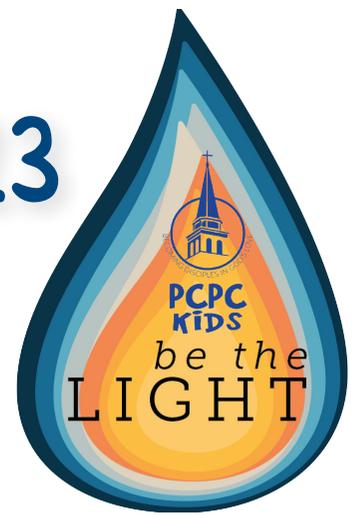


CHILDREN & FAMILIES FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



AUGUST

- 14TH Welcome Home - Back to School Blessing, Faith & Fellowship Hour Begins
- 17TH Wednesday Dinner, Music & Movement, & Children's Choirs Begin
- 21ST Welcome to Godly Play Orientation, Justice Seekers Begins

JANUARY

- 1ST Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- 8TH 1st Grade Touch the Water
- 16TH Service & Suds Day

SEPTEMBER

- 11TH & 25TH 2nd Grade Welcome to Worship & Taste the Bread
- 23RD Pizza, Ice Cream & Games

FEBRUARY

- 5TH Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- 5TH Parent Info. Session - God's Gift of Human Sexuality (Parents of 4th & 5th Graders)
- 14TH 4th & 5th Graders and Parents - God's Gift of Human Sexuality Workshop

OCTOBER

- 2ND 2nd Grade Welcome to Worship & Taste the Bread
- 2ND Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- 14TH Friday Family Movie Night
- 30TH 3rd Grade Bible Presentation, Parents & Children attend Bible Blitz

MARCH

- 5TH Lenten Lord's Prayer (All Ages)
- TBD Anniversary of Baptism Splash Days
- 19TH Kindergarten Worship Wonderings

NOVEMBER

- 18TH-20TH Cedarkirk Weekend

MAY

- 7TH Justice Seekers Celebration
- 21ST 5th Grade Move UP!

DECEMBER

- 4TH Living Nativity
- 11TH Rise Against Hunger
- 24TH Christmas Eve

JUNE

- 5TH-9TH VBS
- 17TH-21ST Cedarkirk Day Camp

PCPC KIDS FAITH FORMATION



Faith & Fellowship Hour provides the opportunity for people of every age to learn and grow together in Christ. The theme for this year is “Welcome Home.” During this time (9:55-10:50 a.m.) children will learn with a team of caring and faithful adults. Each week we will explore Bible stories through science experiments, art, video storytelling, and active games designed to help children learn and grow together in Christ. We will follow the church-wide Gathering Around God’s Word as we read through the Bible in a year together through the end of this calendar year. We begin the New Testament by reading a book each week. Your family can follow the schedule found on kidspcpc.com where you will find selected readings, music, videos, and other activities that connect with the books.

All ages gather in the Chapel starting at 9:55 a.m. with some gathering music, a Bible reading, and split into our age group gatherings in their designated locations.

Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 - Eastminster 102
Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Westminster 207

2nd and 3rd Grade - Westminster 210
4th and 5th Grade - Westminster 206

PCPC KIDS & SUNDAY MORNINGS

Children are welcome in all worship services and are invited to the chancel steps for a Children’s Message. As the children come forward and as they leave, the congregation joins in singing “*What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.*” Following the Children’s Message, children that have completed 3K-1st grade should be accompanied by a parent/guardian down the stairs or elevator to Covenant Hall 101 for Godly Play (a supervised sharing of the bible story and snack). Children 2nd grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary and worship with their family.

Infant changing stations are located in the first-floor breezeway women’s and men’s restrooms and in both restrooms on the second floor of Eastminster near the gym.

Nursery care is provided on the first floor of Eastminster throughout Sunday morning for children birth to preschool. Child-check-in is located inside the entrance. All nursery staff and workers are background checked and current in First Aid and infant, child, and adult CPR certifications. Throughout the morning children are cared for with love and will hear a bible story and engage in play. Contact Anna Shuford, Childcare Coordinator, with questions.

Godly Play is a way of sharing the bible stories designed from a Montessori-based storytelling system for children ages three through First grade. All children begin worship with their families in the primary worship space and are welcome to remain throughout the service. Following the children’s message in each service children three through First grade have the option of continuing worship with their peer group at Godly Play, located in Covenant Hall Room 101. Parent/Guardians are asked to escort their children to the Godly Play room where they will be checked in and welcomed by trained staff and volunteers, at which time parents/guardians may return to worship. An orientation will be held for Godly Play on Aug. 21st during all the worship services. A parent or grandparent is asked to attend Godly Play together for the orientation.

