

EMBRACING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: The Church's Role in Spiritual Formation

We recognize that children may be disruptive in “Big Church”—they wiggle, whisper, sing too loud, and might want to dance or color. And that’s okay. We’d rather create a warm, welcoming environment for the whole church family than aim for a perfectly calm service. Our goal is to follow Jesus’ example of including little children in worship.

Part of our commitment to generational faithfulness as a church means recognizing that children are an essential part of the church family. We are focusing our efforts during Kids Church on making space for them and helping them learn how to worship with the Body of Christ. Think about it: If a child only worships with children, and then only worships with other teenagers, and then only worships with other college students, what kind of worship have we modeled for our children? How do they learn to participate in worship as adults? Not only do they miss an opportunity to be spiritually formed by worshiping with the church, but we miss that same opportunity to be shaped by their presence.

Worship is formational for everyone present—from youngest to oldest—because God is present with us. Therefore we believe that children can and should participate with everyone else. You’ll be surprised by the conversations you can have with your children because of this shared experience.

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SUNDAYS

EARLY SERVICE

8:15–12:00 ♦ Nursery 0–24 months

8:15– 9:30 ♦ Preschool Childcare K2–K4

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 ♦ K2–Grade 5

This is the “hour of power” for your little ones. They will learn Bible truths, and worship together.

KIDS CHURCH

10:30–12:10 ♦ Kids Church K2–K5

Kids Church consists of an age-appropriate Bible lesson, worship, games, and crafts.

**1st-5th Grades attend the service with their families.*

WEDNESDAYS

EVENING MIDWEEK CLASSES

The children have their own midweek classes* tailored for their age and development.

6:00pm ♦ Doors open for Nursery–2nd grade

6:15–7:15pm ♦ Nursery & Preschool 0-3 years

6:15–7:15pm ♦ K4 & K5

Cherub Choir, followed by Bible study

6:15–7:15pm ♦ 1st & 2nd Grade

Bible study, followed by Carol choir

5:30-6:15pm ♦ 3rd-5th Grade

Covenant Choir

6:15–7:15pm ♦ 3rd–5th Grade

WOW Bible Study

**September – May*

ANNUAL EVENTS

Twos Blessing ♦ Take Me to the Cross

Father-Daughter Dance

Vacation Bible School ♦ Day Missions

Promotion Sunday ♦ Route 56

Family Advent Festival

Operation Christmas Child

FIRST PRES NURSERY SCHOOL

AUGUST–MAY

3 months – 2K

Mondays–Fridays, 9:00am–2:00pm

**Early and late stay options*

SUMMER @ 1ST

JUNE–JULY

3 months – 5K

Mondays–Fridays, 9:00am–2:00pm

WANT TO SERVE?

Sharing our faith with the next generation is a call and a privilege. Committed believers may serve on Sundays or Wednesdays in all age groups, from infants through 5th grade. For a full listing of roles and opportunities or to apply to serve, go to FirstPresGreenville.org/ministries/children

*Train up a child in the way he
should go, and when he is old
he will not depart from it.*

— PROVERBS 22:6 —