

Seasonal Events

Church School continues through the summer months in a modified format. There is one large class that meets in the Church Hall. A curriculum is chosen containing stories and activities to engage children at a variety of ages and interest levels. The Nursery is available during the summer.

Bible Camp takes place 1 week each Summer. Campers (ages 4 to 9 years) and Junior Counselors (ages 9+) along with Adult Leaders, gather every morning to hear stories, sing songs and take part in crafts and games. On the last day of Camp, there is a closing celebration with families and friends.

The Christmas Pageant takes place on a Sunday morning, in December and involves the entire Church School in acting or singing. A practice takes place on the Saturday morning before the pageant.

Parent-Child Spirituality Retreat takes place in winter for children ages 5-12 along with a parent or adult relative. We hear stories, sing songs, play games, create and enjoy time away together.



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Weekly Sunday Worship Service
at 10:00am**

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Children, Youth & Families



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Welcome to St. Andrew's!

Children are an important and valued part of our congregation.

As a response to the promises we make at Baptism, Christian Education is a priority in our Church Community. We seek to provide opportunities for people to hear, respond to and explore, the stories of faith in a number of meaningful ways.

On Sunday Mornings everyone gathers in the Sanctuary for Worship. Following the gathering praise and opening prayers, children are invited to meet on the Chancel steps for a story. Then they leave for the "Worship Centre" or their classes.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children to their Church School programs. Parents are also asked to pick their children up from the "Worship Centre", or class, following Worship as part of our "Safe Church Policy". (Teachers will not dismiss students until a parent/caregiver is present to receive them.)

Colouring pages & crayons are available outside the Sanctuary.

Nursery Care is available each Sunday. Children arrive at the nursery following children's time, or at any point later in the Service. For parents who need to stay in the nursery, our service can be heard through a speaker system. You are also welcome to use the rocking chairs in the lounge upstairs.

Church School Locations

The Nursery: Located downstairs across from the kitchen.

Church School: Our Church School Students (ages 3 to 13) gather in the "Old Sanctuary" (on the same level as the Main Sanctuary—down the hallway).

They begin as one large group to hear, or help tell, the story and then divide into two groups for reflection and response activities.

Bagel Breakfast: Our High School group meets downstairs across from the Women's washroom, Room E.

Curriculum

Young Children & Worship: Ages 3-6 follows the "Young Children & Worship" program which is modeled on worship service for children and uses a "Montessori" style. The group prays, sings, listens, wonders and responds to a story from the Bible.

Grades 2-8: "Whole People of God" this curriculum helps children interpret and connect with stories of the Bible; and teaches them how to live in the world as disciples of Jesus. The curriculum offers materials that engage a variety of learning styles. Teachers also draw on their own talents and knowledge to enrich the lessons and respond to the needs of students.

Baptisms

Children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary to be involved in what happens during the Sacrament of Baptism and to welcome by name, their new brother or sister in the faith.

Profession of Faith

A series of approximately 6 sessions for young people who are considering becoming Communicant Members of the Church. We discuss what we believe as Christians; and explore the history and functioning of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Regular Activities

Fearless Friends - Grades 4-8 gather for games, discussions and a variety of outings throughout the school year.

Bi-weekly • Friday • 7:00pm

Bagel Breakfast - A group for young people in High School to discuss faith, life and current topics. They also gather for fun social events through the year.

1st & 3rd • Sunday • 10:00am

Children's Choirs: Cherub (Ages 3-7) and Junior/Youth (8+) - Sing regularly during worship services. Practices take place on Thursday evenings from September-May. (Cherubs practice 15 minutes Sundays after worship).

Weekly • Thursday • 6:30pm