



~ A Note to Parents ~

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Nursery at First Presbyterian Church. God has provided a wonderful team of nursery staff and volunteers who graciously serve each week. Each member of the team considers it a privilege to care for and love your “little ones unto Jesus.”

It is our prayer that your little ones will love to come to church, and that you will find it to be a safe and loving environment where they will experience the love of Jesus!

You are also encouraged to become a part of our team and to help as a volunteer. You may volunteer monthly, or on an “as needed” basis. It takes many, many volunteers to adequately love and care for all your precious little ones.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please call or email.

Serving “Unto Jesus”...

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Promoting your Child

Nursery 1 (Birth to 15 Months):

15 months is the age to consider moving your child up to N2A. Your child needs to be walking confidently and showing signs of wanting more independence and room to play. After your child is at this stage, it is up to you to make the final decision to move your child up to N2A.

Nursery 2A (15 Months—2 Years):

Your child will be able to move up to N2B after their 2nd birthday, or by approximately 2.5 or 30 mos. Your child will begin to mature and will be ready for more structure in the classroom at that time. It is the parent that makes the decision to move their child up to N2B.

Nursery 2B (2 to 3 years old):

Your child will be promoted to N3 in September on Promotion Sunday. They must have had their 3rd birthday and are potty trained by September 1st of the current year. If they are not potty trained by that date, they may move up at the time they are potty trained.

Nursery 3 (3 to 4 years old):

Your child will be promoted to K-4 in September on Promotion Sunday. They must have had their 4th birthday by September 1st of the current year.

If you have any questions concerning the promotion guidelines, please contact the Nursery Director.

Illness Policy for a Healthy Nursery!

Church and worship attendance is important for children and their families. The intended purpose of the healthy nursery policy is to prevent the spreading of illnesses and to allow families to confidently leave their children in the nurseries. We want to ensure members and visitors of First Presbyterian that these policies are up to date and in agreement with recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics. These guidelines should apply to participating children as well as workers and volunteers in order to maintain a healthy nursery.

Exclusion Criteria:

(for keeping your child out of the nursery)

Fever (Defined as 100.4 rectal, oral, ears) within 24 hours of attendance

Vomiting and/or Diarrhea within 24 hours of attendance

Unexplained rash with fever

Mouth sores with drooling

The following should be excluded until ...

there has been greater than 24 hours of treatment:

Strep throat, Impetigo, Pink Eye, Head Lice

The most common question of inclusion or exclusion is the common cold (i.e. runny nose, cough and congestion). Parents should use their judgment with the following in mind. Children should not attend if they cannot participate comfortably, are unusually fussy, needing to be held constantly or needing a level of care that compromises the ability of the staff to care for the others (i.e. constantly needing nose cleaned).

The following need not be excluded:

Rash without fever

Non infectious conjunctivitis (defined as normal looking eye with clear watery discharge without fever, eye pain or redness)

Children with Chicken Pox may return once all lesions have crusted over

REMEMBER---*The most important preventative measure to stop the spread of infection is frequent hand washing.*

General Nursery Guidelines

Weekly:

- ♦ Sign in on the roster: Include parent's location and all special instructions.
- ♦ A security label will be provided for you to complete and attach to your child. The security label will be numbered and have a parent stub for you to keep until you pick up your child. Your stub must be presented upon picking up your child.
- ♦ Only one parent is to bring the child into the nursery. All other family members are to wait in the hall. This is to prevent overcrowding at the counter and will hopefully provide for a faster and smoother transition while leaving your child.
- ♦ When checking on your child during the services, please use only the viewing windows, and even then, be cautious that your child does not see you.
- ♦ Please pick up your child promptly after services, and only have one parent come into the nursery to pick up your child.

Personal Items:

- ♦ Label **all** personal items. (diaper bags, bottles, cups, pacifier, blankets, etc.)
- ♦ Diaper bags should contain 3 disposable diapers, a change of clothes, bottles or a sippy cup.
- ♦ Do not bring any personal toys. A single "comfort item" such as a "teddy or blankie" is welcome only in N1, N2A and N2B.

Food / Drinks / Medication:

- ♦ Food Allergies: Be sure to alert nursery staff and write it on the special instructions.
- ♦ Nursery Staff and Volunteers are not permitted to give medication.
- ♦ We do provide snacks such as, cheerios, graham crackers, vanilla wafers, etc. (For babies that are still not eating cheerios, please select our pre-printed "NO Cheerios" label and place it on their security bracelet).
- ♦ Nursing moms: Feed your child as close to arrival time as possible, or you may use the Mother /Infant Room during the services or before you leave your child.
- ♦ Bottle fed babies: Bring one 8 oz. bottle of milk and one 8 oz. bottle of juice or water, in order to be sure they have enough to keep them content.
- ♦ N1, N2A, N2B-drinks and sippy cups are welcome.
- ♦ N3-we provide cups and drinks.

Crying:

We will do everything possible to comfort your child. However, if your child cries inconsolably for 20 minutes, the nursery will contact you.