

Children and Family Ministry Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are some of the programs/activities offered for children at Christ Church?

There are so many opportunities for children to get involved in programs and offerings at Christ Church, and the Children and Family Ministry emails will always include the latest events and happenings. All children's programming is currently taking place outside as we continue navigating the Covid-19 crisis. **At least one parent must be on site at all times if a child is with us during Sunday School or in the nursery.**

Some of the annual programs and activities include:

- **Sunday School** (Age: 3 years or older by 8/31/2021 through Fifth Grade)

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School at 10 am most Sundays from mid-September through mid-May during the program year. Drop-off and pickup is at specified classrooms but the Bible story lesson and activities will be held outside due to COVID restrictions and safety for all. All children 2 years of age and older need to be masked while on campus. Our 2-year-old children will be included in our regular Sunday School programming once we can return fully to in-person classes without restrictions.

- **Music Club** (Age: Pre-K and Kindergarten)

In Music Club, students learn the basics of making music and healthy singing by playing musical games. Music includes the Orff approach combining music, movement, drama, and speech into lessons that are similar to a child's world of play.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5 - 5:30 pm, mid-September through mid-May

Services: Participation in Discovery Service (once a quarter)

- **St. Nicolas Choir** (Age: First through Eighth Grades)

Choir is based on the Royal School of Music training plan. Participants prepare music for worship while learning the basics of reading music, vocal skills, liturgy, and teamwork.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 pm

Services: Participate in the 8:45 am Eucharist (twice monthly)

Contact: Olivia Beaver at beavero@christchurchcharlotte.org.

- **Wednesday Night Family Dinners**

Due to COVID, these are not being offered at this time. However, Chef Mary is offering **Food To Go beginning Wednesday, September 15. Pre-order by 4 pm the Monday before and plan to pick up Wednesday afternoon. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/kitchen.

- **Vacation Bible School** (Age: Rising Kindergarten through rising Third Grade) ***As long as things improve with COVID, we HOPE to offer VBS for rising 4-year-olds through rising fifth grade again, like years past.

A four-day summer camp where the children of Christ Church can deepen their faith through fun activities including art, music, Bible stories, and play.

Upcoming Dates: June 20 – 23, 2022

- **Annual Christmas Pageant** (Age: 4 years through Third grade)

The parish enjoys this annual reenactment of the miracle of the birth of Jesus by the children of Christ Church, with third graders serving as the main cast.

- **Volunteering at Discovery Service** (Age: 3 and older)

Children are invited to serve as "Young Ministers" who participate and service in special roles during worship. We also need adult volunteers for setting the altar prior to the service and cleaning the altar afterwards. Discovery Altar Guild is a wonderful opportunity to serve with your older children as well. Contact Sarah Ford (fords@christchurchcharlotte.org) for more information on both of these opportunities – for adults and for children.

- **Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten** (CCK) is half-day program that emboldens each student to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically and spiritually. Children ages 12 months through Kindergarten are encouraged to be active participants in their learning by exploring their abilities, expressing ideas and developing friendships. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins January 5, 2022 and runs through January 28, 2022 at 12 noon. To find out more about CCK's program, tour dates, and registration visit the website, www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cck. For questions, contact Mary Caroline Lee, Assistant Head of School, leemc@christchurchcharlotte.org.