

What we are studying in Sunday School In December. . .

In December students will learn about prophecies from Isaiah and Micah as we mark the Sundays in Advent, finishing the Advent season with the story of the shepherds from Luke on Christmas Eve morning. What fun it will be to have Sunday School on this most special day in our faith life!

****Please note**, there will only be one morning worship service at 10:45am on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Junior Choir will have a brief rehearsal Christmas Eve morning at 10:00am and sing the introit as usual.

The Worship Table schedule is as follows:

- December 3—grades 4 - 5
- December 10—grade 6
- December 17—grades 1 - 2
- December 24—All classes in Sunday School
- December 31—No Sunday School—all children welcome at the worship table

Qabats-- In Qabats, we will begin the month with a special Christmas game on December 6, followed by "Get Moving!" on December 13, and a movie nite on December 20. There is no Qabats December 27. Our normal schedule will resume January 10.

Start your Advent off on a wonderful note by joining us for our Advent wreath making and soup lunch on Sunday, December 3 following the 10:45am worship service. If you have your wreath form or candle spikes from last year, please bring them so that we can re-use them. This year we will also have an Advent devotional book from Illustrated Children's Ministry with devotional and coloring materials for your family to do together! Hope you can make this wonderful Advent kick-off!



Our next Junior Choir anthem is Sunday, December 3 – The choir will sing "Prepare the Way of the Lord" by Michael Bedford.

Also on Sunday, December 3, we will do an all-Sunday School picture (Thanks Daniel Fischer!), so be sure to wear your best smile to church!



Junior Choir Cookie Sale Sunday, December 10 during coffee hour Take home a delicious plate of homemade treats for a suggested donation of \$5.00. Members of Junior Choir are asked to please bring in at least two or three plates of cookies to sell (ideally in festive packaging!) Copies of our latest CD, "So it is with the Spirit," also available - a great gift for family, friends, and neighbors!



Nursery Volunteers Needed! We are still looking for additional nursery volunteers. We ask volunteers to sign up for 5 Sundays a year (or fewer if you start mid-year) where you are in the nursery from 8:30am-noon. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch 271-6537, ext. 118 or RVeitch@thirdpresbyterian.org for more details.



Festival of the Nativity, Saturday, December 24 at 4:30pm

Carol Choir (ages 3-Kindergarten) will play the part of the animals around the manger. On Sunday, December 17 during Sunday School, children can choose their costume hood-- sheep, oxen, cow or donkey (Children not in Sunday School on 12/17 can choose at dress rehearsal on Saturday, 12/23). Carol Choir will need to be at the dress rehearsal for a short time. See below for the full schedule.



Glorious Voices and Junior Choir serve as the choirs at the Nativity on Christmas Eve. Please let Mary Ann know right away if your child cannot sing in the choir on Christmas Eve. Be sure to check the rehearsal schedule below. We have been working hard on our music, and the children are sounding wonderful!

Nativity Rehearsal Schedule for Children's Choirs

Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, December 21

Choir Arrival Times

10:30 am—Junior Choir & Glorious Voices

11:30 am—Carol Choir

12:00 pm—rehearsal finishes



Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

Choir Arrival Times/meeting locations

3:30 pm—Junior Choir & Glorious Voices (Moot Room)

4:10 pm—Carol Choir (Preschool classroom)

4:30 pm—FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY

A word about little ones and the service: The Festival of the Nativity is designed to be family and child friendly. Your children are welcome and encouraged to be with you in the sanctuary for this service. Little voices and wiggly bodies are as much a part of this service as the hymns and greenery, so please know that children are very welcome. We do not staff the nursery on this evening so that our coordinator and volunteers can be with their families, however the preschool classroom will remain open for any parents who would prefer to be with their children while having access to toys and space to run and play.

Faithfully,

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