

Children & Youth Ministries Mission Statement & Values

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to establish a strong faith foundation for children and youth by welcoming them into a joyful, inclusive community rooted in Christ. We strive to create a space where they feel valued and inspired to show up, not as part of their daily routine but as a meaningful and transformative experience. Through formation, not just teaching, we nurture our children and youth's spiritual growth and help them build a faith-based community grounded in love, curiosity, and belonging. Together, we guide them to deepen their relationship with God and live out their faith in the world.

Values:

Community: In our formation offerings, we provide a safe space for children and youth to be themselves, build relationships, develop a sense of belonging, and know that Sunday offerings are not a time for school but a time to come together as a family united by Christ.

Service: Following Jesus' example, we are called to love and serve our neighbors by sharing our time, talents, and resources. We embrace our role as stewards of the earth, caring for creation with gratitude and responsibility.

Growing Deeper Personal Relationships with God: We encourage children and youth to explore and deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection, education, and faith practices that nurture their spiritual journey.

Intergenerational Relationships: We celebrate the strength of our community through intergenerational connections, fostering opportunities for all ages to grow in faith, share wisdom, and support one another.

God is Always with Us: We remind children and youth that God's presence is constant, especially in times of challenge or struggle. Together, we learn to recognize and live in the assurance of God's love and guidance in every moment of our lives.

Sacred Experience: We discover and honor the sacred in all places—within the church and in the beauty of the natural world. By recognizing God's handiwork in all we experience, we are inspired to live with gratitude and wonder.

Instilling Curiosity: We nurture a spirit of curiosity and wonder, encouraging children and youth to ask questions, explore their faith, and marvel at the mystery and beauty of God's work in the world.

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