



Nursery Guidelines For Parents

Welcome to our Nursery!

We welcome you and your children to our church. It is the goal of Faith Presbyterian Church to provide a safe, comfortable and nurturing environment for your child. We also want you to feel secure about your child's well being while you attend services and activities at Faith.

Please take the time to read the following guidelines that we have prepared for you. This short booklet will answer most of your questions as well as introduce you to the policies that we have put in place to safe guard all of the children we care for. Your understanding and cooperation are deeply appreciated.

Thank you!

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This is a quick rundown of the policies that we have adopted to provide a safe environment for your children. Each entry in the Quick List will have a more detailed explanation in the sections following.

Quick List!

1. Infants up to and including age four are accepted for care in the nursery.
2. Children above nursery age are not allowed in the nursery.
3. The nursery is regularly available for the Sunday morning service. Faith Presbyterian Church may also provide nursery care for other special occasions. Announcements of those occasions will note the availability of care.
4. Nursery staff will not accept children that are currently ill, or have been ill within the last 24 hours.
5. Nursery staff will not give medication to children.
6. Parents are required to sign our attendance form when dropping off and picking up their children. If you have a cell phone with you, please provide that number (setting your phone to vibrate), so that we can contact you quickly (via text) if we need to do so during the course of the worship service.
7. There will always be a minimum of two nursery workers present.
8. Essentials bags (diapers, clothing, etc.) need to be clearly labeled with the name of the parent or child.
9. Children will only be released to a properly identified and preauthorized adult.

Age of Care

Infants to age four are accepted for care in the nursery. God's Garden Sunday School is available for those five years of age and older through the entire course of the year except for the Sunday following Christmas and the summer recess.

Safety

For safety reasons, we do not allow children above nursery age to enter the nursery rooms at any time. If you see older children in the nursery at any time, please ask them to leave or notify appropriate Faith staff. The only exception would be a nursery volunteer working to ready the room.

Older children do not always understand the care and maintenance of a room for small children and infants. They can leave small objects that could be choking hazards, unplug safety devices, etc.

Nursery Availability

The nursery will begin accepting children 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the service. Please pick up your children as soon as the service concludes.

Child Illness

If your child becomes ill or injured during the service, one of the nursery staff will contact you during service and bring you back to the nursery. For the health and safety of the children and nursery staff, and for the peace of mind of our children's parents, children that have had the following symptoms within the last 24 hours will not be accepted:

- a. Fever
- b. Diarrhea
- c. Vomiting
- d. Yeast Infection, monilia, thrush
- e. Impetigo (infected wounds), boils, untreated ringworms

- f. Runny nose with green or yellow mucus discharge
- g. Communicable eye infections, conjunctivitis (pink-eye)
- h. Contagious skin rash
- i. Cough, croup (except in the case of allergy)
- j. Any symptom of usual childhood disease such as mumps, measles, chicken pox
- k. Use of antibiotics for 24 hours or less.

Medication

Our nursery staff is not adequately trained to dispense any type of medication. If your child requires medication, please come to the nursery at the appropriate time to administer it.

Drop Off and Pick Up

There will be a child sign-in sheet at the front of the nursery. Please make sure you fill this out. In addition to you and your child's name, please list any food allergies or other special attention your child may require.

If you have a cell phone with you, please provide that number (setting your phone to vibrate), so that we can contact you quickly (via text) if we need to do so during the course of the worship service.

Nursery staff requests that only one parent drop off or pick up the child. This will help keep the area clear and avoid congestion and/or confusion.

It is common for children in the nursery to suffer from separation anxiety and for children to cry when you leave. Normally, the children will calm down in just a few minutes. If your child continues to be upset for 15 minutes (or sooner by parent's request) with no sign of calming down, a nursery staff member will contact you.

Feeding

Food allergies are one of our top concerns. If your child has food allergies, please note that on the sign in sheet. For the safety of your child, we also ask that you specifically tell one of the nursery staff that your child has food allergies so that all nursery staff will be aware.

Diaper Changing

You have the option to have a nursery worker change your child's diaper or have the nursery worker come find you to change your child's diaper. In our changing station area we provide a changing pad, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes (to clean the changing area). Diapers and wipes should be included in your Essentials Bag.

Essentials Bags

Essentials bags (diapers, clothing, etc.) need to be clearly labeled with the name of the parent or child. All of the items in the bag should also be clearly labeled with the name or initials of your child. If you have any special items that your child may need, please point them out to the nursery staff.

Your essentials bag may need to contain the following items:

- a. All items required for a change (diaper, creams, ointments, salves, wipes, etc.)
- b. Extra diaper(s)
- c. Bottle or cup as needed
- d. Pacifier (clip on type is preferred) or other item your child may find comforting
- e. Change of clothes.

Please do not bring toys, books, candy, gum or other personal items. Nursery staff will not give any of these items to your child if they are in the essentials bag.

Potty Training

We request that if your child is potty training that you take them to the potty before coming to the nursery. For the safety of your child, if they need to go potty during their time in the nursery, a nursery worker will contact you.

Nursery Staffing

The goal of the Faith Presbyterian Church Nursery is to offer quality care for your child. We will always have a minimum of two nursery workers on duty.

Parents: If you are not a volunteer in the nursery, please exit quickly once your child has been properly checked in. Too many big feet can leave too little room for the little feet.

Comments, Questions and Concerns

Please feel free to contact any of the people on the following page to address any and all comments, questions and/or concerns you may have regarding the Faith Presbyterian Church Nursery program. We welcome your input and are happy to have the chance to address any concerns or answer any questions you may have.

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