

# Children/Youth Ministry Guide

## Sunday Morning Schedule

*Children ages 0-3rd grade begin worship with their families and are escorted to Sunday school after the Children's Moment. Children in 4th-6th grade leave worship for Sunday school right before the sermon (11am service only). Families pick up children in the classrooms after the worship service. On communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month) children will be escorted back to the sanctuary for communion. Youth in 7th-12th grades are encouraged to attend worship with their families.*

### **9:15**

#### **Worship Service & Sunday School (no 4th-6th grade)**

Sanctuary & Christian Education Wing

### **9:30-10:15**

#### **Children's Choir (grades 2-6)**

Multi-Purpose Room

### **10:30-11:00**

#### **Children's Choir (ages 3-1st grade)**

Multi-Purpose Room

### **11:00**

#### **Worship Service & Sunday School**

Sanctuary & Christian Education Wing

### **11:15-12:00 (3rd Sundays only)**

#### **Jr/Sr High Music**

Multi-Purpose Room

### **12:00-1:30 (2nd & 4th Sundays only)**

#### **Youth Group**

Multi-Purpose Room

## **Check-in**

Please check your child in and print a nametag at the kiosks in the back of the sanctuary.

## **Safety and Supervision**

On Sunday mornings, the Clifton UMC building is unlocked and open to the public. It is the expectation of the Children/ Youth Ministry Team that children and youth will be supervised by their families while not in classes or other supervised programming.

Should there be a need for an emergency evacuation during Sunday School time, children will exit the building through a door near the classrooms. Due to the layout of the building, they will evacuate to a different area than those in the sanctuary.

Clifton UMC follows a Safe Sanctuaries policy which consists of guidelines and procedures to create a welcoming and safe environment for children, youth, and the adults who work with them.

## **Class Descriptions:**

### **Sunday School (ages 3-K)**

This class follows the Godly Play method of religious and spiritual exploration. The children sit in a circle and are invited to answer and ask "wondering questions" together about the story presented during the Children's moment in worship. Then children choose work to respond individually to the story. Work materials include art materials, Godly Play materials from a story they have heard before, prayer/meditation, or caring for the space (water plants, cleaning materials, etc...).

## **Sunday School (First- 3rd grade)**

The First-3rd-grade classroom also follows the Godly Play method of religious and spiritual exploration.

## **Sunday School (4th-6th grade)**

Students are encouraged to use their imaginations and life experiences as they develop biblical knowledge, ask questions, and explore the faith traditions of others. Group projects introduce them to issues of justice and fairness.

## **Nursery (Ages 0-2)**

Babies and toddlers are cared for by loving staff and volunteers as they enjoy exploring developmentally appropriate toys and objects and begin to get comfortable with the routine of going to Sunday school.

## **Youth Group (7th-12th grade)**

Youth group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The youth group gathers for a meal, community building, and faith exploration immediately following the 11am worship service. Youth group ends at 1:30pm.

## **Children's Choir ( Ages 3-1st grade)**

Children ages 3-1st grade learn simple songs about God and loving others. They play percussion instruments, games, body percussion, boomwhackers and much more!

## **Children's Choir (Grades 2nd-6th)**

Children in grades 2-6 learn how to read music, sing, play chimes, and much more!

## **Jr/Sr High Music (Grades 7-12)**

Youth in grades 7-12 explore many ways to make music, from musicals/contemporary music to hymns, to playing various instruments, to learning techniques on the handbells, to worship planning and design, and much more!

\*Youth group begins Sunday, August, 27

\*Music classes begin Sunday, September 17

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