



VILLAGE CHURCH  
Music Ministry

# VILLAGE VOICES

*A youth choir*

engaging students  
in a sacred choral experience



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## Who we are

### Our mission

Village Voices seeks to provide a unique musical opportunity for middle and high school students at Village Church. Singing helps us connect with our faith and with a community of singers. We form strong bonds both with each other and with the church.

### Who can join

Village Voices exists as one of several choral ensembles active in the music ministry at Village Church. Village Voices is a non-auditioned choral ensemble open to any interested student in grades 7-12. No prior singing experience is necessary, though pitch-matching and some basic musical knowledge is encouraged.

# Our goals



To enrich the faith experience by *exploring texts* that teach, challenge and inspire youth



To present *high-level* sacred music in the context of both worship and performance



To inspire youth to a standard of musical and *personal excellence*, challenging them to present their fullest commitment to the glory of God



To develop *stewardship* of time and talents through regular participation in rehearsals, performance and worship leadership



To facilitate a structured learning environment to encourage excellent *musicianship* and artistry, developing skills in sight singing, music theory and voice



To celebrate *inclusion and diversity* in a welcoming and safe environment



Students are encouraged to sign up over the summer for the upcoming season. Interested students can sign up by visiting the link or by contacting the director.

## How to join

## A typical season

runs from late August through May.  
Weekly rehearsals are 5-6:30 p.m.  
on Sunday evenings.

### Performance opportunities



#### *Home*

- Monthly worship services at Village Church
- Special services and concerts such as Youth Sunday, Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve



#### *Community*

- Collaborations with local professional singers and instrumentalists
- Recording projects



#### *Beyond KC*

- Local, regional, national and international tours

### Other activities

- Fall and spring retreats with guest conductors
- Day trips to Louisburg Cider Mill, Nelson-Atkins Museum, bowling, mini golf and movie nights





# A note from the director

**Dear singers and parents,**

I am beyond thrilled to be the director of Village Voices youth choir here at the Village Church Mission Campus. We are a dynamic group of middle and high school singers who love music and connecting with each other through faith and song. Village Voices has been an important part of the music ministry at Village Church since its inception. Countless students have participated in the choir over the years. Many of these students have gone on to pursue degrees in music or ministry and continued to participate in choral ensembles and music programs after high school.

It is my goal to offer a unique musical, social and spiritual experience for each singer, beginner or experienced. Singers in Village Voices are immersed in a world of high-level sacred choral music through regular rehearsal and performance. The program is also committed to developing and honing students' singing and music reading skills. All of these experiences are further augmented by frequent social and team-building activities, including retreats, trips and collaborations with other ensembles and professional musicians.

I hope you or your student will consider joining this vibrant, inclusive and enriching experience at Village Church.

Be yourself. Belong.  
Raise your voice.

**Sincerely,**  
**Josh**





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