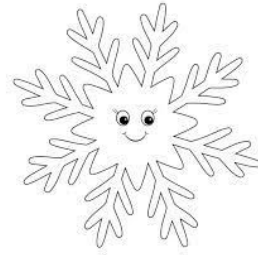


December 2024

Parent Newsletter



For Kids!

What's up with that?

We had our first snow of the season! I love snow!

Have you heard that no two snowflakes are alike? Imagine a snowflake is like a tiny, beautiful ice puzzle falling from the sky. As it falls, it goes through different parts of the cloud where the temperature and air are slightly different. When the snowflake falls out of the cloud it takes on its own shape! So, even though snowflakes might look similar, if you look closely, they're different because of their special journey through the clouds! We are like snowflakes! A little bit different but so beautiful!



Dear Parents,
I have recently realized that I am a life-long learner. As I reflect on this past year, I'm amazed at how much I have learned. I jokingly spoke at our last staff meeting about how I've always considered my life less of a path and more of a "where the wind blows" style of living. My first job was in a bakery with my beloved grandmother. Then as a radio DJ, commercial writer and traffic reporter! (Yes, I flew around Indy in a helicopter! Not much traffic on I-465 in the late 80's!). I was blessed to stay home for a few years with my 2 girls. From there I worked at Eastwood Middle school with 6th, 7th and 8th graders. I've learned to play 3 instruments, was a children's choir director and

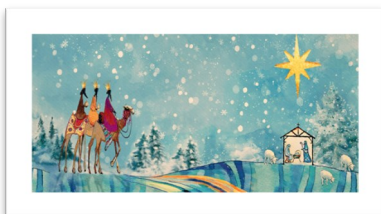
am currently in at least two church worship bands around Indianapolis every week. As I write all of this down, I realize why I'm exhausted! :) Actually, it's been a blessing and the truth is that as these opportunities came my way, I did have a choice. I made the choice to try new things and to trust that God was in it with me. These amazing opportunities have made me who I am today. I have long loved working at CCP. The new things I'm learning as Interim Director have shown me that I still have the capacity to grow! I've loved getting to know you from a different, more hands on position. But like every family, we have hard things to go through together. Saying goodbye to fellow workers, to families as they move

off into their futures, and to people who have moved into their heavenly home. I'm realizing that we do have choices in everything that comes our way. It's easy to respond with joy at the happy events but how do we have joy in the midst of the hard stuff? It's a challenge for sure but last week, I chose to turn on the Pandora Christmas music station! It may seem early, but it's one way for me to remember who is in charge and I choose to respond knowing that God has the ultimate plan for me. You and I are refined and defined through our lives choosing our response to things that come our way. I pray that you choose to learn and grow in all that comes your way this season!

Merry Christmas! Ren



PS3 & PK
Christmas Pageants
Sanctuary 1:45pm
December 17 & 18



Everyone is welcome!

CCP Closed
Christmas Break
Monday, 12/23– Friday, 1/3/25
2nd Semester begins
Monday, 1/5/2025

School Closings & Delays!

If weather affects CCP, you **WILL** receive a message on **Brightwheel!**
You can also check the internet at wthr.com
Remember that a delay means that school will begin at 11 a.m.

December Spotlight!

Music & Movement



Christmas Star

Twinkle, twinkle big, bright star
 Shining brightly from afar
 Guiding wise men on their way
 Showing them where Jesus lay.
 Twinkle, twinkle big bright star
 Shining brightly from afar

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
 The little Lord Jesus
 lay down his sweet head
 The stars in the bright sky
 look down where he lay
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Christmas Tree

I'm a little pine tree, you can see
 All the other pine trees
 are bigger than me
 When I grow up, I will be
 A great big Merry Christmas tree!



What's happening at Second Church? Check out these Christmas Eve Services!

- 4 pm Child-led worship
- 7 pm & 9 p.m. Join us for the traditional Christmas Eve service of "Lessons & Carols" featuring Choir and Brass.
- 11 pm Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion. All are welcome at Christ's Table

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Godly Play



This month we will tell the story of Advent. We will follow Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, the shepherds, and the Magi as we get the children ready for the Mystery of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Down the Chimney

He'll be coming down the chimney when he comes (5x)
Ho-Ho!

He'll be riding with his reindeer when he comes (5x)
Woah!

Oh, we'll all be sleeping soundly when he comes (5x)
Zzzzzzz!

He will give us lots of presents when he comes (5x)
Merry Christmas!

5 Gingerbread Men

5 Gingerbread men laying on a tray
 One got up and ran away! Shouting "catch me, catch me, catch me if you can!"
 You can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!" (Repeat)



Important Dates!

Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Christmas Break- Closed
January 6	School Resumes
January 20	M.L. King Day- Closed
January 21	Staff Professional day-Closed
February 17	President's Day- Closed
Friday, March 31-April 4	Spring Break – Closed
Friday, April 18	Good Friday-Closed
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday-Closed
Monday-Friday, May 12-16	Last Week of School

