

# Welcoming Kids @



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**As Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as members of the body of Christ, and we love to have them in worship with us.** We trust you as parents to decide the best worship scenario for your child each week

*We know there are days when having children in worship presents unique challenges, but we believe their presence is worth it! A few tips for engaging with small children in worship include:*

- Greeting & learning the names of the young children who sit near you in worship.
- ♦ Offering to read, color, or participate with a child during worship, especially if another child in the family is fussy or upset.
- ♦ Helping preschoolers and elementary-age kids navigate the bulletin, find hymns, look up scripture, etc. (children learn by doing!)
- ♦ Inviting kids to serve alongside you in worship as greeters, ushers, etc.
- ♦ Recognizing that some children (and adults) may make noises or act in ways that seem strange or upsetting, but are perfectly normal for their situation.
- ♦ Celebrating that God put the wriggle in children, and that children's "mode of being" in worship is intrinsically more vocal and more physical than that of most adults.
- ♦ If you're a parent, try to find a place to sit where your child will be able to see and participate in what is going on.



## Kids Worship Station

Located in the back of the sanctuary, you will find bags containing crayons, themed coloring pages, Children's Bibles, and illustrated aids to help children engage in the service.

## Nursery

A well staffed nursery is available for children birth-age 4, and is located in the main hallway to the left of the restrooms. Parents may check their child into the nursery at **any point during the worship service** or **Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15)**. Please keep the security tag you receive at check-in, as our staff will collect it when you pick up your child.

## New City Kids Classes

During the **Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:15**, children gather in classes by age group to come to know God more deeply through his word and to build relationships with one another and with adult volunteers. Curriculum in all classes intentionally helps children connect each smaller story they learn to the Big Story of Scripture. Check your child in for Sunday School at the top of the stairway just outside the sanctuary. A volunteer will help direct you to the correct classroom(s).

## Midweek Programs & Events

We have a variety of midweek programs available for children from birth to fifth grade. These programs include opportunities for intergenerational connection, sharing meals, playing, and following Jesus together. You can learn more about these programs and other special events here on our website. If you have other questions, please contact David & Lindsey Goetz, Directors of Family Discipleship at [lgoetz@firstpresaurora.org](mailto:lgoetz@firstpresaurora.org).