

Sunday School for Children

Christ Church offers Sunday School classes for children ages two (as of August 31) through fifth grade.

Location: Classrooms are located on the first and second floor of the Baker Wing. Nursery, two, three and four year olds on the first floor, kindergarten through fifth grade on the second floor.

The Sunday School hour is 10:10am – 10:50am (between the 9:00 and the 11:00 services).

Teachers: We have teams of loving, enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who teach our preschool and elementary Sunday School classes. All classes have at least 4 teachers; some classes have 5 or 6.

Sunday School Curriculum

2, 3 and 4 Year Olds— Our youngest members learn through play time, story-telling from the Old and New Testaments, art, music, and prayer. The goal our preschool curriculum written by a past member of Christ Church is “to help the child perceive church as a pleasant and secure place, to understand the immeasurable greatness of God’s love for His people, and to see himself as a child of God (and the apple of His eye).”

Kindergarten— The curriculum for kindergarten is *Godly Play*. *Godly Play* is a method of telling the stories of our Christian heritage using carefully chosen words and lesson pieces which capture the imagination of children. The children have the opportunity to respond to the stories through “wondering questions” and art work.

First Through Fifth Grades— *Weaving God’s Promises* — This curriculum was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. It builds faith foundations through lessons focused on

- *Holy Scripture*: the great stories of the Old and New Testaments.
- *The Church*: church history, seasons of the church year, church practices, use of The Book of Common Prayer, our Anglican and Episcopal tradition and the principal sacraments: Baptism and Holy Eucharist.
- *Christian Living*: practices of prayer, outreach and service, Christian ethics and contemporary issues.

First Grade Eucharist Instruction— For first graders we also incorporate a study of the Eucharist during the winter and spring which culminates with First Grade Communion

Special Children’s Ministry Events

Rally Sunday—The kickoff for a new Sunday School year— September 11, 2011

Halloween Supper and Carnival— Wednesday, October 26

Heifer Project -Children’s Advent and Christmas Outreach—Kickoff - November 20

Advent Adventure — November 27, between services

An Evening with St. Lucia and St. Nicholas—dinner, carols and storytelling—Wednesday, December 7

Christmas Pageant—December 18, 5:00pm service

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—February 21

First Grade Communion Preparation – March 25, 9a service

Stations of the Cross for Children – March 28, 4– 4:45p

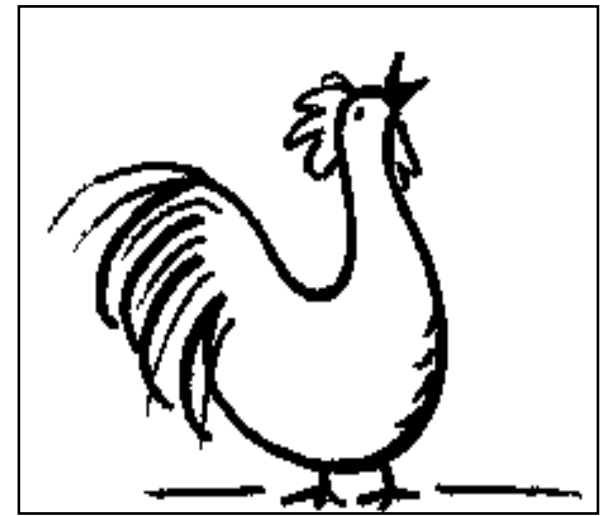
Maundy Thursday Program for Children and Bread Baking – April 5, 6:30p

Easter Egg Hunt - between services on Easter Sunday, April 8

Vacation Bible School—June 18—22

Christ Church Christmas Pageant

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant. This is a wonderful event in the life of the Sunday School and the church. Each child has a special role to play in presenting the greatest story ever told. 3 and 4 year olds play the role of angels, kindergarteners are stable animals, 1st graders are Heavenly Hosts, 2nd graders play the shepherds, 3rd graders are people of Bethlehem and Roman Guards, and 4th and 5th graders serve as narrators and lead characters. *This year’s Pageant will be on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00.*



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“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”
Luke 18:16

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite One, Chapel of the Annunciation

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, with Children’s and Youth Choirs, Church

10:10 AM

Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite One or Two, with Adult Choir, Church

5:00 PM

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two service of candlelight, prayer, and meditative music with instrumental accompaniment, Church

**Children are welcome at all services; the 9:00 service is especially appropriate for families with small children.*

Our goals for the children of Christ Church is that they understand

- that they are **known** by God and by their church family.
- that they are **loved** by God and by their church family.
- that they **belong** to God’s family and to the family of Christ



“Let us welcome the newly Baptized.”

One of the ways we celebrate the blessing of children is through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. At Christ Church there are designated Sundays during the year when Baptisms are celebrated, typically the second Sunday of the month. In the Episcopal Church there is no specific age at which you should have your child baptized, however, we have found that three to nine months of age seems to work well. When you are ready to plan for your child’s Baptism please call Lin Boyle at the Christ Church office (834-6259 x106). It is wise to call in advance since it can sometimes take as long as 3 months to get on the calendar.

Christ Church Nursery

Nursery and childcare is available from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm. The nursery at Christ Church, located on the first floor of the Baker Wing, provides a loving, safe and compassionate environment for infants (8 weeks) through four year olds during the 9:00 service and through 2nd grade during the 11:00 service. The paid nursery staff are the primary caregivers for the children using the nursery. Parents who have nursery age children are asked to volunteer in the nursery on a rotating basis.

Who Goes Where?

Infant Nursery: Infants 8 weeks and older until they are walking comfortably.

Toddler Nursery: Toddlers to 2 year olds.

Two Year Olds’ Classroom: Children who are 2 years old on or before August 31.

Three Year Olds’ Classroom: 3 year olds and 4 year olds during the 9:00 service and 3 year olds through 2nd graders during the 11:00 service.

Nursery Procedures

Fill out *registration card* for each child.

Complete the *sign-in/sign-out sheet*.

Label all of your child’s belongings. When you arrive at the nursery, please give the nursery staff *1 labeled sippy cup or bottle and 1 labeled diaper.* Leave the diaper bag in the hall.

Hand sanitizer is outside of each nursery room. Please use this on your child’s hands before entering the rooms.

Pagers are available to be check out by parents during the worship services. Please be sure to *return* them when picking up your child.

Please be willing to volunteer in the nursery.

Please leave sick children at home.

Tips for Dropping Off Your Child in the Nursery

Make your goodbye with your child quick.

Be positive with your child about the fun things they will do in the nursery.

Once you have said goodbye don’t come back to check on your child. Frequently children get upset when they see a parent before it is time to go home.

Relax and know that if there is a problem we will page you!

