

Dear 4th & 5th Grade Parents,

We are so excited to begin our **Worship 101 Milestone** with your children over the next five weeks! This milestone is designed to help them understand what worship is all about—what the different elements mean, why Methodists worship the way we do, and how each part of the service draws us closer to God.

This isn't just about learning; it's about experiencing and leading. At the end of our milestone, on **Sunday, October 26, the 4th and 5th graders will have the opportunity to put everything into practice by planning and leading the 11:15 Classic Worship Service.** They will literally decide what will be shared in worship, design the bulletin, and guide the congregation in meaningful moments of worship. This is their chance to demonstrate what they've learned in a way that is visible, powerful, and deeply meaningful for our whole church family.

Because of the hands-on nature of this milestone, consistent attendance in Sunday School is very important over the next five weeks. Each week builds on the last, and the children's preparation will directly shape what happens in worship. We encourage you to talk with your child about this special opportunity and remind them how much their presence matters.

There will also be many ways for each child to participate and lead on October 26. Opportunities include:

- The Welcome
- Hymn Introduction & Leading the Congregation in Singing
- Affirmation of Faith & Gloria Patri
- Talking about Milestones and calling up 3rd graders to receive their Bibles
- Children's Moment
- Prayer Concerns and calling K/1 up to lead the Lord's Prayer
- Calling Ushers Forward
- Offertory (Children's Choirs will sing)
- Hymn Introduction & Leading the Congregation in Singing
- Benediction
- Ushers
- Greeters

Please encourage your child to sign up for one of these roles. This is an incredible chance for them to take ownership of worship, serve as leaders in the church, and share their faith with the congregation.

We can't wait to see how God will use this milestone to grow their faith and inspire our church through their leadership!

With excitement and gratitude,  
Estee & Marie