

- Worship Bags are located in the basket under the table in the Lansdowne Narthex for children who would like to use them during worship. Afterwards, please help them replace items in the bag and return it to the Narthex.
- Or, use the instructions on "Making Your Own Worship Bag" provided in Westminster Hall to make your child his/her own personal Worship Bag for Sunday worship! Extra Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex.



- For those worshipping with infants or pre-school children, children of all ages are welcome in worship; or there is childcare available on the 3rd floor of the education building. Ushers and Greeters can help you in locating the classroom.
- You are welcome to come forward with a young or unsure child for the Youth Chat during worship.
- If your infant becomes restless during worship there is a rocking chair in the Narthex or more private quarters in the Choir Robing room (behind left front Sanctuary door) for your use!
- Remember the promises we make at the baptism of the children among us.

Children In Worship



“Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’ And he laid his hands on them and went away.”

Matthew 19: 13-15



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“Help! There’s a child sitting beside me!”



Relax! Families with young children are important here!

We are a church which understands that...

...it is hard for children to sit still for a long time.

...it is occasionally necessary to whisper instructions to help children learn worship etiquette.

...children are important members of the household of faith. They are welcome here!

...children retain what they...

Hear	10%
See	15%
See & Hear	20%
Discuss	40%
Experience	80%
Attempt to teach others	90%

...children who attend worship are more likely to become faithful church members as adults.



We would like you to know that some of the children worshipping with us may not have adult family members here to guide them.

For all to have a peaceful and meaningful worship experience, we suggest the following regarding all children:

- Allow children to write their own names on the attendance pad (so what if they take up three lines!).
- Hand children the offering plate rather than passing it over their heads.
- Encourage children to put their offering in the plate using the special S.S. Noah offering envelopes during church.
- Always laugh *with* children, not *at* them.
- Invite a child to sit with you during worship.
- Respect and honor the prayer requests of children.



- Unlike many adults, children enjoy sitting near the front of the sanctuary. Children who see what is happening feeling more involved and will pay closer attention to what’s going on in worship.
- Children should be allowed to stand (on the floor or pew, if needed) to join in prayers and hymns. Offer assistance by holding bulletins and hymnals at his/her eye level and lining the words with your finger for younger readers and even for non-readers who can pick out repetitive words.
- Introduce yourself and your family to any children sitting nearby.
- Greet children as well as adults, and be as intentional about knowing children’s names as you are about adults.

Be patient with the learning process; we are all children of God!