

Christian Education for Children at Morningside Presbyterian

My child is:

- **Infant through 18 months of age** There is childcare available in the nursery, Room 105 during both the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 and the worship hour.
- **18 months through two years old**
 - Childcare is available during Sunday school hour in the nursery, Room 105.
 - During worship (10:45-12noon), Room 012 is where childcare is for this age.
- **Three, Four, Five year olds** at beginning of school year (in a threes or pre-k class at school) ***The curriculum for this age group and our elementary age group mirrors curriculum that you would find at school. Therefore, we do ask that children do not move to the elementary age group until they start kindergarten (not when they turn 5 years old.)***
 - Childcare is available during Sunday school hour in the nursery, Room 105 (there are additional age appropriate toys in the room for this hour).
 - During the worship hour, three, four and five year olds gather in Room 011 for their very own curriculum that includes a Bible story with activities to reinforce it. This curriculum has been created by a team of teachers with early education, elementary and seminary experience. There is also snack and free play. **Some families choose to include their children in worship until the Passing of the Peace, and others take their children straight to Room 011 at 10:45 a.m. Volunteers are ready for children at 10:45, but don't share the Bible story until after all the children have arrived.
 - Once a month, Children's Education Chair Sue Ballay shares a Bible story using Godly Play method.
- **Kindergarten-1st grade**
 - Meet in Room 001 during Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m. This is when we are able to incorporate drama and special music series such as children's chimes and do deeper studies on sacraments and mission projects.
 - Children experience the beginning of worship with their families and then are invited to leave for Children's worship at the Passing of the Peace.
 - Pre-school teacher Debbi Loomis leads Children's Worship for kindergarten and 1st graders in Room 001 (11:20-12noon approximately) using the We Believe curriculum. We hear a Bible story, take up our offering and sing songs in our very own pews and then continue with activities that reinforce the lesson.
- **2nd-3rd grade**
 - Meet in Room 001 during Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m. with all elementary age kids. This is when we are able to incorporate drama and special music series such as children's chimes and do deeper studies on sacraments and mission projects.
 - Children experience the beginning of worship with their families and then are invited to leave for Children's worship at the Passing of the Peace.
 - Seminary student Shavon Starling-Louis leads Children's Worship in Room 003, using the We Believe curriculum. The 2nd and 3rd graders also enjoy a quarterly activity together such as picking up trash in local nature preserve or ice skating.
- **4th-7th grade**
 - See Christian Education for Youth and Youth Programs