



Childcare for Babies and Toddlers

First Presbyterian Church NYC is a welcoming congregation that values a diverse community of families. Babies, toddlers and their parents are a growing and important part of our church family! Please look for the many baby, toddler and family events throughout the church calendar. FPC is pleased to offer excellent childcare during worship services.

- Worship begins each Sunday at 11:00am but our childcare providers arrive at 10:30am.
- Our childcare providers are carefully screened and are highly qualified to take care of your children.
- FPC has a number of childcare rooms in place for young infants through three years old. Babies and toddlers are separated and enjoy age-appropriate toys in a safe environment. Children older than three years are included in our church school program and go to worship with parents until the Children's Prayer.
- Once you arrive in the classroom you will check in on a sign-in sheet and be given a vibrating pager. Childcare workers will not hesitate to beep you if they have any questions or if your child is very upset.
- We find that parents prefer to change their child's own diaper and you will be beeped if there needs to be a diaper change.
- Please label all bottles and sippie cups so we can make sure a friend doesn't confuse belongings.
- Sometimes transitioning into a new environment can be difficult. You are always welcome to stay in the childcare room as long as you like and we encourage you to stay for the first few weeks as your child adjusts to this new environment.
- Parents are always welcome sit with their children in the parlor on the second floor to enjoy the service via the audio/video system.
- We have paid staff to help with our child care program but appreciate all the parents who are able to volunteer on a rotating basis. Please consider a volunteer opportunity! (see details on the reverse side for your turn to volunteer)
- Children are noisy and unpredictable - and this is why we love them! We value the families at our church and hope your family will feel welcome at all our activities!



Guidelines for Nursery Parent Volunteers First Presbyterian Church

1. Arrive at church by 10:45 a.m. to help parents and children through a smooth transition as they separate.
2. Assist in signing up parent volunteers for future Sundays! (Parents are asked to volunteer at least 2 Sundays per school year.)
3. Assist parents in signing out a pager, and writing child's name on a piece of tape to be placed on child's back. (Tape w/ name should also be placed on any bottles, sippy cups, snacks and even diaper bags.)
4. Make sure the parent signs in their child for that morning, and confirm with them that we have a registration form on file for each child for the year.
5. Communicate with the staff from the Babysitters Guild any special needs or helpful hints the parent might share.
6. Help any child who might demonstrate the need for special attention and support.
7. Communicate with parents as they pick up their children, telling them about the past hour's happenings.
8. As much as possible, be aware of who is picking up each child.
9. Help with any clean up after children have been picked up, and put away toys in rooms or bins to be returned to the Christian Ed. Room.
10. Serve as an overall welcoming presence and answer visitor's questions, or refer them to the appropriate person.