



### Mission Opportunity

Sponsor 3 on the 3rd - Children collect offerings to sponsor three Haitian students in Blanchard School.

### Mission Statement Of The Children's Ministry

First Presbyterian Church

Our mission for children and their families is to provide Christian growth by nurturing their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through education, service to others, and fellowship.

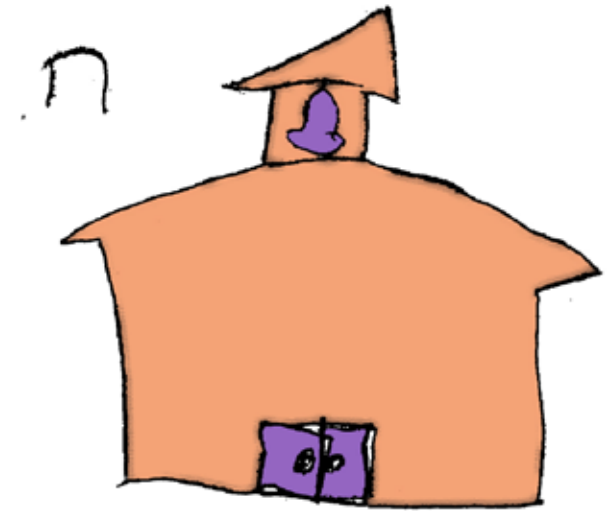


### FirstSchool

This preschool program is available to children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old and operates 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, following the traditional school calendar with a summer hiatus. For more information, call the FirstSchool Director (483-0146).



# Children's Ministry 2011-12



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Programs and events  
for children at First  
Presbyterian Church

# Programs of the Children's Ministry

## Nursery

### Newborn to 3-years-olds

Our professionally staffed nursery along with volunteers provides loving care during Sunday School, Sunday worship services, and Wednesday night programs. This ministry also provides child care for special events and meetings in the life of our church. Children enjoy Bible story, music, videos/DVD, learning activities, and the creative playground during child care sessions.

## Sunday School

### Toddlers to preteen

Classes meet 9:45-10:40 a.m. Teachers use a variety of learning activities including drama, puppetry, music, and much more to aid the children in understanding and applying God's Truth to their lives.

## Children's Church

### Preschool through 4-year-old and kindergarten students

Offered during the 10:55 worship hour, August through June. Children are excused from the sanctuary during the second hymn. Volunteer leaders guide the children in Scripture study, learning activities, and music. Worship bags and Guides are available for children attending worship.

## PRISM On Wednesdays

### For 3-year-olds through 5th-grade students

PRISM is the mid-week children's ministry September through April, offering Praise, Rhythm, Instruments, Spirit, and Movement to "Build a strong, Christian faith through God's gift of music and Bible exploration!" Children enjoy creating accompaniments with Orff instruments, Choir Chimes, and Handbells. Sessions meet 6:00-7:30 p.m.



## Vacation Bible School

### Preschool 2 year old - 5th grade students

Vacation Bible School is offered the last full week in June with an exciting theme using skits, Bible stories, crafts, mission opportunities, music, games, and snacks. Children enjoy inviting friends and neighbors to attend with them. Preteens participate in unique opportunities for mission and the application of Bible truths off campus. Children support a local mission project and a global mission project.

## Summer Activities

Creative and exciting age-appropriate events and activities are planned throughout the summer. These events include Bible exploration and application, play, mission, snacks, and games.

## Music Camp

### For rising Kindergarten, First-, and Second -grades

Worship in the Chapel with Scripture, song, movement, instruments, crafts, service. Enjoy outdoor games and snacks. Sessions meet 9:00 a.m.-noon three days in July. Campers often visit a nearby retirement community and share their music.

## Family Events

These activities include ice skating, bowling, laser tag, and mission events: packing beans and rice meals for Haiti, Fall Festival Celebration, creating cards for health kits for Haiti, collecting and packing school supplies for local public schools, making greeting cards for deployed military men and women.

## Christmas Events

Children present a Christmas musical drama involving all ages and with songs and instruments. Children often portray animals, kings, shepherds, wise men, angels, and more. Children visit a neighboring retirement facility singing, ringing chimes, and sharing handmade gifts.

## Easter Observances

May include an Easter Journey Walk Through, a Seder Meal, or an Easter Celebration with a drama, craft activities, songs, snacks, egg hunts. These events allow children to experience the last days of Jesus' life.

## A Fall Festival Celebration

All ages may participate in an evening of games and activities and stories. The Mission emphasis is on collecting non-perishable food for the local mission agency. A meal is available in the Fellowship Hall.



## Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!

### First Graders And Their Parents

Four preparation for worship classes introduce children and parents to the Sanctuary, theology and practice of worship, and the Sacraments. Classes may be offered in the spring and/or fall.