



December 2016

Parent Newsletter

For Kids!

Children's Circle Preschool

Of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis



A Letter from Cara Paul, Director

Dear Parents,

We pass a lot of judgment on each other don't we? We do it all day long in our heads- sometimes out loud. And have you looked at the comments section on any form of social media- not good! I can't believe some of the things people will put out there for all the world to see. Unfortunately, passing judgment is part of the human condition.

One thing I find so upsetting is how parents criticize each other. I hear, "Parents these days don't know how

to ..." Aren't all parents just doing the best they can in the situation they have and with the skills they are equipped with? Strangely, I know the people who are judging young parents were once judged (probably harshly) by more experienced parents. Wouldn't it be nice if the gentleman in the grocery store witnessing your child's meltdown said, "Been there, done that, hope your day gets better," instead of muttering about how no one disciplines children today? (true story- happened to me years ago.)

Why don't we build each other up? Why don't we look for the good in others instead of finding flaws? Maybe a gift we can give others is a little grace, a friendly smile, and the example of kindness. Wouldn't that help everyone a little more than a nasty comment or glare? And wouldn't that in turn make the world a little better place? May you have the gift of someone else's grace and kindness this Christmas!

Cara

Why do we give presents to one another at Christmas?

At the first Christmas, three gifts were given to baby Jesus by three wise men. They were gold, frankincense and myrrh (oils) These were gifts given to kings! When we give one another gifts, it helps to remind us that Jesus is the King and the most wonderful gift of all!



Merry Christmas!

Happening this Month!

PS3 & PK Christmas Pageants

Tuesday & Wednesday
December 13th & 14th

Sanctuary
1:45pm



Children's Circle Christmas Break Closed

Monday through Monday
December 19, 2016-
January 2, 2017

Our **first day back** is
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Family reception in Parlor following Pageant.
All families are welcome to attend!



Unless it's absolutely necessary, please refrain from using hand-capped buttons on frigid days as the cold air flows into the church when the doors stay open longer!
Thank you!

Important Calendar Dates

December 19 - 30	Christmas Break
Monday, Jan. 2, 2017	Closed-New Year's (Building closed)
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017	School Resumes
January 16	Closed-Martin Luther King Day
January 17	Closed-Staff Professional Day
February 20	Closed-President's Day
April 3-7	Closed-Spring Break
April 14	Closed-Good Friday
May 15-19	Last Week of School

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Private School Applications

It's hard to believe that it is time to think about enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. If you are considering private school for your child next year, you will most likely need a recommendation form from your child's current teachers. Please get those to our teachers as soon as possible so they can give the time and attention necessary to these forms. Thank you!

Winter Weather School Closings & Delays!

Check the following for Children's Circle Preschool's status:
WTHR channel 13
or on the web at wthr.com.

We will also update information on our Facebook page. Teachers will **NOT** call unless closing/delays are unrelated to weather.



December Book Window: The Nativity Bible Time Adventure: Jesus' birth

The children will hear how God's people were waiting for a King. They will learn how God surprised Mary and Joseph with the news about His Son, and how He provided a place for His Son to be born. Hearing how the star led the wise men to find the new King will help the children focus on Jesus as they learn to worship him by giving gifts of love and kindness. How can your family celebrate receiving God's son, the best present of all?

2017-18 School Year

- **Monday, December 12-16, 2016**
Registration Forms home to CCP Families.
- **Monday, January 9, 2017***
Registration Forms and 1st payment mail-in date.
**Postmark before this date will be returned.*
- **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**
Registration open to new families.
- **Monday, February 6, 2017**
2nd payment due



2017-18 will bring changes to Nursery, Toddler's & Two's classes. See new **age range** on your registration form.

Happening at Second Church



Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24,
4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. & 11 p.m.

- The **4 p.m.** service is ideal for families with young children as we sing traditional Christmas hymns and the children help retell the story.
- At **7 p.m.** experience a youth-led Carols and Candles Service.
- At **9:00p.m. or 11 p.m.**, join us for the traditional Christmas Eve service of "Lessons and Carols" featuring Choir and Brass.
Invite family and friends to journey with the Second Church family as we remember and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Second Presbyterian Church is a community of faith that welcomes families of all faith backgrounds!

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December

Music & Movement



Theme: Christmas



Preschool 3 & PK Christmas Pageants

December 13th & 14th at 1:45p.m. in the Sanctuary

Enjoy a family reception in the parlor following the pageant.

An Angel Came to See Mary

(The Bear Went Over the Mountain)

An angel came to see Mary. 3x
To tell of Jesus' birth.

Mary do not be frightened. 3x
The angel said to her.

Joseph and Mary traveled. 3x
To the city of Bethlehem.

Jesus was born in a manger. 3x
He is our Savior and King.

Lullaby For Jesus

(Hush Little Baby)

Hush little baby, Don't you cry,
In the manger, where you lie.
Up above a new star shines,
Bringing joy, to all mankind.
Listen baby, angels sing,
To You, our precious newborn King.



Three Wise Men

(Are You Sleeping?)

Three Wise Men, Three Wise Men
Came to see, came to see,
Little baby Jesus,
Little baby Jesus
He's our King. He's our King.

They brought gold. They brought myrrh,
And frankincense, and frankincense.
Little baby Jesus.
Little baby Jesus.
He's our King. He's our King.

They knelt down. They knelt down
To worship Him, to worship Him.
Little Baby Jesus.
Little Baby Jesus.
He's our King. He's our King.

Where is Santa?

(Are you Sleeping?)

Where is Santa?
Where is Santa?
Here I am. Here I am.
Merry, Merry Christmas!
Merry, Merry Christmas!
Ho-ho-ho, ho-ho-ho!

Santa

(Comin' 'round the Mountain)

He'll be coming down the chimney
when he comes. 5x
Ho-Ho!
He'll be riding with his reindeer
when he comes. 5x
Whoa-back!
Oh, we'll all be sleeping soundly
when he comes. 5x
Zzzzzz!
He will give us lots of presents
when he comes. 5x
Merry Christmas!



Finger Plays
Five Little Shepherds
Jesus Is Born

Nursery Rhyme:
Little Jack Horner
Jack Be Nimble