

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

Family Faith Formation

ADULT PARENT
FAITH
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Parent



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College/Young Adult



Senior High

High School



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CONFIRMATION

Confirmation



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Middle School



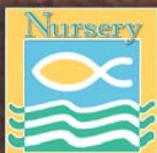
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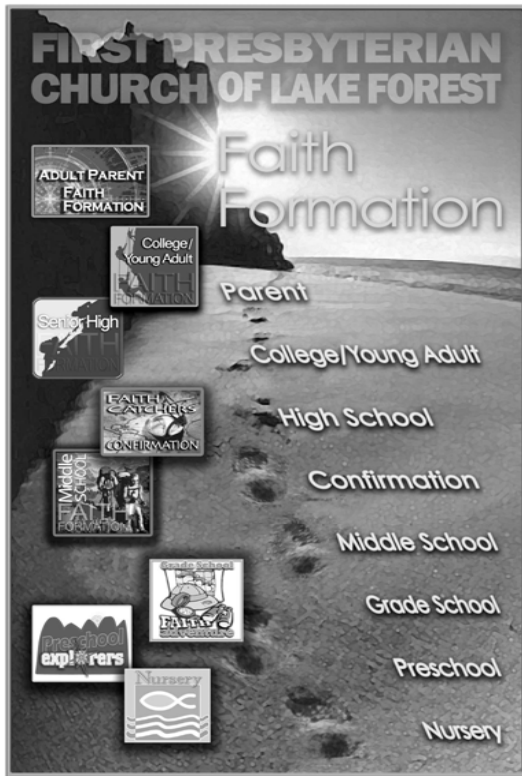
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Child Protection Policy

To ensure the safety of children and youth, all staff and volunteers must abide by our Child Protection Policy.

This includes a background check, with a reference check



Dear Families,

We warmly welcome you to First Presbyterian Church and invite you to be a part of the adventure of raising children who love God and their neighbors. This booklet details many of the programs and activities occurring here at the church, and we hope your family will be a part of many.

Our goal is to support your family, equipping parents to be faith leaders in the home and encouraging children to engage their faith intellectually and through hands-on experiences and service.

So we hope you will participate here, while also looking for ways to incorporate faith building into your home. You will find more ideas for your family in The Family Faith Formation Journey Map, available on the church website at www.firstchurchlf.org/children_youth.

Thank you for trusting us to minister with your children!

Faithfully,

**Your Family
Faith Formation Team**



Elders: Sally Burns, Linda Martinat and Kristin Wildman
Staff: Rev Amy Pagliarella, Nick Redmond and Sarah Seccombe



Faith Adventure

Faith Adventure is a "Workshop Rotation" model in which children experience a Bible story in multiple ways (based on different learning intelligences). A "tour guide" leads the children to a new room each week across a four-week "journey."

Kindergarteners learn the same stories in age-appropriate ways. They remain in one room (219) with a consistent teaching team.

Over five years, children learn the major Bible stories – and more importantly, they learn them *well*. Each story includes a key theme that applies the Bible to daily life. For example, the story of the Prodigal Son helps us learn God's boundless love and to realize that God's arms are always open.

Children K-4 **end** the morning with a community time of singing, prayer, and stewardship.

Parents can greet their children in Fellowship Hall West at 10:15AM.





Faith Adventure: 2011-2012 God's Promise is for You!

God made a covenant, or promise, a long time ago. We will learn how God kept that promise again and again – and how it lives today!

God Makes a Promise: Abraham and Sarah	September 18 – October 9
Rejecting the Promise: The Prodigal Son	October 16 – November 6
God Renews the Promise: The Prophet Isaiah	November 13 – December 4
God Promises Everyone! : Noah: God's Great Big Promise	January 22-February 5
God Gives a New Promise: Jesus – the New Covenant	February 26-March 18
Living Our Promises: Jesus Teaches Us How to Love	April 15 -22, May 13 - 20

Faith Adventure Special Events

Rally Day	September 11
Kindergarten Bibles	September 25
Christmas Pageant	December 11
Christmas Lesson and Party	December 18
Renewal of Baptism	January 8
Scout Sunday	February 5
Children's Musical in worship	February 12
Palm Sunday	April 1
Easter Sunday	April 8
Confirmation Sunday	April 15
Blessing of the Animals	April 29
"Fly-Up" Sunday	May 13
High School Senior Worship	May 20

Summer Sunday School 10:00-11:00am Memorial Day-Labor Day

Sunday School

9:15-10:15



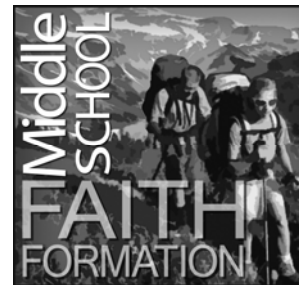
Pre School Explorers

Children age 3-4 begin the morning with faith-building time that includes prayer, singing, and stewardship. They then learn the day's lesson through story-telling, crafts, snacks, and free play.



Grade School

In *Faith Adventure*, grades K-4 explore key Bible stories through drama, art, mission, and storytelling. We conclude with a time of singing, prayer, and stewardship in Fellowship Hall.



