

November @ FIRST PRES KIDS

GUIDING CHILDREN IN THEIR JOURNEY TO KNOW CHRIST, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AND BLESS THE WORLD.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00am Service

(Classroom opens at 8:50am)

3 months - 3rd Grade: Sheep Room

10:45am Service

(Classrooms open at 10:35am)

Nursery (0-23 months): Lambs Room

2 & 3 years: Rabbits Room

(Must be turning 2 years by Sep 1.)

4s/5s/Kindergarten: Chipmonk Room

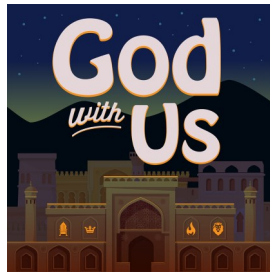
(Must be turning 4 years by Sep 1.)

1st-3rd Grade: Room 205

4th-6th Grade: Room 202

(On the first Sunday of each month 4th-6th grade will attend worship with their family and have the opportunity to participate in communion.)

Taken from their homes and relocated to foreign places, God's people find themselves in strange and unusual situations as exiles with different customs, languages, and ways of worship. This month we'll explore how God works, calls, protects, and stays with His people. God's promise to never leave His people rings true even for us today.



All children must be checked-in prior to attending Sunday School or midweek classes. Check-in stations are available at either welcome center in the Children's Ministry Center.

FIRST PRES KIDS MIDWEEKS | 6:15-7:30PM



Join us on Wednesdays!

Gates Open @ 5:15pm

Dinner Served from 5:30-6:00pm

Adults - \$7; Kids (11 & under) - \$5

Classes meet from 6:15-7:30pm

Early Childhood (Downstairs):

- **Childcare** (nursery-kindergarten)

Children ages 0 - kindergarten will have fun each week with coloring, playtime with friends, a snack and a Bible Story designed just for them! *Parents must be on campus in order for 0-5 year olds to participate in Childcare.*

Elementary (Upstairs):

- **Kid University:** 1st-3rd Grade: Room 208
4th-6th Grade: Room 202

In Kid U, kids will enjoy large group activities and teaching, game time, and small group discussions. Each week kids will have the opportunity to earn Kid U Bucks that they can spend on "Store Night", three times per year.

All children must be SIGNED OUT by a parent/guardian at the end of midweek.

PICK UP YOUR SHOEBOX: **NOV 3**

RETURN ON MISSION SUNDAY: **NOV 17**



Thank you Catherine!

For the past 2 years our Children's Ministry department has had the great blessing of having Catherine Brisco serve as our Early Childhood Coordinator. She has brought so much joy and intentionality to that role, and has lovingly connected with each child, leader and parent. Sadly, Catherine has stepped down from her ECC position, but thankfully, you will still see her around at FP! Please thank Catherine when you see her!

Parents and Kids - save the date for a family Christmas party at **KID U** on Wednesday December 4.

Kids and parents will work together to create a one-of-a-kind "Gingerbread Nativity Scene" complete with Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, animals, and CANDY!



Kids (age 4 and up) are invited to join us **WITH A PARENT!** (1st - 6th Grade parent participation is not required, but we sure hope you'll come and participate in this fun and festive Christmas Party!) Childcare/ nursery will still be open that night as usual for parents who are on campus.

This is a **FREE EVENT**... Join us in Mission Control at 6:15 pm!

Fun and Effective Advent Options for Families

Preschool kids—

Shepherd on the Search: An "Elf on the Shelf" alternative! Hide the shepherd around your house each day of December and complete activity cards together as you also read the biblical account of Jesus' birth. Many Options available for additional pieces such as book, camel, ornaments, etc. I suggest Christianbook.com for the best price. There's also a FB group for ideas!



Shepherds Treasure Set : Similar to "Shepherd on the Search" as an "Elf on the Shelf" alternative. Also comes with a small baby Jesus doll, activity cards and Scripture to read with your children all month. As a bonus, this set also has an "Easter" add-on to use this same concept during Lent with a stuffed sheep. Join the FB group for ideas!



Miracle In a Manger: a Plush doll, Book to read and activity cards with Scripture to read each day as a family. At the beginning of the month, the Angel doll visits your home with an empty manger, and on Christmas morning, baby Jesus arrives in the manger. A precious tradition for your young children! Currently \$32 on Christianbook.com

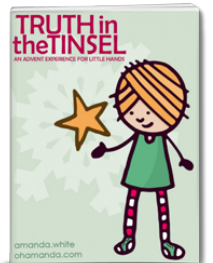


Step 2 My First Advent Calendar! A little more DIY than the above options but so fun! At 22" tall, each little bucket can hold candy, a Bible Verse, a gift, or an event for you to do together as a family! Reusable year after year! If you want to decide family activities for each day of the month, such as "Go to the Nutcracker," or "string popcorn for the Christmas tree, this might be just right for your family. \$61 on Amazon



Elementary Kids—

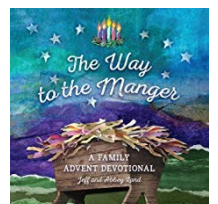
Truth in the Tinsel—available as an ebook, a passage of Scripture is read each day, and a simple ornament (patterns included in ebook) is made as a reminder. Great for older preschool and younger elementary. (TruthInTheTinsel.com)



The Giving Manger: similar to "Miracle in a Manger" but smaller in scale, with real straw, so more appropriate for older kids (bigger hands). Help your children focus on giving rather than receiving! TheGivingManger.com (\$40)



The Way to the Manger: beautifully illustrated hardcover book with activities to read and do together each day. (\$10 on Christianbook.com)



More Books I recommend:

- The Littlest Watchman
- Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas
- Prepare Him Room
- The Wonder of the Greatest Gift: An Interactive Family Celebration.

BE WATCHING OUR FP KIDS FACEBOOK PAGE FOR A LINK TO BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMAZON WITH CLICKABLE LINKS. ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 SO NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE!