

Worship as a Family!

Children are always welcome in this place of worship. Let your children know that this is a time for everyone to come together to praise the Lord and that means kids too.

All are welcome to take communion. It is not a Presbyterian table, but if you believe that Jesus is God's son, you are welcome. A communion preparation class will be held every other year for those who would like to learn more.

Remember that kids and adults worship differently. Kids get squirmy, make a little noise or have questions about what is happening. That is okay! Take a break and leave the sanctuary if necessary. Come back after getting a drink or taking a bathroom break if needed.

Enjoy this time of worship with your family.



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I remember sitting in church as a young girl, following along with my parents while they sang the songs or said the Apostle's Creed or read the scriptures. My parents were doing it so I wanted to do it too and be a part of worship! Children are always welcome in worship and will only learn by following your lead and experiencing it with you.

Start by bringing your children to worship. You will be taking part in one of the "Rocks" that Faith Church has deemed as our foundation. Your children will come to know the rich traditions of the church and grow in faith. They will learn by following your example.



Come and worship!

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Children's Ministry Associate

Some helpful tips...

- Talk to your children before entering the sanctuary. What do you expect of them during worship? What will happen if there are behavior issues?
 - Talk to your children about the worship space before the service begins. Show them the bulletin and explain what will be happening. When is it appropriate for them to talk and when isn't it. Can they talk out loud or should they whisper?
 - Model the behavior you want from your children and teach them what is appropriate and acceptable.
 - Encourage your children to stand as the congregation stands and sit when they sit. We all get a little squirmy sometimes, especially little ones. Following along will allow everyone to stand for a bit to get the wiggles out!
 - Encourage children to participate in the different parts of the service; shake hands during the greeting, pray, follow along with the scripture and sing the songs.
 - Our nursery is available for children birth to 3 if needed.
- Help your children use the Bible to follow along during the lesson. It is okay if they can't read yet. Bring along an age appropriate Bible for them.
 - Encourage children to participate in the Children's Message. Parents are also welcome to sit with kids if needed.
 - Teach your children The Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. Help them fill out a pray card if appropriate.
 - Talk to your children about offering. Children love to put the offering in the plate and pass it down the row.
 - Make sure to grab a "Kidz of Faith" activity bag and a Children's Worship Bulletin.
 - Talk with your children after the service at home or in the car. What did they experience? What was their favorite part? Was there something they didn't understand?
 - Ask for help if you need it.

9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Worship