

As we continue to enjoy welcoming more families and children to Bradley Hills, the Children's Ministry Committee has revised and updated the following Christian Milestones which were adopted in June 2001. Looking towards the future of Christian Education and our role as a church family, these developmentally appropriate and life-long learning milestones will give shape and guidance to curriculum decisions for preschool age children through youth in our Confirmation class. These milestones will be incorporated into the teachings and programs so that they become bench marks on the faith journey of our children and youth. We hope you will also take the time to support these goals throughout the learning process at home. If you would like any supplemental materials or ideas to help with building this foundational knowledge, please feel free to contact our Director of Christian Education, Noelle Castin.

Christian Milestones

Preschool age children:

- Know that God is Love and that Jesus loves them.
- Learn the song Jesus Loves Me.
- The Bible is a special book about God and Jesus.

Kindergarten:

- Jesus' two greatest commandments (Mark 12:28-32)
- Seasons of the Liturgical Year

First Grade:

- The Doxology as praise to God.
- Symbols of our faith and the symbol of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Second Grade:

- Knowledge of the sacraments of Baptism and Communion.
- To know that Baptism is a sign of belonging and Communion a time of remembrance.
- The Lord's Prayer as the prayer Jesus taught us to say.

Third Grade:

- The Twenty Third Psalm – God the protector and the one who watches and cares for each of us
- Books of the Bible and how the Bible is organized

Fourth Grade:

- Beatitudes
- The Ten Commandments as a guide for living

Fifth Grade:

- Know that church began at Pentecost and the story can be found in Acts
- Who was Paul? Letters from Paul?

Grades 6-7:

- Jesus' Ministry from baptism through resurrection
- Early church/gospels/book of Acts – seeing the Bible as a guide for life.
- Reformation, Church History and the primary tenets of the Reformed faith.
- The Apostle's Creed as a statement of what we believe.

Grades 8-9:

- Confirmation Class – personal statement of faith

Education and Nurture Mission Statement

Our teaching mission is to equip and nurture persons of all ages to become a community of Christ by:

- Teaching the Bible stories, the language and spirit of our faith through art, word and song.
- Creating a welcoming environment and encouraging questioning and critical thinking, thus affirming individuality.
- Sharing life's experiences, supporting each other's needs, inspiring us through the Holy Spirit to serve God's world.