



First Steps in Music

First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW!

- * Semesters will run for 10 weeks, once in the fall, and once in the spring
- * Class size is limited to 8-10 parents/children with a minimum of 4 registrations for a class to form.
- * Class length is 20-30 minutes
- * Regular attendance is key to the quality of your experience
- * Classes will be separated into walkers and non-walkers

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE "FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC" CURRICULUM

- * Based on folk and traditional songs and rhymes because of their natural melodic expressiveness, natural flow of the language, and texts filled with wonder
- * Based on extensive early childhood research related to the development of:
 1. music intelligence and singing skills
 2. sensitivity to the beat and expressive movement
 3. musical memory
 4. neurological connections
- * Most singing will be unaccompanied – the best way for babies to hear!

GOALS FOR CHILDREN

- *Quality time with a loving parent/grandparent
- *Experience activities that will prepare them for the later development of:
 1. accurate singing and rhythmic skills
 2. sensitivity to the expressive qualities of music

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

- *Parents/grandparents must participate in all activities! The classes are for you to learn the activities as well as for the children's enjoyment.
- *Children are often unresponsive in class and participate more freely at home between classes. This is normal! You should learn the activities during class time so you can share them with your child during more receptive times at home.
- *Children who are walkers may roam during class as long as they do not divert other children's attention.
- *Occasionally invite a roaming child back to the group, but do not force the child to participate.
- *Try not to talk to other parents once class has begun. Focus on your child.
- *Do not compare one child's reactions to another's. Children develop at different rates. Later development is sometimes better!





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REGISTRATION FORM

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Child's Name: _____ Age ____ Months Walker Non-Walker

Special Needs: _____

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number at Home: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am registering myself and my child for the following class:

Sundays, 4:45 – 5:10 p.m. (For Non-Walkers)

Sundays, 5:30 – 5:55 p.m. (For Walkers)

Thursdays, 4:45 – 5:10 p.m. (For Non-Walkers)

Thursdays, 5:30 – 5:55 p.m. (For Walkers)

Check here if childcare is needed for a sibling during class time.

_____ Age of Sibling(s)

Bring this form to the Church office or mail it to:

First Presbyterian Church, 393 E. Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917