

Nursery Handbook

for Parents



*Grace First Presbyterian together... worshipping God,
witnessing for Jesus Christ, and working to meet human needs.*

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... Jesus said,
“Let the
little children
come to me,
and do not
stop them;
for it is to
such as these
that the kingdom
of heaven belongs.

Matthew 19:14



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- You are welcome to donate a box of graham crackers, cheese nips, vanilla wafers, juice boxes, etc. to be shared with all children. Please do not bring snacks for just one child.
- Breastfeeding mothers may use the rocking chair in the crib room (Room 8).
- Parents should communicate with the nursery attendants any special needs or helpful suggestions concerning your child.
- To prevent confusion or upsetting your child, please do not go in and out of the nursery. The one-way window is so that you can observe the nursery without being seen.
- Be assured that the parent will be contacted if a child is not feeling well or cannot be consoled.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- For your child's safety, nursery doors will be kept locked. Please knock to be let in.
- Children are sometimes taken outside to the playground, weather permitting.
- Contact the Office Coordinator if childcare needs to be arranged for a particular event.



Child Care Ministry

Grace First Presbyterian Church feels that the best way to express God's love for the children of members and visitors is to provide a loving and safe Christian environment in which to be nurtured.

The guidelines in this handbook have been provided to ensure that parents have a complete understanding of our policies and expectations. **Please read this handbook carefully and become familiar with its contents.**

It is our goal that each child feel welcome and secure while in the care of our nursery. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have with either the nursery attendants or the church's Office Coordinator.

Staff

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AGES

The nursery is provided for infants and children through age four.

Four year olds are encouraged to attend worship in the sanctuary until after the Children's Sermon, at which time they may choose to stay for the remainder of the service, attend Kids Worship, or go to the nursery.

ILLNESS

Recommendations taken from the *Report of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics*.

Please do **not** bring a child to the nursery who has any of the following symptoms:

- Runny nose (if mucus is yellow or green in color)
- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Symptom of childhood diseases - Scarlet Fever, German Measles, Mumps, Chicken Pox, Whooping Cough
- Common cold (from onset through one week)
- Croup
- Unexplained rash
- Skin infection – boils, ringworm, impetigo
- Pink eye or other contagious eye infections

In order to protect other children, parents will be notified immediately if a child exhibits any of the above symptoms.

Please advise the nursery attendants if your child has any medical problems or allergies of which they should be aware.

MEDICATION

Nursery attendants are not permitted to administer medication. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

PARENTS

To comply with our safety standards and to make staying in the nursery a pleasant experience for all children, the following guidelines have been established:

- Only our hired nursery staff and approved volunteers are allowed to remain in the nursery for an extended time period. (All staff and volunteers over the age of 18 undergo a background check.)
- When dropping your child off in the nursery, please make sure a nursery attendant signs-in your child and notes where you will be in case you are needed.
- A short goodbye is best when leaving your child in the nursery. Our staff is able to handle a child experiencing separation anxiety.
- Following worship services or other functions/programs, please pick up your child from the nursery as soon as possible. **Children will only be released to a parent, unless otherwise arranged with a nursery attendant.**
- Please provide a diaper bag with disposable diapers, wipes, water, formula or juice bottle (no glass bottles), and a change of clothes.
- Let the nursery attendants know if your child is being potty trained. Be sure to leave extra clothes in case of accidents.
- Make sure that all personal items are labeled with a name.
- Please do not bring any toys from home except for teething and/or security blankets.

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