

Nursery



Welcome to Our Nursery

Welcome to our supervised Nursery! We are glad you have entrusted your child into our care. We look after babies from birth to about age three when they move to one of our preschool classes.



Our Nursery is supervised by our trained staff: Desdemona Gomez, an Early Childhood Educator, and Christina Arunasalam. They oversee the Nursery and our parent volunteers. We screen our staff and volunteers and complete Police Checks to ensure the safety of the children.

Parents are welcome to visit their children during the service. If your child becomes upset, we will do our best to soothe them, and we will contact parents through our paging system if we are not able to settle them down in a reasonable time. The Nursery is well equipped including a rocking chair and a crib and you are welcome to feed or change your baby here. We ask you to please park strollers in the hallway, outside of the nursery.



When You Arrive

We ask all parents to complete a **Nursery Registration Form** and also sign your child in and out at the Welcome Desk each week. We're committed to making Children's Ministry a safe place, and our sign-in/sign-out procedures are an important part of this.



Please ensure we know who is permitted to pick up your child, and inform us of any allergies or other health issues.

Consider staying for a few minutes to settle your child if they are having difficulty adjusting to the Nursery. Often there is an opportunity to slip out after a few minutes. Please try to resist the temptation to come and peek through the glass to check on your child. Sometimes just catching a glimpse of Mom or Dad is unsettling. Take a Nursery Pager with you so that we may contact you if any issues arise while you are gone. It will light up and vibrate if you are needed.



Meet our Staff...



Janet Earle,
Children's Minister



Desdemona Gomez,
Nursery Staff

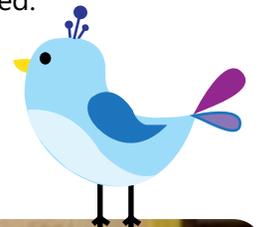


Christina Arunasalam,
Nursery Staff

During The Service

When babies come to our Nursery, we begin to teach them basic truths of the Bible. We use a series of picture books called *God Loves Me*. Each Sunday, we read a Bible Story and have a song time. We also enjoy lots of play. The children will bring home a Bible story card that you can look at together.

When necessary, we do change diapers in the Nursery washroom. Our procedure is to have one staff changing the baby with another leader present. If for any reason you prefer not to have your child's diaper changed by our staff, please let us know and we will ask you to come when needed.



Allergies & Our Peanut-Free Policy

We provide peanut-free snacks such as arrowroot biscuits, Goldfish crackers, Cheerios and diluted apple juice. Please let us know if your child is not able to have the snack for dietary or allergy reasons. Gluten-free snacks are available.



If your child has a serious allergy, you will be asked to complete a more detailed form describing their health issues and how to deal with them. We take photos of children with serious allergies to help our leaders keep them safe.



Your Child Is Important To Us

We want to take great care of your child. Please let us know if there is anything special about your child that will help us care for them better. Are they tired, teething, or just getting over a cold? Do they have any other types of special needs that you would like to share with us? Knowing their needs a little better will help us to provide excellent care for your child. Please tell us if there is anything we can do to make your experience in our Nursery better.



We Are Here to Serve

We are here to serve the needs of our families. If you have any questions please speak to one of our Nursery staff, or to **Janet Earle**, Children's Minister. Contact Janet at children@stpaulsbloor.org or 416-961-8116 ext. 241.

Would you like to help? Please let us know if you might consider serving as a volunteer once a month.





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