Middle School

Grades 5 – 7 leave for Youth Chapel at the Word for Children so that they can actively participate in and learn about worship.

Then they enjoy fellowship and activities in the classrooms.



Confirmation (Eighth grade)

At the Word for Children, Confirmants move to their classrooms for lessons in preparation for church membership.

Faith Adventure – The Five Year Plan

<i>2011-2012 God's Promise Is for You! (the covenant)</i>	<i>2012-2013 Living with God</i>	<i>2013-2014 Responding to God</i>	<i>2014-2015 Meeting Jesus</i>	<i>2015-2016 God's Calling You! (also 2010-2011)</i>
Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12-22)	Creation (Genesis 1-2)	The Widow's Mite (Luke 21:1-4)	Jesus' Birth and Baptism (Matthew 1-3)	The Disciples (Matthew 4)
The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)	Joseph (Genesis 37-50)	Daniel (Old Testament)	Jesus feeds the 5000 (Matthew 14/ John 6)	Moses (Exodus)
Isaiah (Old Testament)	Magnificat/ prophets (Luke 1: 46-56)	The Beatitudes (Matthew 5)	Jesus heals (The Gospels)	Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)
Noah: God's Great Promise!	The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)	The Apostles' Creed	Jesus' miracles (The Gospels)	King David (I - II Samuel)
Jesus – The New Covenant	Parables of Jesus (The Gospels)	Jonah (Old Testament)	Jesus in Gethsemane (Matthew 26)	Esther, Purim (Old Testament)
Jesus Teaches Us How to Love God	23 rd Psalm (The Psalms)	Doubting Thomas (John 20)	Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9)	Pentecost/ The Holy Spirit (Acts 2)

During the summer months, we cover additional Bible stories

Children's Music – now on Tuesdays!

Praise God in song!

Children learn life-long music skills, develop friendships and sing in worship once a month, on Christmas Eve, and in a musical.

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Children's choirs – Susan Noble, director

Cherub Choir Age 5-grade 1
Tuesdays, 3:45-4:15PM

Carol Choir Grades 2-4
Tuesdays, 4:15-5:00 PM

Middle School Choir Grades 5-8
Tuesdays, 5:00-5:30PM

contact **Susan Noble** at sbnoble@comcast.net



Handbells for Children – Jill Hunt, director

Grades 3-5
Tuesdays, 3:45- 4:15PM

contact **Jill Hunt** at jhunt@firstchurchlf.org



Child care provided on Tuesdays 3:45-5:30PM

Youth Music Ministry

Sunday evenings 6:00 – 7:00

Lesley Byers, director

Youth in grades 9-12 who play an instrument, sing, or who just love music are welcome to jam and help lead worship with Eggs Benediction.

Contact **Lesley Byers** at lesleyPByers@aol.com



Sunday Mornings

Nursery Care

Professional, loving childcare is available for infants and toddlers through 36 months. *The Ark* is a nurturing and developmentally appropriate space for children to feel God's love.

8:15-12:15



Worship

9:00-10:00

We welcome children of all ages into our worshipping community. Families are encouraged to worship together; children may remain or leave at 9:15 for Sunday school. Children's bulletins and worship bags are available to help engage kids.

Acolytes

Fifth through eighth graders may serve as Acolytes, lighting the chancel candles before worship, participating in Sunday school, and returning to extinguish the candles at the end of the service.

8:45-9:00



Opening Doors Ministry

To make Sunday School more accessible to those with special needs, we can provide a trained *Special Friend* who supports a child in the classroom. Contact Pastor Amy to discuss.

9:15-10:15

Sunday Nights

Youth Music Ministry

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6:00 – 7:00



Youth Groups



Senior High Youth Group

7:00 - 8:15

Meet most Sunday evenings for fellowship and faith formation. All high schoolers are welcome and encouraged to bring friends.



Middle School Youth Group

3:45 – 4:45

Grades 6, 7 and 8 meet weekly for fellowship and faith formation activities. The time may change based on the activity.

5th Grade Worktrippers

5th graders participate in regular mission activities such as Soup Kitchen or helping at a local food pantry. Events are scheduled to align with each mission organization's needs.



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9:15-10:15

first@five (light supper follows) service at 5:00

This family-friendly worship service is casual and includes global music and liturgy.



Special Worship Events

Baptisms

Please notify the church of new births so that we can support you! Baptisms occur in worship once a month, and a pastor will provide pre-baptism counseling. Where possible, contact the church at least two months prior to your desired date.

Christmas Pageant

In December, our children present the Christmas Story in a traditional and heart-warming pageant. Children age 3-4 are sheep; age 5+ are angels or shepherds. Older children and youth play the holy family and other characters.

Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

Furry friends (real and stuffed) are invited to join us for a family-friendly worship service under the rummage tent. Middle School students lead music and liturgy during this favorite annual event.

Kindergarten Bible Sunday

Every fall, we present Bible storybooks to kindergarteners during worship and celebrate with them in Sunday School.

