



## Dear Parents,

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church's Nursery Ministry. Our goal is to provide an environment for all children that promote spiritual development as well as emotional and physical well-being.

From the infant room where our volunteers pray for the children to our toddler room where children learn Bible stories, we strive to introduce your little ones to Jesus Christ through age-appropriate activities. Our hope is that we can work alongside your family to best provide a safe, Christ-centered environment.

It is our privilege to serve your family by caring for your child. Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have about our Nursery Program.

Feel free to visit our website for more information about our Nursery, Special Needs, and Children and Youth ministries at www.westpca.com.

Sincerely

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"Jesus said, let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



#### At what age can my child be left in the Nursery?

We care for children newborn up through age 3. We have 4 rooms that are separated by age groups. The groups are as follows:

• Infant: 0-12 months old • Infant: 12-24 month's old

• Toddler: 2 years old • Toddler: 3 years old

#### When is Nursery Open?

• Sunday Mornings 7:50am-12:20pm

• Tuesday Mornings: 9:00am-11:15am

• Sunday Nights: 6:20pm-7:45pm

• Wednesday nights: 6:20pm-7:50pm

## How do I check in my child?

Before going to your child's assigned room please check them in at the Nursery Check-in station outside Room 109. If you are a first time visitor you will need to fill out a visitor form. Upon check -in, each guardian is given a Guardian security receipt that must be shown when removing the child from the room. Each guardian is also given a pager. If a guardian has a pager they must stay on the Church property.

### Will I be paged if my child cries?

The nursery has a 10 minute crying policy. If your child is crying for 10 consecutive minutes, you will be paged. Please inform volunteers if you would like to be paged sooner.

## Will my child receive a snack?

Please instruct the volunteers of your child's specific needs or allergies. If a bottle is given, please make sure the formula is already premixed. Make sure your bottles and sippy cups are properly labeled. Snacks that are peanut-free are provided for children 6 months and older.

# Will you change my child's diaper or toilet my child?

It is our goal to check each child's diaper at least once while they are with us. If your child is potty training, please take the child to the bathroom before bringing them to the nursery. We suggest that you bring a change of clothes in case of an accident. However, each nursery can provide extra clothing if needed.

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#### Is a private nursing area available?

There is a room available specifically for nursing mothers. This room is in room 109 and it contains a changing table. You will need to sign in . The sermon can be heard in this room.

### When is my child too sick to come to nursery?

For the protection and well-being of all our children, every child and worker should be free of communicable diseases when attending any program at Westminster. We ask that workers and children remain at home if they have any of the following symptoms and/or illnesses:

- Active Chicken Pox
- Cold
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Coughing
- Diarrhea (for any reason)
- Fever within the past 24 hours
- Infection of any type

- Rash
- Runny nose (clear drainage is allowed
- Vomiting (within the past 24 hours)
- Lice
- Infection of any type
- Measles or Mumps

Thank you for helping us provide a healthy environment for your children.

## Is there a special needs ministry?

Westminster does offer a special needs ministry, Explorer's Church during the 11:00. At this time Explorer's will be taught a Bible lesson, will sing songs, will do a craft and have some play time.

#### Who can serve in the nursery?

A volunteer can serve in the nursery if they are a member or have attended for a year. They also must complete background checks every 5 years. In addition to this each volunteer is approved by session. Parents may sit with their child in the room.

## How can I help in the nursery?

There are several ways to help the nursery. If you would like more information on how to become involved, go to www.westpca.com and look under Nursery.

#### What other children's activities are available?

Please visit our website at www.westpca.com to see events and activities that are happening at Westminster.

