

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth & Learning!

Children's Christian Education

September 11th Sunday Church School Begins!

- ◆ Children ages 5-10 : 9am—10am (before worship)
At 10:00am, children 8 and older join parents or prepare for lighting candles in worship. Children 7 and younger go to childcare.
- ◆ Children ages 4-7 attend after Children's Moment in worship. Children leave the sanctuary and go to the classroom (located on 3rd level), where they rehearse scriptural stories and celebrate the feast. When Children's Church is done, they return to childcare.

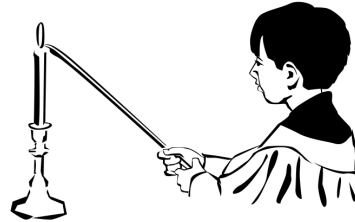
Children's Moment

Celebrated every Sunday morning in Worship. Children are invited to the chancel steps to hear a story or be lead in thinking, signing, and/or moving about a message related to the theme of the worship for the day. All children are welcome!



Acolytes

Children who are regular participants in church, of appropriate maturity and height, will be invited to become acolytes (candle lighters) during worship services. These children are instructed in the symbolism of bringing the light into the sanctuary for worship and then carrying it from the sanctuary out into the world, as well as the safe and appropriate procedures for the act of lighting the candles and extinguishing them.



Seasonal Events

October 2: Worldwide Communion Sunday

Children will be invited to participate in the sharing of elements at the communion table during worship. At 5:00pm, there will be a special service to bless our animal companions, followed by a pot luck supper.

October 16: World Food Sunday

Hunger Banquet immediately after worship 12:15-1:30pm
"Taste & See" Supper 5:00pm-7:30pm—Sample foods of the world, Guest Speaker, Punch Woods, Live Music and showing of documentary "Food, Inc."

October 23: National Observance of Children's Sabbath

Worship and Children's Sabbath picnic at 12:30pm at Catalina Park (900 N. 4th Ave)

December 24: Christmas Eve

The early worship service will be oriented to families and children. This service traditionally features a little angel choir, music & speaking/dramatic roles for older children.

ADULT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

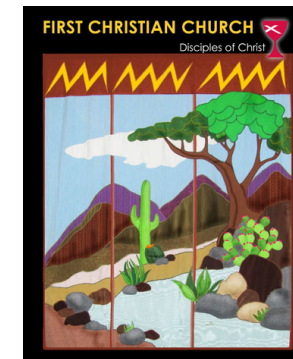
Weekly Bible Study: Sunday's at 9:00am (before worship) "The Gospel According to Matthew" - led by Rev. Delle McCormick.

Week Day Education Opportunities:

"Listening to the Spirit" exploring spiritual practices, led by Rev. McCormick twice monthly.

"Holy Holidays Series" for those who have a hard time with the holidays, led by Rev. McCormick & Rev. Do. Tuesdays (11/1, 11/22, 12/20) 6-8pm

"God Is In The Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas" study with Rev. McCormick, Wednesday Evenings 11/30—12/21 6-8pm



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