



# Making Room for Jesus, Making Room for Wonder

First Pres Children's Ministry - Lent 2024

**It is time to get ready for the Season of Lent.** During this Lenten Season we are going to focus on *Making Room for Jesus, Making Room for Wonder* in Children's Ministry. In addition to experiencing many Godly Play stories, the children will also be introduced to our new Lenten WONDER ROOMS on Sunday mornings. Each Wonder Room will connect to a part of Jesus' life and offer a special room for children to wonder and play. Take a moment to read through our Children's Ministry Lenten calendar below and be sure to pick up your family's Lenten Supplies in the next few weeks at church. If you have any questions, contact me at [natalie@firstpresathens.org](mailto:natalie@firstpresathens.org).

Sending all of you peace, love, and big hugs this Lenten Season.

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Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministry

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## Ash Wednesday, February 14

Families are invited to Ash Wednesday Dinner (5:30pm) and Worship (7pm). Be sure to RSVP for dinner. Childcare will be provided for little ones, infants - 4 years old during worship.

**\*At Home** - Set up your Lenten sacred space with your Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story and materials.

## 1st Sunday in Lent, FEBRUARY 18

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play, 8:30am-12:10pm. Children, 4 years old-5th Grade are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour and Children's Church during 11am worship.

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and begin telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 1, *The Baby was born*.

## 2nd Sunday in Lent, February 25

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play, 8:30am-12:10pm. Children, 4 years old-5th Grade are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour and Children's Church during 11am worship.

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and continue telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 2, *Jesus is lost and found*.

## 3rd Sunday in Lent, MARCH 3, Communion Sunday

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play, 8:30am-12:10pm. Children, 4 years old-5th Grade are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Children are invited to remain in worship with families for Communion Sunday. Children's Church will resume next Sunday.

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and continue telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 3, *Jesus' Baptism*.

## 4th Sunday in Lent, MARCH 10

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play, 8:30am-12:10pm. Children, 4 years old-5th Grade are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour and Children's Church during 11am worship.

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and continue telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 4, *Jesus in The Desert*.

## 5th Sunday in Lent, March 17

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play, 8:30am-12:10pm. Children, 4 years old-5th Grade are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour and Children's Church during 11am worship.

**Join us for a special St Patrick's Day Lenten Lunch!** Stay tuned, more details to come...

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and continue telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 5, *Jesus, Healer and Parable Maker*.

## **Palm Sunday, March 24 - Lenten Labyrinth, Palm Parade, and The Donkey! HOSANNA!**

All Children and families are invited to begin this special Sunday with a Lenten Wonder Walk. The labyrinth will be "open" before and after 8:45am and 11am worship services. The donkey will arrive at 10:30am in the back upper parking lot where we will also get ready to begin our Palm Parade promptly at 10:50am. All are invited to join the Palm Parade! Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with families for this special Palm Sunday Worship. Little ones are invited to Nursery Play, 8:30am-12:10pm.

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and continue telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 6, *Jesus enters Jerusalem and The Last Supper*

## **Holy Week and Easter**

### **Walking the Labyrinth, Monday, March 25 - Tuesday, March 26, 9:30am-4:30pm**

The labyrinth will remain open in Fellowship Hall Palm Sunday through Tuesday of Holy Week.

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28, Dinner and Worship**

Families are invited to Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship in Fellowship Hall. (Time TBD)

Please be sure to RSVP for dinner. Childcare will be provided for little ones, infants - 4 years old in the Children's Playroom during worship.

### **Good Friday, March 29, 7pm, Oconee Presbyterian Church**

This special service rotates every year between the PCUSA churches in our community. This year the Good Friday Service will be held at Oconee Pres in Watkinsville. All are invited to attend.

### **Easter Eve Egg Hunt and Picnic, Saturday, March 30, The Hill**

Calling all Little, Medium, and Big Bunnies! Exciting plans are underway for this year's Egg Hunt and Picnic. Stay tuned for more details to come...

### **Easter, Sunday, March 31**

Families are invited to Easter Worship Services (8:45am and 11am) and to our Easter Biscuit Brunch in between services. Nursery Play will be available for little ones during both worship services, 8:30am-9:45am and 10:30am-12:10pm.

**\*At Home** - Gather around your Lenten sacred space and finish telling the Godly Play *Faces of Easter* story, part 7, *Easter*.

## **Children's Ministry Lenten Supplies**

