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Nursery Care

- The Nursery is conveniently located just outside the interior door of our sanctuary.
- We offer Nursery Care throughout the program year (September through May).
 - Children may arrive at 9:15 AM and should be picked up after the service (or many families choose to get their child for Holy Communion).
- Children are always welcome in the Worship service, but the nursery is an option for infants through preschoolers.
- Our nursery is staffed with both trained professionals and volunteers.
- The nursery is also available if your child is having an extra loud or wiggly morning and needs some space to settle.
- Parents are always welcome to join their child in the Nursery.

Sunday School

- Sunday School is offered during the 9:30 worship service for kids in preschool and above.
 - Those who wish to attend will leave after *The Opening Prayer* and return during *The Peace*.
- Sunday School is open to children from preschool through 6th grade.

- Our programming is relationship focused. We draw from a variety of curricula, and we allow kids plenty of time to wonder and reflect.
- Sunday School helps prepare children to grow into the full worship service.
- Please see the monthly newsletter for detailed current offerings.
- Parents are always welcome to join their children in Sunday School.

Liturgical Assistants

Children are encouraged to help lead the Sunday Worship Service. If they have the desire to participate and are ready to perform the duties responsibly, Church leaders will work with families to determine readiness, and help each child find the appropriate role.

- **Acolytes** are trained to help lead worship. They light candles and carry the torches in the opening procession, at the Gospel procession, and at the recessional. They receive the offerings and help the deacon prepare the altar for communion. They assist the presider as needed.
- **Lectors** read the scripture passage aloud to the congregation as part of our worship.
- **The Tech Team** is responsible for streaming our worship services on Zoom. Two tech team members serve at a time. Children will shadow for a period of time.
- **Ushers** are the first people greeting worshipers as they enter church on Sunday mornings. They offer service bulletins, collect the congregation's offerings, and bring gifts to the altar. Ushers are ready to assist people with questions or those who need any assistance. Children will first serve with a parent.

- **Assisting Ministers** lead the procession, assist at the altar, and help with the distribution of communion. Youth who are confirmed and interested may be trained to serve as assisting ministers.
- **Chalice Bearers** serve the consecrated wine at Communion. Youth who are confirmed and interested may be trained to serve as chalice bearers.
- **Altar Guild** members prepare for the sacred feast we share every week. The Guild works in teams that rotate throughout the year. Members prepare the sanctuary for worship and then set up for the week to come. Children will first serve with a parent.