

# Worshipping with Children



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

**Park Lake  
Presbyterian Church**  
[www.plpc.org](http://www.plpc.org)

## Families Matter at Park Lake

Children are full, important members of the household of faith. We remember the promises we make at the baptism of children who are among us.

We abide with the restlessness of children during worship, trusting that the child in our midst will learn:

- I belong to this special community of people.
- My family and many others believe it is important to come to this place each Sunday.
- The symbols, sounds and feel of this place, my church, God's Sanctuary, are good, even though I don't understand everything.
- I may respond in this place with song, prayer and offering in the worship of God.



**Worship is...**

**... an attitude.**

**... a spiritual experience.**

**... a gathering of the church family.**

**Suggestions for worshipping with children:**

- ◆ Families are encouraged to sit near the front of the Sanctuary so children can better see what is happening in worship.
- ◆ Children's Worship bags and bulletins can be found by the doors into the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Children are encouraged to write their own names in the red friendship pad.
- ◆ Children are encouraged to find the hymns and scriptures in the pew hymnal and Bible.
- ◆ Children are encouraged to bring an offering. Children's offering envelopes are available in the West Transept entrance (ask an Usher).
- ◆ Caregivers are encouraged to come forward with young children for the children's message.
- ◆ Children ages 3 through third grade are invited to children's church after the children's message. Children return to worship after the Sermon.



**A Word About the Sacraments**

**Baptism**

Please speak with a co-pastor if you wish for your child to be baptized. Baptism is part of our communal service and all children are invited to come close and observe this sacrament.

**Communion**

Children are invited to partake in communion. We leave the choice to the family of when children should partake. It is important to let children know God loves them and that we are all God's family.

For more information on the work and ministry of Park Lake, please speak with one of the pastors or go to: **plpc.org**

**All are welcome on Sundays**

**9:00 am Sunday School - Education Building**

**10:00 am—10:30 Fellowship time - Fellowship Hall**

**10:30 am - Worship - Sanctuary**

## Sunday Children's Program

- Nursery is available for infants and toddlers on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. (9-11:45 AM)
- Pre-school Sunday School for children, ages 2 - 4, is on the 2nd floor of the Education Building (9-10 AM)
- Sunday School for Children and Youth, ages Kindergarten - 5th grade, and Middle and High School Youth is located on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. (9-10 AM)
- Children's Church is for children ages 3 through third grade. The children leave worship after the children's message and return after the sermon. Children's Church provides age appropriate worship through Bible stories and activities.



### Your family is important here!

- It can be hard for children to sit still for a long time. God knows this and so do we.
- Children learn to carry on Christian traditions by experiencing them and doing them.
- We are all children of God.

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## Seasonal Children's Activities

- Family Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Vacation Bible School
- Harvest Party
- Gingerbread House Building Event
- Children's Christmas Pageant
- Christmas Caroling



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