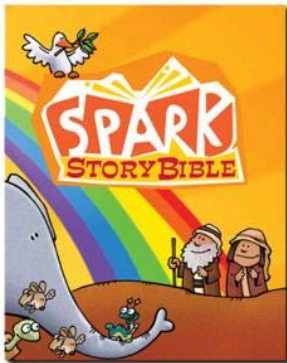




# Children's Ministry

## First Presbyterian, Libertyville, IL

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.* Proverbs 22:6 (NRSV)



### Sunday School (Sept-May)

First Pres Children's Sunday School (2 yr olds thru 5th graders) will be ignited for God's love with our SPARK curriculum!! SPARK will activate their faith through multisensory activities that integrate Bible learning with

life lesson focus statements and age appropriate Bible learning! Teachers love how easy the preparation is AND it can all be accessed online! SPARKS are flying in Sunday School!

### Sunday Schedule:

#### Sunday School 10:00 AM

- 2 yrs (by Sept 1 of current year) through kindergarten
- 1st Grade through 7th Grade  
begin in worship at 9:45 AM in the Chapel or 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary then are dismissed to classrooms after the children's message

#### After Church Club

- 2 yrs through 5th grade at 11:10 during Adult Ed Events

### Infant & Toddler Care

An infant care room (new born until confidently walking) and a toddler care room (confidently walking until ready for 2 year old Sunday School) are staffed by loving and dedicated child care providers during Sunday worship services, during church adult education programs, and for most special worship services.

### A Safe Place

Safety and security of our children are of primary importance in our faith community. Children's ministry staff and volunteers are qualified and trained to observe best practices in child protection.



## Children's Choirs (4 year olds-grade 5)

The graded choir program gives musical training, choral experience, spiritual growth, and the privilege of learning to share in the leadership of worship. The choirs meet September through March.

In addition to singing occasionally in Sunday morning worship, they participate in the Christmas Pageant and on Youth Sunday.

All Children's Choirs meet on Thursday afternoons.

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**Joyful Noise Choir:**  
4:15-4:45 pm in Choir Room  
Open to all 4 & 5 year olds  
Director: LeAnn Malecha

**Cherub Choir:**  
4:00-4:45 pm in the Chapel  
Open to all 1st and 2nd graders  
Director: Sue Ellen Skeens

**Alpha Chimers:**  
3:45-4:15 pm in Belfry  
3rd, 4th, 5th graders  
Director: Gloria Horton



**Faith Choir:**  
4:15-5:00pm in Fellowship Hall  
Open to all 3rd, 4th, 5th graders  
Director: Gloria Horton

## Bible Time for Toddlers (BTT)

BTT meets in Room #105. There two and three year olds enjoy a Bible Story followed by large motor play, crafts, and songs led by Assistant Children's Director Sandy Bean ([sbean@boxp.net](mailto:sbean@boxp.net)). Thursdays: 4:15-4:45 pm when children's choir is held. Parents are invited to enjoy fellowship at **Caffeine Break** in the Social Hall.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



## Vacation Bible School

**2nd full week in June** (if no snow days needed)



## Special Events

An all day celebration of diversity and culture in honor of the Rev. Martin Luke King, Jr.

### HEARTS THE SAME

#### A "DAY ON" . . . NOT A "DAY OFF!"

This special event is offered for children grades K-5. Through storytelling, music, art and drama, children of the church and community explore the message of

## M.A.D. Tweens

**M.A.D. = Making a Difference** This social/mission group of tweens in 4th-5th grade is dedicated to fun, fellowship, and service. They meet once a month during the school year for cookouts, skating, laser tag, and mission projects galore!



# Faith Steps

**Faith Steps** is a ministry of spiritual formation for children and their families. Our children experience developmental *firsts* of steps and teeth, walking and talking. There are also *firsts* of our faith life: baptism, beginning Sunday School, receiving a Bible, and more. FPC's Faith Step Ministry helps to make a connection between our everyday lives and our faith life. We seek to help you and your family find ways to grow in faith at home. We pray that these Faith Step Events will be the start of something wonderful for you

## Sample of Faith Steps Events

- Celebrating Baptism Anniversaries
- Welcome to Worship (Kindergarten)
- Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table (1st Grade)
- The Lord's Prayer (2nd Grade)
- Bible Presentation (3rd Grade)



# Seasonal Family Activities

## Pumpkin Patch

**Sunday • 1st Sunday in Oct**

Pumpkins are available on the church lawn. Free-will donations go to support family mission projects.

## Advent Festival & Wreath Making

**Sunday • 1st Sunday of Advent**

This year join us for lunch, followed by constructing a fresh evergreen advent wreath for use with family devotionals. Holiday activities galore!

## Crèche Making for all ages.

Begun in 2007, each year a new crèche character is added. If this is your 1st year, you'll start with Baby Jesus.

## Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

**Saturday • before Easter**

We'll share table fellowship and craft projects galore before hearing the Easter Story and heading outside for an Easter egg hunt.



Serving others together as a family is encouraged at FPC. One great opportunity is to volunteer to assist at our Mobile Food Pantry, held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church parking lot.





## Parenting & Family Fun

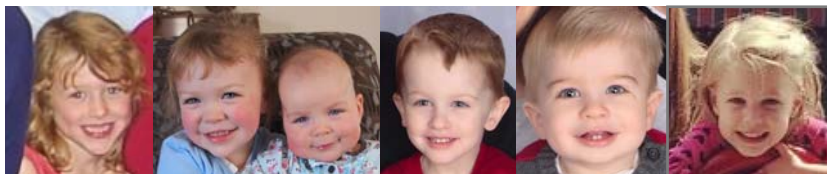
### Mom's Time Out

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month

Conference Room • 9:30-11:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Volunteers' Homes • 7:30-9 pm



**Mom's Time Out is a community of mothers of infants through school-age children.**

On the first Friday of each month, bring your kids to play in our free child care while you enjoy some adult conversation about faith and parenting. We'll take up those burning questions that leave you asking, "Does anyone else feel this way?"—questions like, *How can I care for myself while caring for everyone else? How do I deal with the unexpected? How does motherhood affect my marriage? My faith life? My sense of purpose?* Conversations will close with a short reflection.

On the third Tuesday of each month, **care for yourself**, leave the kids at home and come to a house someone else has cleaned for fun, food and fellowship—with wine...and no whining!

## Baptism



### Infant/Child Baptism

In Jesus Christ, God calls people to faith and to membership in the Church, the body of Christ. Baptism is the visible sign of that call and claim on a human life and of entrance into the membership of the church. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that *God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.* "We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19

### Scheduling a Baptism for Your Child

Parents who are active members of FPC may schedule the baptism of their child by contacting the church office and filling out the baptism request form. Parents are required to attend a baptism conversation with one of the pastors. These conversations often occur on the Saturday morning before the baptism Sunday.

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