

**Holy Communion loves their kids and teens!  
2022 saw the results of this invested love and priority!**

**Households with Kids emerged and returned to attending Sunday services!**

It all began with Worship Wonder Bags. 2022 began with disappointment of the Omicron variant surge and still no vaccine for kids. Barriers to participating in community life and worship remained challenging.

**Worship Wonder Bags** were introduced to allow households with kids to attend services in a socially distant way. These bags offered items to engage kids' wiggles and fidgets so caregivers and kids could worship together. The bag has the kid's name on it and is there always waiting for them.

Slowly kids were experiencing gathered community—worship not on a screen. Then... in the Spring! So much! Kids were able to start participating more fully!

**Holy Week** saw the return of kids' Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

**Thanks to the households who made our Seven Last Words stations so glorious!**

Cummins/Ludwigs, Heaners, Haig/Stefaniak and Hohms, Dula and Kellys, Barnharts, McGinley/Camps and Penczykowski/Potters.

**Great thanks** to Heidi & Clara Oliff, Janice Nihill, Rebecca Comas, Abby Mueller, Colleen Haggerty who put together and led our powerful Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Kid's services.

**And at last the Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Thank you to** Rudy Walz—he and his husband Bob Mainz put together a hundred chocolate eggs and led the kids in a wonderful return to an Easter tradition!

**The Pray Ground** was established as a big hit with all!—and *not just as a place to crawl around!* With more kids getting vaccinated and the pandemic slowly becoming endemic, the Pray Ground was put into place in our worship space. Curated with books, toys and activities to engage kids in worship through play. This space is filled each week with our kids since it was put together! Some Sundays we do have overflow.

**Children's Chapel returned weekly to the 10:30 Service**

**Ministry Leaders**

Rudy Walz, Grace Gorski, Eliana Haig, William Kelly

20 kids now attend. Using the MiniRevolutions curriculum from Illustrated Ministries, Grace, Rudy, Eliana and William process each Sunday into Mitchell Hall Lounge for a special time of song, prayer and a lesson based on that Sunday's scripture readings. Please reach out with your thanks to these truly gifted kid's ministers!

### **Christmas Eve Pageant 2022!**

Thank you Ken Brown for giving your woodwork skills to creating our beautiful real manger!  
Thank you to Miranda Walsh for being the perfect baby Jesus, thank you to Jack Kelly and Sherifa Olivia Bethune for narrating, and to the almost 30 kids who portrayed the story. Thank you to Children's minister, Eliana Haig along with parents, Shannon and Robert MacGregor, Paige McGinley and Pannill Camp for all your costuming and coordinating. To children's minister Rudy Walz, thank you for being the STAR of the show!

### **Youth**

Thanks to our incredible youth: Sherifa Olivia Bethune, Olivia Mensah and Ava Mensah for their leadership with Children's Chapel, the Christmas Pageant and serving our worship as lectors.

### **HoCo Pack for Parents and Caregivers**

Thankyou Angie Burroughs Kelly and Courtney Dula for your creativity and faithfulness in offering parents, caregivers and kids time to play and do art together as we learn about the feasts of the church year!

### **In 2022**

We planted seeds in hopes of new life in Lent.

Decorated pumpkins for the Fall Festival.

Made tissue paper marigolds for Dia De los Muertos , thank you Kara Cummins.

Created more Bishop's Hats for Advent Revelery

Especially, Angie and Courtney offered great support and wisdom to the Associate Rector! (and continue to do so!)