

## Guidelines for Nurseries

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to Reformation Presbyterian Church!** We are glad that you and your child are here. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our Nursery Ministry. Our purpose is to demonstrate and share the love of Jesus to the children and parents that visit the nursery. Our Nursery Caregivers are experienced volunteers who look forward to this time with your child. Below we have included some general information and guidelines that we hope will be helpful for you and your child.

The nurseries open at **9:05 am**.

We have **two** nurseries, "Baby/Toddler" and "Walkers".

The "**Baby/Toddler**" nursery is for babies and toddlers up to 24 mos.

For the "**Babies**", we will gladly give a bottle of milk or juice that **you bring**. We will serve snacks, (Cheerios, goldfish or animal crackers) to your child only **if you have given permission** on the sign-up sheet.

For the "**Toddlers**" we will serve a small snack (ex. goldfish, graham crackers or animal crackers) and water. If your child is not yet ready to hold a cup, just **send an empty, labeled sippy cup** in the diaper bag.

Please **label** your child's diaper bag.

If your child is struggling with separating from you, **security items** (pacifiers, blankets, dolls, etc.) are welcome during this season. Please refrain from bringing toys unless necessary.

The "**Walkers**" Nursery is for 2's and 3's. During the Sunday school hour these children will have a Sunday school lesson, singing time and play time.

For parents who wish to **start training their children in the pew**, you are welcome to bring them into the worship service. There is a children's sermon during the first half of the service. This can be a great time to introduce them to worship for a brief period. After the children's sermon you can accompany the Deacon-on-duty over to Kirkside Hall in order to sign your child into the "Walker" nursery. At that time the children will have guided play time with a nursery volunteer.

**If your child is potty-trained, please take him/her to the bathroom before entering the nursery.** We can take children to the bathroom if need be, but the bathroom is not adjacent to the nursery making it harder to gather everyone and go. If you are in the process of training your child please have them **wear a pull-up on Sunday mornings**.

**Every parent will receive a pager** from the nursery when a child is signed-in. Your child may cry when left with us. This reaction is a normal healthy show of preference for his parents! Crying usually stops a few minutes after you leave. However, if at any time your child continues to **cry for up to 10 minutes**, we will notify you by signaling your pager to vibrate.

If your child is **new to the nursery**, we understand that you may want to check on him/her. Please try to do so without being noticed. Seeing you in the hall will likely cause the child react, and then other children may be upset as well.

**Child Pick-up:** Children in the nursery will be passed off to a parent or other adult designated by the parent at the door. Also, older siblings will not be permitted into the nursery to play with or pick-up nursery children.

Finally, we want to provide a **healthy environment** in our nurseries, so we ask you to read and follow the Health Guidelines listed below.

## Health Guidelines

We ask you to refrain from bringing your child to the nursery if he or she has:

- \*had fever in the past 24 hours
- \*vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- \*nose drainage that is yellow or green
- \*a rash that has not been diagnosed by a doctor
- \*a heavy or frequent cough
- \*discharge in or around the eyes

\*\*If your child is being treated with an antibiotic, he/she should have received treatment for at least 24 hours before coming to the nursery.

\*\*If your child appears ill while in the nursery, we will notify you.

\*\*Thank you very much for your cooperation!

\*\*We also ask our caregivers to follow these same guidelines.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child! If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Sallye Lucas, Director of Children's Ministries. We are glad you are here!

In Christ,  
Sallye Lucas