

Tips for the Congregation

- It is our mission to welcome people of all ages and stages into worship.
- Greet adults AND children who are worshiping next to you, and be intentional about learning children's names.
- Praise children for participating in worship. And be specific: "Good job at following along with the Bible readings."
- Keep an eye out for families that need assistance during worship. Do they need an activity bag, the use of a restroom, help with one child while the parent takes another child to the restroom ("May I hold your little one, while you take your other child to the restroom?"), guidance on how to walk forward for Communion, etc.?
- Hand offering baskets to children, not over their heads!
- Have patience with the learning process, sometimes children will be restless and active during worship. Remember, we are all children of God, and learning how to worship is important. As a congregation, we should help support, not hinder, families in honoring the promises they made at baptism.

