

Special Events & SundayEvents

Christmas Eve

A service for young children and their families is at 2:00 PM. A Nativity play is presented by fifth graders, and all children's choirs sing. Children are invited to bring canned food for Second Harvest Food Bank to present at the manger as their offering.

Easter Egg Hunt

Each year on the Saturday before Holy Week the church hosts an Easter Egg Hunt here on the playgrounds. We provide bags to gather eggs and lots of goodies to hunt along with some other fun activities. This is for ages two – fourth grade.

NaCoMe

Each April, we gather at NaCoMe for an all church retreat. All ages are welcome for a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship and learning.

FaithWorks

This is a day of service with the whole congregation for families to serve together in the community. Younger children participate in projects at church.



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Children's Ministry
Preschool

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Westminster offers Sunday School for all children age two through the sixth grade from 9:45 am to 10:45 AM every Sunday.

NURSERY

Infant and toddler care is available during the Sunday School hour. Care is provided by trained, employed staff members.

PRESCHOOL

Curriculum for our twos and threes preschool classes is the Spark curriculum published by Augsburg press. Every lesson is based on a Bible passage, and content and activities are appropriate for each stage of faith, physical, and emotional development. It is lectionary based. Our fours and pre-kindergarten children are using the same curriculum as last year written by Pam Koban, Ann Neely and Sophie Maness. These classes will be using the book *The Storybook Bible Growing in God's Love*. All teachers are teams of volunteers.

WORSHIP

During Worship, childcare is provided for all preschool children during both worship services. We welcome all children to worship, and we expect that when children are in first grade, they will begin to worship regularly with their families. WORSHIP BAGS, located in baskets just outside the Sanctuary doors, are available for children. Each bag contains some paper, a pencil, and crayons. Families are encouraged to pick up a worship bag for each child when entering the Sanctuary before the service and to return the bags to the baskets following worship, taking with you your child's drawings.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT

Acknowledging our call to ministry with children, we work:

- To nurture children in the faith,
- To strengthen their ties with the household of God,
- To share the heritage of the Christian faith and the Presbyterian Church (USA),
- To involve and support parents in the Christian education of their children,
- To be living examples of the Christian faith.

Understanding that children, too, are called to ministry, we work to provide opportunities for children:

- To develop community with one another,
- To use their talents for ministry to the congregation,
- To be involved in service and mission to the global community,
- To share and be joyful about their learnings and their faith.

Safe Sanctuary

The Session, acting on the recommendation of the Safe Sanctuary Task Force and the Children's Committee, determined that everyone who teaches, coaches, advises, or works with our children and youth must complete an application form and an online training session with Safe Gatherings. Safe Sanctuary is our coordinated effort to protect the children and youth who participate in our programs from any form of sexual abuse.

NEW BABIES

Baptism

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we often baptize infants, but any age child or adult may be baptized. Parents of infants participate in a baptism seminar to help prepare them for this sacrament.

Baptism Seminars

The week before each baptism Sunday, the church offers a Baptism Seminar to go over the liturgy of the baptism and all the logistics for such a special occasion. This is a wonderful way for parents to get ready for this faith journey with their child.

New Baby Visits

After the arrival of your new family member, the church has some goodies for the baby and the parents to say welcome to the church. Sophie Maness, Executive Director of Family Ministry, will come to your home or invites you to stop by her office. It is a special time to answer any questions about the church nursery and just get to know our educator better.