Worship bags can be found at the entrances of each worship space. These are designed to engage children by following the bulletin in the worship service and to aid adults worshiping with children in teaching them how to worship. Worship bags this year will have a few enhancements to allow children to listen while using their bodies to manipulate quiet objects such as doh, tangles, or soft animals. We also place key words, scripture verses, artwork, and questions to consider called Taking Faith Home that follows the passages for the day.

The Prayground is provided in the Connection Service in the gym for families who desire their children to remain in the worship service. This space provides children of varying ages the ability to respond through different methods in what they are hearing in the worship service. This space is typically monitored by a few youth mentors.

Stay Together Sundays will take place on some Communion Sundays encouraging children of all ages to stay together with the worshiping body for the entirety of worship. Logistically, this means a Godly Play option will not be held for our children ages three through first grade with the hope that they’ll stay together with us and worship with their families. Childcare will always be available in the nursery area should you need it on those Sundays.

As with any celebration or meal, there is work for it to happen. We acknowledge that with this new way of participating is more work for the parents of children who typically attend Godly Play. We, as the church, covenant to work alongside so we can share together in this celebratory family meal. The Children’s Ministry Team has worked and created A Parent’s Guide: Children & Communion to help parents/guardians talk with their children to prepare them to participate in the meal. You will find a schedule for Communion Sundays and the guides located around the church campus and on the church website and kidspcpc.com.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING & GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

-  **Remember the Anniversary of your Baptism Splash Day (March)** for children who were baptized between 2020-2022. Your children and families are invited to join other families whose children were baptized in those years to celebrate and remember their baptisms. We will meet at Kate Jackson Park Splash Pad. Specific dates TBD.
-  **Orientation to Godly Play – (Aug. 21st during all services)** All children entering Pre-K3-1st grade and a parent or grandparent are invited to attend “Introduction to the Light” Godly Play orientation to learn the rhythm of Godly Play and how it might connect to what you can do at home with your child. This will be led by Allison Kelly and Anna Shuford. All children, if their parents attend with them, will receive a milestone.
-  **Worship Wonderings (March 26th 10:05 a.m.)** – Kindergarten age children and a parent are invited to have an introduction to the worship spaces and explore a few elements of Worship. Meet in the Sanctuary.
-  **Touch the Water - Remember Your Baptism (Jan. 8th from 10:05-10:45 a.m.)** **First graders and their parents** explore Jesus’ Baptism and remember their own. For some children, we will plan a future baptism. This class will be led by Anna Shuford and Allison Kelly and will meet in Westminster 202 large room.
-  **Welcome to Worship and Taste the Bread (Sept. 11th, 26th, and Oct. 2nd from 12:15-2:00 p.m.)** **Second graders** transition out of Godly Play and are welcomed into full worship participation with the community of believers. Second graders and a parent/guardian are invited to this special opportunity. Led by Anna Shuford and Allison Kelly, we will investigate and explore the who, where, and why’s of Worship within the Presbyterian tradition in addition to Tasting the Bread when learning about the Sacrament of Communion. They will help lead the communion liturgy on **World Communion Sun., Oct. 2nd**.
-  **Third Grade Bible and Bible Workshop (Oct. 30th)** **Third graders** will be presented with a Bible at all worship services. Following the worship services at 12:15-2:30 p.m., a **Bible Blitz** will be offered to parents and children. This class will teach the foundational tools for exploring the bible for a lifelong journey of reading and study. Children and parents who missed the opportunity in the past are welcome to attend.
-  **Justice Seekers** is a Faith Formation experience just for **Fourth and Fifth graders** to deepen their faith by exploring topics around the theme of Be the Light, Matthew 25, Stewardship of the Earth, and Service connections. Justice Seekers is a place where this age group can covenant together in sharing the highs and lows of their life as they form strong bonds of friendship. Facilitated by Allison Kelly and Anna Shuford, we meet most Sundays beginning on **Aug. 21st from 4:00-5:15 p.m.**
-  **God’s Gift of Human Sexuality (Feb. 19th)** is a workshop for **Fourth/Fifth grade girls** and **Fifth grade boys** along with their parents designed to address puberty and vocabulary for conversations around sexuality as a gift from God. An informational meeting for parents will be held on Feb. 5th from 4:00-5:15 p.m. during Justice Seekers.
-  **Move-Up Rise-Up (May 21st, 10:00 a.m.)** **Fifth graders** passing from Elementary into Middle School is a big move and we want this transition into the Youth Group to be smooth. Pastor Kenny Hubbell leads this introduction to being a middle schooler for entering 6th graders and their parents in the Youth Great Room in CH 2nd floor.

