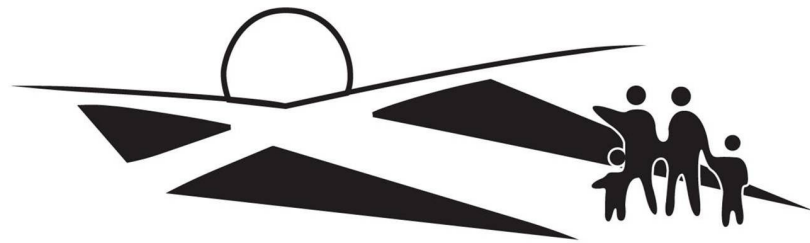


We are a family of believers in Jesus Christ who
glorify God together,
serve, support, and educate
each other in our faith.

We reach our community and the world
to show care and concern
for all people and spread the love
and saving power of Jesus.



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Families in Worship



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The Whole Family is Welcome

WE as a church understand that...

- ☺ Children are important members of the household of faith.
- ☺ It is hard for children to sit still for a long time.
- ☺ Children will learn and retain more if they actively participate in worship.
- ☺ Children who regularly attend worship are more likely to become faithful church members as adults.
- ☺ Many say kids are the church of tomorrow. God says they are the church of today.

Whether you worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 10:00a.m. or at our Contemporary Celebration Praise the first and third Sundays at 6:00p.m. your family is always welcome!

Pastor Matt

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Sauer
Pastor



Ways to Involve Children in Worship...

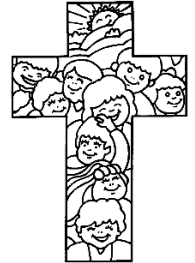
- † **Talk about worship at home** and prepare your child for what may happen and what you expect of them.
- † **Find a seat near the front of the sanctuary** so that your child can see and feel a part of what is happening.
- † **Comment of special events happening in worship** such as baptism, communion, and introduction of new members. Point out banners or changes in the liturgical colors.



† **Help children follow the order of service** in the bulletin by numbering the parts of the service. Let your child cross off each number as that part ends.

† **Let your child find the hymns and help hold the hymnal.** Run your fingers beneath the words being sung to help your child follow along.

† **Encourage your child to take part in the Time with Children.** Parents are always welcome to join their children.



† **Children's Worship Bags** are available to aid in learning about and worshipping God.

They can be picked up following the Time with Children in the front of the Sanctuary near the pulpit.

† **Let your child participate in the Passing of the Peace** by shaking hands with and introducing your child to the people near you.

† **Help your child find the scripture lessons** in the children's pew Bibles in the front pews, and follow along as the scriptures are read.

† **Allow children to place the family's offering envelope in the plate.** Use a pew envelope so children can feel part of the church by sharing their own offering.

† **Talk about what went on in worship** at home. Make positive observations about what happened in worship.

† **Make Sunday worship family time.** Let God's love be evident in your family life the rest of the week.