



**WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

Children's Ministry Connection



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When I was a kid growing up in the South there was always so much excitement leading up to the *possibility* of snow. I remember waking up in the middle of the night to peek out my window, just to see if it was really happening. My brothers and I even did "tricks" to help it snow – Sleeping with our pajamas inside out, putting a spoon under our pillows, and yes... even flushing ice cubes down the toilet. While all of this might sound silly, it reminds me of something beautiful about childhood: the way kids wait with hope, imagination, and expectation. In Children's Ministry, we get a front row seat to that same kind of waiting. Children trust that something good is coming, even when they can't see it yet. As we help them grow in their faith, we have the joy of pointing them to a God who is always at work – sometimes quietly, sometimes unexpectedly – but always faithfully. As we prepare to enter a new season of Lent, we are invited into a different kind of waiting – one that is quieter, more intentional and rooted in trust. Lent gives us space to slow down, to look closely at our hearts. As we walk through this season together, may we model for our children what it looks like to wait with faith, hope, and open hearts.

Lenten Workshop

Believe it or not, Lent is right around the corner! Which means, our kids will be kicking off the 40 days with our annual Lenten Workshop in fellowship hall on Sunday, February 22. We will have crafts, activities and a snack to learn more about Lent. If you are available to volunteer, please let Annie know. Due to the congregational meeting on this Sunday, volunteers may head up to the Sanctuary at 11:00. Children will stay in fellowship hall for a special Lenten story. Families, don't forget to pick up your family Lent bag following worship!



Volunteer:

- We need about 5 volunteers to help at the Lenten Workshop!
- LOTS of youth and adult volunteers are needed to make our VBS a success. Check your calendar and please let Annie know if you can help this year.
- Sunday School and Nursery volunteers are still needed for the remainder of the year - please reach out to Annie for more details!



↗ **This Sunday**

Children will be learning about how big God's love is and will help make Valentine's for the sack lunches for the homeless.



K-2nd and 3rd-5th

Preschool

Feb 1 - Preschoolers go to Wee Worship in the chapel

Feb 8 – The Mustard Seed and The Sower

Feb 15 – The Good Samaritan

Feb 22 – Lenten Workshop in fellowship hall

Feb 1 - K-3rd go to Wee Worship in the chapel

*4th/5th stay in worship for Communion

Feb 8 – The Prodigal Son

Feb 15 – Mary and Martha

Feb 22 – Lenten Workshop in fellowship hall



We will meet on Sunday, February 8 immediately following worship for pizza and an Escape Room at Team Escape in Worthington. RSVP to Annie if you would like to attend!

Upcoming Dates...



- Sunday, February 1 – Wee Worship
- Sunday, February 8 – Club 45 Escape Room
- Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday services
- Sunday, February 22 – Lenten Workshop
- Sunday, March 1 – Wee Worship and VBS Registration opens!

Save the date:

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 5 from 9:00 – 12noon at Mirolo Pavillion. Registration will open March 1st on the WPC website. Youth and adult volunteers are needed!



FOR ALL AGES

TUESDAY *Nights* TOGETHER

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month

Mark your calendar:

- February 3
- February 10
- February 24
- March 10
- March 24
- April 14
- April 28
- May 12 - TNT picnic