



RESURRECTION
— PRESBYTERIAN —
— CHURCH —

NURSERY POLICY STATEMENT

At RPC we want our children in the worship service with their parents so that they too are under the ordinary means of God's grace in Preaching the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament. Granted, not until elementary age do they grasp much of the content but they do observe their parents and the saints participating in worship. We also recognize that children need a place, especially as toddlers, when they may need a brief break from the adult worship service, so we provide a nursery for such breaks.

Mission: To provide a safe, clean, and nurturing nursery for children birth through 3 years old during morning worship services.

Volunteers: The RPC Nursery will be staffed by volunteers who have a desire to serve families by caring for their children during worship services. There will ordinarily be two nursery volunteers in the nursery at all times. Volunteers will ordinarily be members of RPC for at least one year, be members in good standing, and be at least 18 years old. Any volunteer between the ages of 12 and 18 will always serve alongside an adult volunteer. The RPC session reserves the right to ask for a background check and to otherwise guarantee the welfare of those in the nursery.

Scheduling: The nursery volunteer schedule will be communicated by the current coordinator and will ordinarily be listed in *The Res-Pres Press*, the weekly email sent out to all members and regular attenders. If you cannot fulfill your nursery shift on a given Lord's Day, please contact another nursery volunteer and arrange for a swap or schedule change. Please communicate changes to the administrative assistant when changes are made.

In the case of:

- summer trip to the courtyard? *(a colorful rope with handles is provided for children to hang onto and stay together)*
- no children? *(volunteers can be seated near the back of the sanctuary in case a parent later decides to place a child in the nursery)*
- no nursery volunteers? *(in the case that no substitute has been arranged, the nursery door will be closed with a "parental supervision today" sign)*

THEN CHILDREN WERE BROUGHT TO HIM
THAT HE MIGHT LAY HIS HANDS ON THEM AND PRAY. ...
BUT JESUS SAID,
"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME
AND DO NOT HINDER THEM,
FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

Volunteer Duties

1. Be ready to receive children in the nursery by 10:15 AM.
2. Ensure that there are two nursery volunteers in the nursery at all times. If you find that you are alone in the nursery, seek out assistance from another nursery volunteer.
3. Greet parents and children cheerfully, request that parents share any special instructions with you, and note which personal effects (diaper bags, cups, etc.) belong to each child/family.
4. Play, read to, and interact with the children while they are in the nursery.
5. If a diaper needs to be changed, get the child's parent from the worship service to address this.
6. If a child needs help in the bathroom, get the child's parent from the worship service to address this.
7. All toys are to be sanitized after each nursery session.
8. In the event of an injury, use the first aid kit and instructions for basic first aid. Always contact the parent about that.
9. Only parents are to collect their children after the worship service. Do not allow siblings or other relatives/friends to collect the children.
10. After all children have been properly collected, toys sanitized, and floor vacuumed, please place the garbage can outside the door, turn off the lights in the nursery, and close the door. No older children should be in that room playing, to ensure the integrity of the equipment and cleanliness of the room.
11. For the safety of the children, only age-appropriate children, parents, and nursery volunteers ought to be allowed in the nursery.
12. In the unlikely event of a necessary evacuation, keep the children with you and proceed out double doors nearest the nursery and calmly yet quickly walk the children to the porch of house next door where parents can pick up the children. A large blanket will be made available during winter months to grab from the nearby coat rack to keep children warm.

Parent Information: Parents should note the following regarding the RPC nursery:

- The RPC nursery is only for children 0–3 years old.
- You may bring your child to the nursery before the start of the worship service or anytime during the service.
- Please label your child's diaper bag, cup, or bottle.
- Only parents are allowed to collect children.

Health Policy: Any child or volunteer that has been on an antibiotic for less than 24 hours should not enter the nursery. We also ask that children or volunteers who have had any of the following symptoms and/or illnesses in the previous 24 hours to not enter the nursery:

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| - Fever | - Diarrhea |
| - Yellow or green runny nose | - Pink eye |
| - Unusual rash | - Sore or Strep throat |
| - Persistent or heavy cough | - Other obviously contagious illnesses |
| - Vomiting | |

First Aid & Life Vac: In case of any first-aid concerns, there is a *First Aid Kit* in the nursery for use by the adult. In addition, a *LifeVac* was recently purchased so that if any choking emergency occurs, the LifeVac unit can remove lodged food or other object. It is designed with a one-way suction and prevents air from pushing food or objects downward.