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n.

A cleric who directs the choral services of a church or cathedral.

[Latin *praecentor*, from *praecentus*, past participle of *praecinere*, to sing before : *prae-*, pre- + *canere*, to sing; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

pre'cen-to ri-al (prĕ'sĕn-tôr ē-əl) *adj.*

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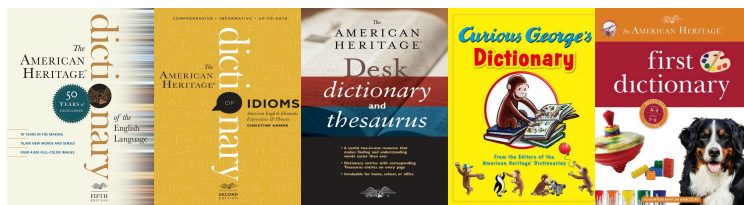
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