



welcoming children in worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIBERTYVILLE

Children of all ages are an important part of the body of Christ, and we celebrate the joy, curiosity, energy, and imagination that they bring.

Children participate as active members of our congregation and our worship as they sit among us, read Scripture and prayers, sing, play an array of instruments, and lead our services.

Keep reading for some of the specific ways we welcome children in worship at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville.

We are so very glad you have joined us!

WORSHIP KITS

For children joining us in worship, we offer worship activity kits to help kids engage with the content of the service that day. Pick them up near the entrances to the Sanctuary or Chapel as you walk in!

These are especially helpful during the summer months when Sunday School takes a hiatus, or on other Sundays when kids opt to stay in worship.

HOW DO WE WELCOME CHILDREN AT FIRST PRES?

Children are our fellow congregants. As a faith community, we make a commitment at baptism to help nurture and guide one another, and encourage one another to know and follow Christ and be faithful members of Christ's church.

Here are a few ways we encourage people to welcome

CHILDCARE NURSERY (birth-2) & PRE-K (3-4)

We love your little ones joining us in worship! It's beautiful to witness their joy in seeing friends and hearing voices lifted in song. We understand, however, sometimes they would rather be in a space dedicated to them, a space to relax and play so you can focus on your experience of worship. We offer free childcare services in our Nursery and Pre-K room and ushers are ready to help you find them.



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children into worship and support them in their faith journey:

- Take a moment during the Passing of the Peace, Social Hour, service or Christian Education events to greet families and get to know the names of the family members.
- Sign up to help with Sunday School.
- Help preschoolers and elementary-aged kids learn to navigate the worship service—they're newer to this than you are! Help them read the bulletin, locate hymns, and read along with prayers and liturgy.
- It's not always easy to recognize some needs. Some people, children and adults alike, may hum, make unfamiliar vocalizations or noises, or demonstrate other behaviors that allow them to express themselves during the service. **Everyone** belongs in worship. Please welcome questions children have about differences of all kinds so they might learn how to delight in the diversity of God's beautiful creation along with God.
- Remember how it was when you were a child, and remember the adults who helped you grow your faith. Help create an environment in which our kids can learn, feel, and share Christ's love as we all do!



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