

Our general schedule for free time is as follows:

- All children sit at a table for snack or table activities
- We will say a blessing for the snack as a group
- We will clean up the tables and throw away trash
- Free play
- At 11:55 (10:55 in summer), all children will gather in the classroom to clean up.
- Please remember to sign out your child when you leave.

Important Information for Parents to know:

- Information about our Safe Place Policy:
 1. At least two adult caregivers will be present at all times— our goal is to have at least 2 adults and 1 teenager each week.
 2. All caregivers will wear nametags.
 3. All children will need to be signed in and signed out. As such, we remind you that PARENTS need to pick up their children (and not an older sibling).
 4. Please contact Landon or Kat if you would like a complete copy of our Safe Place policy (see p. 3 for contacts).
- As a courtesy to all, please do not send your child to Kid's Kirk if he/she had had an illness/ fever in the past 24 hours. Thank you.
- If there is a fire or other emergency (or during drills), your children will be taken to the front lawn and kept together as a group. Please pick up your children from this location as warranted.
- Our goal is to provide a happy and safe environment for your child. Our goal is to reinforce a child's positive behaviors than correct negative behaviors. Reinforcing positive behaviors includes:
 - Establishing clear, simple rules
 - Setting a good example
 - Praising appropriate behavior.
 - Implementing a short time-out period to reflect on turning negative behavior into positive behavior.



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Encouraging each child's sense of
belonging and participation in the
Worship Life of our Church.

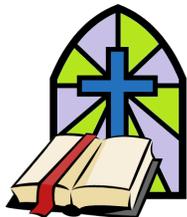


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Dear Parents,

We are sending this letter out to all parents of children who are or will be 4 years old-1st grade by September 1. It is a little information about our *Kid's Kirk* (Scottish for "Church") program which is held each Sunday during the 10am/Summer Service or the 11am Fall-Spring Service. After the children's time, those in this age group are invited to depart with volunteers for a brief child-friendly worship experience, snack, and free play. The Preschool Ministry Team and Worship committee has 3 goals for this time:

- 1) To provide a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers (incoming 4 year olds and guests),
- 2) Increased retention of and comfort with specific parts of worship, as children are prepared for entering "big church,"
- 3) Giving our adults a chance to fulfill baptismal vows through mentoring children in worship



Our general schedule is as follows:

- Put on nametags as you enter room 106
- Sit down on the carpet
- Call to Worship:
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- Welcome: Ask about and introduce friends & newcomers
- Bible Story/Scripture
- Discuss Theme/ Monthly Focus
- Offering –pass the plate (place in coins &/or say "Thank You")
- Response: Sing Song
- Closing
Leader: What does Jesus call us to do?
All: Love God. Love Neighbor.
- Line up to go to room 105 (for snack and free play)

Kids' Kirk Themes and Monthly Focus

July-August 2019

Preparing our 2nd graders to stay in church

August-October 2019

Old Testament stories and lessons

November-December 2019

Discussing being Thankful, learning about Advent and Christmas

January-February 2020

Learning the Gloria Patri

March-May 2020

Discussing being a disciple, learning about Lent, Easter, Pentecost

Summer 2020

Parts of Worship, Why we Worship, How we Worship



Parents are encouraged to visit Kid's Kirk with their child the first time or two that they attend, to help acquaint them with the space.

Both parents and non-parents are also encouraged to serve as a Kid's Kirk volunteer. Volunteers participate with the group during the worship portion of the program, as the worship leader guides the group. After this they take the children to room 105 to serve them snack and play for about 20-25 minutes, until pick-up.

If you have questions about Kid's Kirk, or would like to volunteer, please contact:

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