

pate in the Christmas Pageant held the Sunday before Christmas, either as members of the Family Choir (attending weekly rehearsals after church in Dec.) or with minor roles they learn during regular Sunday School classes. A special service for families is held at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

An Easter Egg Hunt follows the service on Easter morning and there are also special celebrations marking Pentecost and the end of the Sunday School year in June.



Church School Outreach

Opportunities for outreach are available to children throughout the year. During Advent children and their families are invited to deliver gifts to residents of a housing program that serves low income and disabled people in our neighborhood.

Children also participate in the annual giving project of the Diocese of Oregon. In past years they have raised money to purchase malaria-preventing mosquito nets for children in Africa and to fund clean water projects in Asia and Latin America.

Baptism, Special Communion, Confirmation

It is the custom in the Episcopal Church for parents to decide when their young baptized children will receive communion. To enhance lessons the children receive at home, All Saints periodically offers classes that educate the youngest members of our parish about the significance of Holy Communion. Instruction is also offered for those children who are considering baptism or who, baptized as infants, are intending to express a mature commitment to Christ in the sacrament of Confirmation.

For more information about Church School or the other programs mentioned in this brochure, contact Sunday School Coordinator Sarah Gibson at sgibsonpx@aol.com or the office at 503-777-3829.

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All Saints Episcopal Church Christian Education for Children and Youth



The purpose of All Saints Church is to celebrate God's love, to seek and to serve Christ in all persons and to go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Christian Formation for Children and Youth

- Sunday morning classes are offered for ages preschool through High School.
- Class times are 10:15-11:00 a.m. Children join their families in church at the Offertory.
- The fourth Sunday of the month is “Youth Sunday” with children and parents in church worshipping together.
- Family-centered events throughout the year promote fellowship, faith and traditions.
- Classes are offered periodically to prepare for Baptism, Special Communion and Confirmation.



Christian formation and education are important for all ages. Clergy, staff and volunteers at All Saints work together on this important ministry, providing age-appropriate venues for children to learn about and experience their faith.

Sunday Mornings

Four classrooms are offered on Sunday morning—Preschool/Kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 and above. Classes begin at 10:15 a.m. and conclude at around 11:00 a.m., at which time the older children join their parents in church for Holy Communion. Parents of preschoolers can bring them into the service or leave them to play in the nursery, which is staffed from 9:15 until the conclusion of the 10:15 service. Church School classes do not meet on the fourth Sunday of the month. The special “Youth Sunday” service on that Sunday includes a children’s sermon and children and youth are encouraged to participate as acolytes, lectors or ushers. They also have the opportunity to sing with the Family Choir.

Curriculum

The Preschool/Kindergarten class and the 4th-6th grade class use the *Episcopal Children’s Curriculum*, with content woven from four foundational threads: Old Testament, New Testament, Sacraments and Church. Themes this year include Creation, the Pentateuch, God’s Covenant with the people of God, Jesus as Healer and Miracle-worker, the Church in the New Testament and the Apostle Paul.

1st and 2nd graders experience *Godly Play*, an approach that begins with the proposition that children “have a natural sense of God and that what they lack is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and

strengthened. *Godly Play* teaches children the art of using Christian language—parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action—helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence in their lives.”

7th grade and older use the Bible and the Episcopal catechism as the primary texts. This year’s focus is “Fruit of the Spirit”. Parents are warmly invited to drop in occasionally and participate with their child.



Programs for Families and Children

Programs for families and children occur throughout the year. The Sunday School year begins in the fall with an Ice Cream Social, where students and parents can meet teachers and other families.

The season of Advent begins with an opportunity to make a fragrant Advent wreath to use at the family dinner table. A special Children’s Breakfast also takes place in December. All children are invited to partici-