



**Worship as a Family!**

Children are always welcome in this place of worship. Let your children know that this is a time for everyone to come together to praise the Lord and that means kids too.

All are welcome to the table during communion. Our children will receive a special blessing and will take their first communion when they enter 5th grade.

Remember that kids and adults worship differently. Kids get squirmy and make a little noise. That's okay! Take a break and leave the sanctuary, come back after a drink or a bathroom break if needed.

Enjoy this time of worship with your family!



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**All are Welcome!**



# Worshipping with Children

*I remember being a young girl, following along with my parents in worship while they were reading the Psalms, before I could even read. My parents were doing it so I wanted to do it too! Children are always welcome in worship and will only learn by following your lead and experiencing it with you.*

*Start by bringing your children to worship! You will be taking part in one of the five Holy habits that we lift up at PLC. Your children will come to know the rich traditions of the church and grow in faith. They will learn by following your example. Come & worship!*



*Kara Larson  
Children & Family Director*

## Some helpful tips...

- Talk to your children before entering the sanctuary. What are the family expectations? What will happen if there is behavior issues?
- Bring along some soft toys for little ones.
- Talk to your children about the worship space before the service begins. What colors do you see? Is the baptism font up front? What instruments do you see and hear? Do you see any friends or people you know?
- Make sure your child can see the bulletin and point out the worship slides.
- Encourage your child to stand as the congregations stands and sit when they sit. We all get a little squirmy sometimes, especially little ones. Following along will allow everyone to stand for a bit to get the wiggles out!
- Our nursery is available for children birth to age 3 if needed.
- Encourage your child to participate in the “passing the peace,” praying, reading the lesson's, and singing.

- Help your child use the Bible to follow along during the lesson. It's okay if they can't read yet. Bring along a age appropriate Bible for your child.
- Encourage your child to participate in the Children's Message. Parents are also welcome to sit with kids if needed.
- Teach your children The Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed.
- Talk to your children about offering. Children love to put the offering in the plate and pass it down the row.
- Make sure to grab a “Good News” Bag and a Children's Worship Bulletin.
- Shake hands with the pastors as you leave the sanctuary.
- Talk with your children after the service when you get home or in the car. What did you experience today? Did you have a favorite song? What did you see?

**9:00AM Worship**  
**10:00AM Education**  
**11:00AM Worship**