

An Invitation from Peter DuBois:

Dear Third Church parents and families,

The pipe organ is a grand instrument that has been the predominant instrument used in Christian worship for centuries...it's also something of a mysterious instrument, since it's most often heard, but not seen. It's also a really *fascinating* instrument, especially for children, when they have a chance to hear AND see it in action!

Two events are coming up in the next week at Third Church that will give children an opportunity to both see AND hear it – and even have a chance to try it out for themselves!



The **first** is an organ recital that I'm performing this Friday evening, September 29 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. The organ console will be fully visible on the chancel platform, and I'd like to extend a special invitation to families with children to attend! I'd encourage you to stay for at least the first half of the concert – to give your children the opportunity to experience the organ in a different context than Sunday morning, and to see all the activity of hands and feet playing on four keyboards and pedals! I would also suggest that you sit in the first few pews to have the best sight lines – and certainly feel free to leave at intermission, if needed.

The **second** event will take place in conjunction with the first meeting of Qabats on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30pm. Our fantastic Assistant Organist, Caroline Robinson, will offer a hands-on experience for children with the pipe organ in the sanctuary, in what we're calling a "Pipe Organ Petting Zoo!" She'll give a demonstration, designed especially for children, of the sounds of the instrument, and some of the mechanics of playing. She'll also play some music for the children before giving each of them the opportunity to sit at the mighty console and try some things out for themselves!



We hope that these two events, taken in tandem, will help make the organ a more meaningful part of your children's experience of church, and something they will look forward to hearing each Sunday.

Hope to see you – and your children – on Friday the 29th and/or Wednesday, the 4th!

Blessings,

Peter DuBois