patterns--don't worry if you don't know how to read music. We will teach you this in choir! You do NOT need to bring a prepared song or an accompanist. If you have a song that you would like to sing for us, we will be glad to hear it, but this is strictly optional. Our goal is to make you feel at ease in your audition, and determine which choir would benefit you most as a singer. *Please fill out the enclosed form, or contact Ken Whitney at 847-255-5900 to schedule your audition.*

The Westminster Youth Chorale sounds like a fun and exciting opportunity. But, participation will mean a lot of hard work. With hard work comes the fun of working together with directors and singers, and bringing to life beautiful music. I am asking you to consider this invitation seriously, knowing that you will feel encouraged to do your best the minute you start your first rehearsal.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Whitney

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