



Spiritual Pathway

FOR FAMILIES AT CHRIST CHURCH





We Believe ...

Every believer is called to become like Christ, and though the destination is the same, the journey along the path takes different forms as we age. This Spiritual Pathway shows how Christ Church partners with parents as they help their children grow in their faith. We do this by fostering a supportive environment for parents as they nurture faith from infancy through young adulthood. We strive to provide age-appropriate community and discipleship to encourage and celebrate each stage of growth. We also offer shared liturgical experiences, service projects, and faith-building activities.



Early Childhood

(Birth-Pre-K)

NEW BABY BLESSING:

In the first month of a new child's life, a pastor would love to pray over your child.

NEW MOTHER'S BLESSING:

An annual event that gathers and celebrates mothers who have welcomed a new child within the past year.

MOTHERS OF LITTLE ONES (MOLO):

A regular gathering for community and growth offered to mothers of young children.

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM:

We offer the Sacrament of Baptism to all infants

and children and encourage participation. Parents are empowered to discern their child's baptismal age.

SUNDAY MORNING CARE:

We offer care for infants (over 3 months) through preschool that includes age appropriate Bible stories, crafts, and activities during both services.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING:

Each Sunday, those celebrating a birthday are invited to receive a blessing during the service.



Late Childhood

(K-5th Grade)

KIDS' QUEST:

Children in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to Kids' Quest for age appropriate discipleship and Bible teaching during the sermon each week.

SACRAMENTS CLASS:

4th and 5th graders, along with their parents, are invited to an annual class, where they begin to learn about how Jesus' love for them is encountered in the Sacraments.

5TH GRADE GRADUATION:

We honor our graduating 5th graders in the service by inviting them to stand with the priest during Eucharist. This is a visual symbol to the congregation that these children are now full participants in the whole Sunday service.

WILD WONDER SUMMER CAMP:

Held each summer, Wild Wonder Camp teaches children that God's creative works are good and that they themselves are beloved creations.

Early Adolescence

(6th-8th Grade)



IGNITE:

Our regular, bi-weekly, ministry to Middle Schoolers. Students are given the opportunity to laugh, learn, and cultivate friendship, with Christ being at the very center.

WINTER RETREAT:

At the start of the new year, both Middle and High School students travel outside the city for a time of connection to God, friends, and themselves.

ACOLYTE MINISTRY:

Starting in sixth grade, all students are invited to participate in the service as a robed Acolyte, serving in the role of "crucifer," holding high the cross.

GUATEMALA TRIP:

Annually, Christ Church offers a church-wide service trip to Guatemala, partnering with our friends at Potter's House. We encourage our 8th graders to go, along with their parents, as an important step of growing in Christ-like service.



Late Adolescence

(9th-12th Grade)

EIKON:

Our regular, weekly, ministry to High Schoolers. Students are given the opportunity to step deeper into God's Word in small groups, worship, teaching, and relationships.

SUMMER & WINTER RETREAT:

Our Summer Retreat offers students an opportunity to catch their breath, diagnose their hearts, and hear from the Lord prior to the busy start of school.

ACOLYTE MINISTRY:

Starting in ninth grade, all students are invited to participate in the service as a robed Acolyte, serving in the role of "Altar Server."

CATECHESIS & CONFIRMATION:

Catechesis is a 6 month discipleship class to learn the core elements of the faith, and is offered to all students 16+. It serves as a prerequisite for Confirmation. For baptized youth, Confirmation is the important moment when they stand up and say "I believe!" It is also a time when the Bishop lays hands on all of those being confirmed and prays for the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on the youth so that they may be sent out "to love and serve the Lord."

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY:

A seminar for all High School students, where we meditate together on the reality that God is the giver of all good gifts, our bodies included!



Early Adulthood

(18-22 Years)

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY:

All college-aged students are invited to a weekly Bible study hosted at Hill House on West Campus (2104 Nueces St).

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

For those who might not fit our College Bible Study demographic, Christ Church has a vibrant young adult community, offering regular events that foster community and discipleship.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY:

Small group ministry is an amazing way to connect, and lean into being further discipled in the way of Jesus with a diverse mix of people of varying ages.

BCP CLASS:

A class that explores the history and use of The Book of Common Prayer, with the intent to use it for daily worship.



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