

Sunday school guidelines during COVID

Beginning September 12, 2021, the Sunday school classes will meet at 9:00 and at 10:30. The 9:00 class invites preschoolers to third grade students to the chapel for fellowship and stories. Following that time together, children will be invited to participate in an activity or have free time in a preschool room. At 10:30 the “traditional” class grouping of (3s/4s/PreK, K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6th/7th) will be offered for preschool to junior high. No prior sign up is required for class.

Responsibilities of parents/families prior to attending Sunday school –

- Children who have any of the below symptoms should not attend Sunday school:
 - A fever above 99.4, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- Parents should assess their child’s health prior to the use of the childcare facilities.
- Children must come to Sunday school wearing a face mask and keep it on during class.
- Children will be expected to remain in a “spot” during class, at least 3 feet from another student.
- Families are asked to talk with their child/children about these expectations.
- If students or teachers test positive for Covid 7 within days after the class meets, the Faith Formation team lead should be notified of the positive test results.

Location

- The chapel and preschool room will be used for the 9:00 class. The 10:30 classes will meet in the following locations:
- Preschoolers- Rainbow preschool room
- Kindergarten to first grade- Fireplace room
- 2nd/3rd graders – Room 304
- 4th/5th grader – Room 302
- 6th/7th graders – Room 301 or music school office (if AC is needed)
- Children will have a specific spot to sit on during class. Children from the same family may sit together.
- Doors and windows will be open during class.

Start of class

Following the children's message in the worship service (First Steps), the children will meet their teachers in the Light Court of the Education building. The teachers will take their class to the specific classroom. Children are required to always wear a mask.

During class –

- Children will be directed to a specific “spot” to sit during class which will be at 3 feet between each other.
- Children will remain in one location during Sunday school, unless the teacher is able to safely travel with the children to another location and avoid touching of surfaces.
- If materials are required for the class, each child will have their own supplies. Teacher will pass out the supplies and collect the items at the end of class.
- Students may move within the room with the directions from the teacher
- Attendance will be taken as well as a photo to document location of students.

Teachers –

- Teachers are required to always wear a mask.
- If the teacher is feeling unwell or has a fever over 99.4, they are asked to notify the Director of Christian Education to locate another teacher for the class.

End of Sunday school –

Parents of children preschool to 3rd can enter the building to pick up their child from the Sunday school class. Masks must be worn and parents can wait outside the door of the Sunday School Room. Parents of 2nd and 3rd graders can wait for their children in the Light Court.

Children in grades 4th –Jr. High: When worship is on the front lawn, Sunday School teachers will bring the children outside of the Chestnut Street doors of the Education Building for families to meet them at the end of worship. If worship is in the sanctuary, the Sunday School teachers will walk with the children to the Light Court area for parents to meet them there.