

What a great Rally Day and first few weeks of Sunday School! Many thanks to our wonderful teachers and teen helpers for their hard work, and to you all for getting here in the midst of the busiest month of the year for many families! The year has started off so well, and we are thankful to have each and every one of your families in our community of faith.

Friday, September 29th at 7:30pm-- recital by Peter DuBois (see attached .pdf for more info.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Children will be in Communion at the 10:45am service. All Children should report directly to Sunday School class by 10:40am. (Junior Choir will be dismissed directly to their classrooms.)



Children in 1st grade and older will come into worship during the hymn following the sermon to sit with their families. Please talk with your child so (s)he knows where you will be sitting.

** The Jr. Choir will sing the Benediction Response at the end of worship. Children in the choir should move to the front steps during the singing of the last hymn.*

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO DISCUSS THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

Qabats begins on Wednesday October 4 at 5:30pm

If you missed our parent meeting and haven't yet volunteered, [CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up!

We are excited to begin the year with a very special program for the children to experience our organ under the expertise of Caroline Robinson, our Assistant Organist.

In addition, the five-person delegation from our Kenya partnership will join us!

Children in 1st - 6th grades are invited to be a part of Qabats. Please make sure that you have [registered](#) so that we can plan for programming—It's not too late to join Qabats!

The Glorious Voices (1st and 2nd grade choir) will begin rehearsals during Qabats. In this choir, the children begin to learn about choral singing through musical games, movement, and rhythmic experiences. They will sing in worship as part of the Nativity service on Christmas Eve.

Children's Bell Choir begins on the first day of Qabats (10/4) at 5pm in the sanctuary bell balcony. This group will learn the basics of handbell ringing and have the opportunity to ring in worship on December 10th. There are still four spots open for 4th-6th graders – please let Mary Ann know ASAP if your child(ren) would like to participate! We will only rehearse October-December this year, as musical speaking rehearsals begin in January.



JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

We're off to a great start! A few things to highlight for October are noted below:

- Sunday, October 1 – Junior Choir will sing the benediction during the 10:45 worship service.
- We continue our weekly introits through October (no Junior Choir on 10/8), and our next anthem is November 5.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 10am

KENYA PARTNERSHIP OUTING TO NIAGARA FALLS

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10am to convoy to Niagara Falls to enjoy a day with our visitors the US side of the falls, including a trip on the Maid of the Mist. Since many schools are off for the holiday weekend, families are especially encouraged to attend. We can get a group rate for Maid of the Mist tickets (\$16.50/adults, \$11 children under 12). Please bring cash (exact amount) or a check made out to "Third Presbyterian Church" to get our group rate for tickets (the Maid of the Mist does not take reservations, so there is no need to pre-pay). When you RSVP, please let us know if you have room for additional people in your car, as we will need space for our visitors (and hopefully we can carpool so that we take as few vehicles as possible). Please RSVP to Emily Blecksmith eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org by Wednesday, October 4.

About Sunday School this year:

What a great start; wonderful teachers and students ready to explore God's Word together!

- All classes are using the curriculum "Growing in Grace and Gratitude". This curriculum includes downloadable home resources ('Gracesightings') that can be accessed [here](#).
- The schedule for the Children's Worship Table for the month of October is as follows:

<i>10/1—Children in communion—no table</i>	<i>10/15—3rd Grade</i>
<i>10/8—Holiday weekend—NO SS. All children may join us at the table</i>	<i>10/22—4th & 5th Grade</i>
	<i>10/29—6th grade</i>

A word about snack and helping in Sunday School—

- The easiest way to cover snack is for each child to bring in a shelf-stable snack (fruit cups, crackers, dried fruit, granola bars, goldfish, etc.) to be kept in the classroom.
- If you prefer to bring a fresh snack, please visit our [online snack and volunteer sign-up](#) and pick a week to bring in a snack to share and lend a hand in the classroom.

Third Grade Bible presentation—On Sunday, October 29-- We will be presenting Third Graders with Bibles in worship. Families that include a third grader should watch their mailboxes later this month for more information. If you have a child in this grade and do not receive a letter by the middle of the month, contact Becky. This is a VERY special Sunday, as it is Reformation Sunday, and this year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

Faithfully,

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- text "Qabats" to 81010 or [click here](#) to join the Qabats group
- text "tpcss" to 81010 or [click here](#) to join the Sunday School group
- text "tpcjrchoir" to 81010 or [click here](#) to join the Junior Choir group