



2023-2024  
Handbook & Rehearsal Schedule  
Youth Choir

## **96:ONE Participants and Families,**

We are **SO** excited that you'll be joining us this year as part of RPC's very own youth choir! The choir has really grown in numbers over the last few years and having you with us will only make us better! This We look forward to sharing our music ministry literally inside and outside of the walls of the church.

96:ONE gets it's name from Psalm 96:1, "Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth." The name is fitting for this group as we strive to bring a new song with vibrant, youth voices to participate in our worship services, serve our community through mission, and travel on our annual Choir/Mission tour in June. The group consists of youth (RPC members **AND** visitors) grades 6-12, and it represents students from all different schools around the area.

Each scheduled rehearsal Sunday, we'll meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the choir room where we'll learn about what it takes to sing as a unified group, be leaders of worship, and just enjoy our time together. We will also have times outside of our normal rehearsal where we will get together to strengthen our friendships and grow as a group.

We **LOVE** to encourage those of you who play instruments to share your gifts with us and try to find music that will give you an opportunity to share in worship and on tour.

We look forward to spending this school year with you "making a joyful noise" unto the Lord as we contribute to the music and worship of RPC.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have! We'd love to hear from you **AND** bring a friend!!

Thanks!

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### Fall 2023 Rehearsal Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun. Aug 20	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Aug 27	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Sept 10	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Sept 17	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Oct 1	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Oct 8	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Oct 15	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Oct 22	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Oct 29	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Nov 5	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Nov 12	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Nov 26	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Dec 3	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
<b>Sat. Dec 9</b>	9:30-10:15AM	Glory of Christmas rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. Dec 17	4:00-6:00PM	Caroling Party	TBD

### 2024 Rehearsal Schedule:

Sun. Jan 21	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Jan 28	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Feb 4	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Feb 11	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Feb 18	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. Feb 25	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. March 10	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. March 17	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. March 24	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. April 14	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. April 21	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. April 28	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. May 5	4:00-5:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. May 19	12:30-2:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Sun. June 2	12:30-2:00PM	96One Youth Choir	Choir room
Wed. June 5	6:00PM	Choir tour dinner	Alderman Hall
Wed. June 5	7:00PM	Choir tour concert	Historic Sanctuary
Thurs. June 6-Sun June 9		Choir tour	

### Fall 2023 Singing Schedule:

Sun. Oct. 22	11:00AM	Worship service	Sanctuary
Sun. Dec 10	11:00AM	Worship service	Sanctuary
Sun. Dec 10	4:00PM (3:00 call)	Glory of Christmas concert	Sanctuary

### 2024 Singing Schedule:

Sun. March 24	11:00AM	Worship service	Sanctuary
Sun. May 12	11:00AM	Worship service	Sanctuary

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

-We will carefully monitor and comply with all RPC safety protocols in regards to COVID 19.

## Attendance

The musical quality of our presentations and the morale of the choir depend upon regular attendance at rehearsals, worship services and concerts by all choir members. An effective program can be no better than the record of each member. Therefore, we expect active and consistent rehearsal participation in order to attend the Summer Mission/Choir Tour. We trust that you will value 96:ONE as much as we do and understand why we think having this attendance policy is important. We understand that many of you have other activities throughout the year and we are supportive of these. If you have a conflict with rehearsals, please see us and we can talk through options. Please let us know in advance that you will be unable to attend a rehearsal or worship. You can email or text us.

You do not have to have any experience to participate in our choir nor do you have to audition. We encourage you to come and visit and see how you like it. We will teach you how to read music, sing, and just HAVE FUN!!!

## Music Assignments

Each member will be assigned a packet of music and a black folder. Please treat your music and folder with care; it is yours for the full year. The choir parent and/or the librarian will assist you if you are having problems with your music or don't have what you need. All folders are numbered and should be kept in order. Music may be taken home, but it is your responsibility to bring your music folder to all rehearsals, concerts and worship services. Students will be charged a fee of \$20 for music and folders that are not returned at the end of the year.

In the event that your entire packet of music is missing, please make an announcement to the choir – someone may have taken your folder by accident. Do not "borrow" from someone else's folder.

## Rehearsal Procedures

Rehearsals take place in the Adult Choir Room and begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. Please try to be on time as it affects the entire choir when people come in late or are not there for the entire rehearsal. In the event that it is necessary for you to arrive late, please find your chair as quickly as possible. Remember, while lateness is not encouraged, it is far better to come late than not to come to rehearsal at all.

Make sure that you have a pencil in your folder. Marking your music is an important part of the rehearsal, and it is essential to the anthem being uniform during worship. Please do not use ink to mark music.

We have a "No CELL ZONE" policy in choir. We will store cell phones during rehearsal. I promise, you will be OK!

Once the rehearsal has begun, please wait for appropriate times to talk to your neighbor. Let's save fellowship for fellowship time and rehearsal for rehearsal time.

If a rehearsal needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, we will send out texts and emails. Please, however, use your best judgment about traveling in bad weather if the rehearsal is not cancelled.

Additional rehearsals could be added to the schedule as we get closer to the tour date.

## Sunday Morning Procedures

96:ONE always sings for either the 10:45 or 11:00 a.m. Worship services. We will stick to the calendar we gave you 99% of the time. On those mornings, please arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. You need to have your music, your bulletin, and hymns ready to go at that point and dressed in appropriate attire.

Please remember that we are worship leaders, the choir is expected to set the tone for worship. Remember you are on display in front of the entire congregation – so be conscious of how you act and sit. When singing hymns, your face should reflect the music. Let's sing out with JOY!!! (not a frown or through yawns)

We would like you to make plans to stay for the entire hour of worship, but if you must exit before it is over, please wait until a prayer or hymn as not to disturb the congregation. Also, if you are planning to leave early, you must talk to Betsy or John for prior approval.

Following worship, please remove your bulletin and place in the recycle box or trash located in the Adult Choir Room and return your folder to its appropriate slot.

Since seating is very close and some individuals are allergic to perfumes/colognes, it is requested that no heavy perfumes or colognes be worn to rehearsals, worship services, or concerts. Our motto... **"Don't smell GOOD, or BAD!"** Your understanding and cooperation in this area is greatly appreciated.

## Tour

Each year, 96:ONE tours a few nights during June, 2023 was the Birmingham Alabama area. We call this a choir/mission tour because we believe that we can spread God's word through not only our music but with the gifts of our time and hard work. Cost will be made available for the tour closer to time. We will have tour informational meetings closer to the tour dates. Tour scholarships may be available as well.