Friday Family Night (Sept. 23rd) Pizza, ice cream, and games in the courtyard.

Family Movie Night (Oct. 14th) is an opportunity to experience a family friendly film together. Bring a chair or a blanket. Popcorn and dinner provided.

Retreat at Cedarkirk (Nov. 18th-20th, 2022) Open to the entire PCPC faith family. Registration will open in September. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy God’s gift of creation in a cherished space along the Alafia River. Food is served family style and lodging is ample for all ages. The weekend will also provide the opportunity for a rock wall climb, zip-line, river walks, or just sitting in a rocking chair. Come for a day or come for the night.

Living Nativity (Dec. 4th) helps the community prepare for the story of Christ’s birth. A variety of nativity scenes will be set up for families to both participate in and experience the coming of Christ by journeying around the campus.

Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24th) in the courtyard, around the manger with stable animals, and outdoor seating. This service is about 30 minutes with an interactive “Nativity in a Bag” for children, along with lessons and carol singing.

 **Lord’s Prayer and Lent (Mar. 5th)** Each component is an invitation for all ages to experience this popular prayer through art, reflection, and discussion. The Lord’s Prayer will help participants understand the meaning of the prayer they repeat in church. Through the use of inclusive language and meaningful theology, children have opportunities to explore our belongingness and connectedness with each other, the world, and God that is stated throughout the Lord’s Prayer. Not only that but how that belongingness and connectedness means we must also collaborate with God to bring God’s kingdom into the world.

Service and Suds Play Day – (Jan. 16th) On this extended day for public schools, families will have the opportunity to have some bubble fun together outside in the courtyard while doing a service project together.

Playgroups - Playgroup provides a fun and safe environment for all children aged 0-5+ years where parents or grandparents can enjoy fellowship. Outdoor playground and an indoor play space. Our first two playgroups are happening September 6th and 22th. To receive reminders when future playgroups are happening, contact Anna Shuford. Playgroups are scheduled for the First Tuesdays and Third Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Lending Library - An opportunity throughout the year to check out children's books that reflect stories from Gathering Around God's Word.

MUSIC

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

The music program of PCPC is an integral part of our worship. Those in choirs have the opportunity to lead the congregation in hymns and to present inspiring music several times a year.

Music and Movement is a class offered for children (birth through three years old). This time together includes songs, rhythmic rhymes, movement, and instrument play. Activities are informal, non-performance-oriented experiences--appropriate for children and easy for parents and caregivers--regardless of their own musical ability. Class is held from 5:00-5:30 p.m. whenever Wednesday night dinners are held. This class is typically held in Covenant Hall 101. Anna Shuford and occasionally others will be leading this time.

The Joyful Noise Choir led by Kelly Slovinac, Catherine Pereira, and Pat Handly, is for Pre-K4 through First graders in Westminster Room 210. The choir meets from 5:00-5:45 p.m. The children will learn to sing songs of worship and will also engage in the wonderful choruses of faith that have nurtured generations. A complete schedule will be available online.

The Junior Choir, led by Nancy Callahan and Ashley Greenfield, is open for children Second through Fifth grades. This choir engages in learning rhythm, singing in parts, playing instruments, and sight singing. Junior Choir rehearses in the Chancel Choir room (across from the gym) from 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. A complete schedule is available online.

For the latest children's choir calendar, visit palmacea.org or kidspcpc.com

SUMMER CAMPS 2023



Vacation Bible School is beloved by children, youth, and adults alike! Mark your calendars for June 5th-9th now and stay tuned for more information in February. VBS is open to 4 years-rising 6th grade.



Cedarkirk Day Camp will be July 17th-21st and promises to bring another week of exploring God's love and Word through art, games, songs, and bible study on-site by the Cedarkirk Staff. Cedarkirk Day Camp is open to completed K-5th Grade.

Cedarkirk Camp located just 27 miles away is open throughout the summer for ages six through high school for varying amounts of time. Lots of research shows that summer camp is one of the most effective environments in which young people learn and grow. The camp experience promotes emotional, physical, social, and spiritual development in an environment where kids feel safe. Apart from the distractions of everyday life, Cedarkirk summer campers are free to build lasting friendships, truly be themselves, explore their faith, and revel in fun.



Indicates when children will receive a faith milestone during the year. For more info on milestones, check out kidspcpc.com

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