

*Welcome to  
First Friends Dance Studio  
Simply Praising Jesus Through Dance*

*2026 Winter/Spring Session*

*Session Dates: February 16, 2026 - May 6, 2026  
Dress Rehearsal Friday, May 8, 2026 - Times TBA  
Recital Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ 2:00pm*

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.**  
Psalm 150:6

*Some important information:*

- \* This is a 12 week session. Students will learn a longer piece, to be shared at our spring festival.
- \* We are able to order uniform pieces through Revolution Dancewear. Measurements and orders will be taken at the parent meeting. Orders should be in by the first class. If they haven't arrived yet, black leggings and a black top and bare feet are fine for the first class. We will have a small amount of inventory available for purchase throughout the session (extra tights & leos). We understand that tights get holes and kids grow!
- \* Ballet and Hip Hop classes will have a costume fee of \$25 per child. Costumes will be yours to keep.
- \* Family and friends are invited to attend your/ your child's performance at the end of the session.  
There is no cost for admission. There will be a light reception following the show.  
Please let us know if there are any food allergies in your family.
- \* Any student that misses three or more classes will have to be evaluated by their teacher to determine performance readiness. While we are not performance based, the students should have a good understanding of the routine and basic skills learned in order to feel comfortable on stage.

All classes will be held at First Friends Church in rooms L1, L2, & L3  
(to the left when you enter through the main doors).  
Please arrive 5-10 minutes before class so we can begin promptly.  
In case of inclement weather, we will send out a text, an email, and the information will be posted online.  
Decisions to cancel class will be made *at least* an hour before class begins.

*Class Dress Requirements:*

**Hip Hop and Flag:**

- \*Easy to move in clothing
- \*No words or illustrations on the derriere
- \*Shirts must cover midriff when arms are raised, wide strapped tank tops are ok
- \*Students with long hair must pull it back
- \*Hip Hop students must wear sneakers
- \*New flag students will be required to purchase a flag pole and silk and will be responsible for transporting it to and from class. The equipment is yours to keep.

**Ballet:**

- \*Black Leotard (long sleeve, short sleeve or tank style - NO spaghetti straps, please..)
- \*Pink Tights
- \*Black Skirt (separate skirt or attached to the leo is fine, whichever you prefer)
- \*Pink Ballet Slippers
- \*5&6 - hair pulled back off the face.
- \*7 & up - hair in a ballet bun.

**Instructors:**

Deanna Schmucker - Hip Hop

Erica Fill - Flag

Alyssa Serri - Creative Movement/Ballet 1 - (ages 7&8) and Ballet 2 (9+)

Karilyn Goff - Creative Movement/Ballet 1 (ages 5&6)

Jocelyn Fill - Hip Hop Assistant

Diana Hodges - Ballet 1 Assistant (5&6)

Doris Weil - Ballet 1 Assistant (7&8)

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