Lent and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday family worship helps children understand Lent and the Maundy Thursday dinner is appropriate for all ages. The Good Friday prayer stations include a self-guided tour for families. Palm and Easter Sunday services are family-friendly and particularly powerful.

"Fly-Up" Sunday, with Fourth Grade Bibles

At the end of the school year, we recognize our fourth graders in worship as they "graduate" from grade school Sunday School. To support them as they enter Middle School Sunday School, the church presents them with "adult" Bibles.

Special Activities

Vacation Bible School- Children preschool ("almost 4") through 4th grade enjoy arts and crafts, Bible adventures, songs, mission, and tasty treats to reinforce Biblical stories and teachings.

VBS Worktrippers- Those entering fifth and sixth grade enjoy local mission on "VBS Work-Trip," which runs concurrently with VBS.

All Missions Possible (AMP)- Your mission...should you choose to accept it...is to serve our neighbors while enjoying fellowship. Previous events include cooking for local organizations or stocking a food pantry or planting flowers at Lambs Farm; some are parents only while others include children of all ages.

Middle School Presbytery Retreats- Chicago Presbytery offers 6th, 7th and 8th graders the opportunity to meet kids from other churches. The January retreat is a 3-day event with music, speakers and fellowship, followed by a May overnight focused on outreach and mission.

Senior High Presbytery Retreat- Chicago Presbytery also provides 9-12th graders the chance for fun, fellowship, and faith formation with kids from other churches. The November retreat features guest speakers and great music.

Senior High Work Trip- This week-long trip offers youth the chance to leave their comfort zones and help communities in need. Past trips have included flood relief in Iowa, special needs support in Missouri, and Katrina recovery in Mississippi.

College and Young Adult Ministries- The college years are all about asking questions and seeking answers, constructing identity, forming relationships, and discerning one's call among the joys and needs in our world today. We seek to build relationships with Lake Forest College students, welcoming them into worship, Bible study, prayer, and discipleship.

We also provide First Pres members away at college with care packages, encouragement, and opportunities to participate in the life of their home church while visiting over break. Contact Jennifer Aycock at jennifer.aycock@gmail.com for more information.

Weekday Ministries

First Presbyterian Church PRESCHOOL



Our Philosophy

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool enables children to grow individually by providing an environment rich in materials and an atmosphere that encourages exploration and discovery.

We focus on developing the whole child—physically, emotionally, intellectually & socially — creating

opportunities for children to grow through a nurturing, process-oriented curriculum set within a framework of play.

Because of our low teacher-student ratio, teachers are able to provide individual guidance and interaction to meet each child's needs, while also encouraging social growth through the use of age-appropriate materials and activities.

At First Presbyterian Preschool, we strive to provide positive preschool experiences that result in happy, confident children who eagerly embrace learning for a lifetime.

Classes

Discovery - Our 3 day Discovery class is for children who will be 3 by Sept 1. This class meets Mon, Wed & Fri mornings from 9:00-11:30.
-Our 2 day Discovery Class is for children who will be 3 by Dec 31. This class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30.

Adventure/Expedition -Our Adventure and Expedition classes are for children who will be 4 by Dec 31 & meets Mon, Wed & Thurs mornings with an optional enrichment day on Tues from 9:00-11:30. The commitment to the optional enrichment day will be for the year, not on an as-needed basis.
-The Expedition class meets Mon through Thurs from 12:15-2:45.

Odyssey -Odyssey is designed for those who have fall birthdays, or are otherwise not ready for Kindergarten. Children must be 5 by Dec 31. Odyssey meets Mon through Thurs from 12:15-2:45 with an optional enrichment day on Fri morning from 9:00-11:30. The commitment to the optional enrichment day will be for the year, not on an as needed basis.

Contact **Ruth Luke, Preschool Director** at rluke@firstchurchlf.org or 847.234.6250

The Family Faith Formation Team

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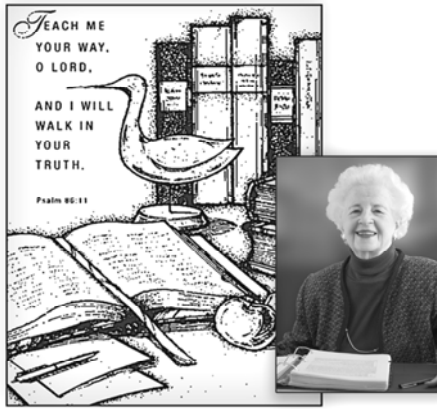


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We can all be reached at the church,
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The Millicent Kreischer Children's Library



MILLICENT KREISCHER CHILDREN'S LIBRARY UPSTAIRS ROOM 215

The Millicent Kreischer Children's Library is housed in room 215 (above the South Parlor) and includes selected Children's Bibles, board books, storybooks and non-fiction.

The focus is on preschool and grade school with sections for youth and parents; most volumes are Christian, with selected titles to help children learn about other faiths.

The library honors Millicent Kreischer, a long-time member of First Pres and a former Director of Christian Education. Millicent loved reading and adored children, and we honor her memory and many contributions.

Stop by during church hours to borrow a book!
To donate a book or for more information,
contact Amy Pagliarella.

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