



Children's Ministry Dates for 2009-2010

August 16th & 23rd - Sunday School Teacher Training in F. H.

August 30th - Make-up day for SS Teacher Training in F. H.

September 20th & 27th - 2nd Grade Communion Class during the Sunday school hour

October 4th - Third Grade Bible Presentation during 11:00 a.m. Worship

October 11th, 18th, & 25th - A Special Series for 3rd graders to learn the Books of the Bible

December 5th - Breakfast with Mary and Joseph

December 6th - Advent Workshop for Elementary grades at 10:00 a.m. in Sunday school classrooms

December 12th - Children's Christmas Pageant Practice at 10:00 a.m. in F.H.

December 13th - Children's Christmas Pageant at 4:00 p.m. in F.H.

December 24th - Family Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

January 10th - March 14th - 4th Grade Catechism class during Sunday school

March 21st - Catechism Class presented to the Congregation during 11:00 a.m. Worship

March 28th - Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt following 11:00 a.m. Worship on the Lawn

June 6th - Promotion Sunday & Teacher Appreciation during 10:00 a.m. Sunday school hour in F.H.

June 13th - Summer Sunday School Begins

June 21st - 25th - Vacation Bible School Week

Pre-school and Elementary Children's Programming

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General Information



First Presbyterian Church

200 west Trade Street

Charlotte, N.C.

First Presbyterian Church Covenants as a Congregation for Children

Across the varied children's ministries of First Presbyterian Church, we seek to nurture in our children an awareness of the family of faith as a place identified by love, a sense of acceptance and belonging, and a yearning to learn and grow with Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We Believe

- All children are created in the image of God.
- As a Covenant community we are called to live out our Baptismal vows which call us to be faithful with and for children.
- We are responsible for providing a developmentally appropriate educational program that nurtures the whole child – spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually, in an atmosphere of Christian love, respect, and acceptance.
- We must nurture the growth of each child in the understanding of his/her uniqueness as a Child of God.
- We are responsible for supporting parents and families and to assist them as they mold their children into healthy, thoughtful, responsible, and spiritual individuals.
- We must strive to empower all children to become all that God intended, love them unconditionally and listen to them.

Therefore we covenant to live out our ministries which shape

- Identity
 - Ministry that shapes and encourages Christian identity where every child knows himself or herself to be a Child of God.
 - Where children and adults together as partners create a community that celebrates diversity and cherishes each other's gifts and talents.

- Belonging
 - Ministry that creates a place where children are nurtured, welcomed, valued and recognized as vital members of the whole community.
 - Where children grow in confidence, maturity, and security necessary to live boldly into their identity.
- Discipleship
 - Ministry that teaches and shares the love of God with each child by showing that love in concrete ways as they learn to love their neighbor as themselves.
 - Where children learn to love the Lord their God with their whole heart and soul and are called into a meaningful faith journey with our Lord and Savior.

It is our intention to live out this covenant by

- Growing in greater understanding of our baptismal vows;
- Praying for children and families in our congregation and in the world;
- Intentionally engaging in ministries that seek the identity, belonging and discipleship of children and their families.





General Information

Children's Classes at 10:00 a.m.

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Nursery - 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The Sunday School Hour for all children is at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. However, we are providing a bible story-based program called "God Loves Me" with music, and crafts for all of our 2's, 3's, 4's, & 5's at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. hour in their regular Sunday school classrooms.

CRIB / CRAWLERS – (P 104) There are two paid childcare workers in the crib room each Sunday morning, Debra Redfern and Mary Redfern along with assigned parent helpers.

TODDLERS – (C 104) Toddlers, children who are walking are in this class. There are two paid workers in this class each Sunday morning along with Parent Helpers. Our paid workers are Kristin Kuklinski and Darion Pickett

TWOS (C 101) The children in this group participate in Little Lambs. This program is taught at the 10:00 hour and involves age-appropriate Bible stories taught by a team of parents. Tanya Pickett and Gloria Pickett are the paid workers for this group of children.

THREES (C 204) Our paid workers for this group are Joy Maci and Jennifer Macchia. These children participate in our Worship Beginnings program. Parent Helpers are needed for this program to teach during the 10 a.m. hour

FOURS & FIVES (C 202) Julie Caskey, Peggy Anne Williams & Jessica Wunder are our paid workers for this group of children. The 4's & 5's class is also a part of our Worship Beginnings program. We are always looking for parents to teach and serve as parent helpers for this age group during the 10:00 a.m. hour.



Elementary Classes

KINDERGARTEN (S – 107)

Teachers: Carrington & Scott Angel, Lisa Elson, Steve & Patti Mayo and Doug Neely.

FIRST GRADE (S – 104)

Teachers: Reid & Charles Campbell, Barbara & George Climer, Karen & Lee Cory, Hillary & Brooke Pitts and Sarah Price

SECOND GRADE (P – 311 A)

Teachers: Liza Branch, Amy & Jim Dunlevy, Page & Martin Hull, Mary Ann & Brian Moldenhauer and Caroline Veronee

THIRD GRADE (P – 307 B)

Teachers: Russell & Scott Bryan, Nancy & Kern Carlton, Elizabeth & Jeff Irvin, Jay & Retta Poynter, and Nick & Kay Valaoras

Substitute Teacher – David & Susan Keesler

FOURTH GRADE (P – 306 B)

Teachers: Patti Bitter, Marty & Brad Griffin, Suzy & John Nurkin, and Julie & Bill Rayner

FIFTH GRADE (P – 306 A)

Teachers: Kevin Griffith, Karen MacKenzie, and Kim Stamey



CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

(9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall)

Children ages - **TK, Kindergarten and 1st grade** join their parents for worship in the sanctuary and are excused during the second hymn to participate in this special worship time together.