

## Our Staff

Nursery Supervisor

Elizabeth Cuevas

Nursery Staff

Nelly Castillo, Nathalie Salero & Lisa Beltran

Director of Children's & Family Ministries

KariAnn Loy Lessner



## Sample Sunday Schedule

- 7:30 AM Arrive & Prepare Room
- 8:00 AM Welcome Children
- 8:30 AM Read Story/Arts & Crafts/Music
- 8:45 AM Snack & Drink/Diaper/Potty
- 9:00 AM Clean-up & Prepare for next group
- 9:30 AM Welcome Children
- 10:00 AM Read Story/Arts & Crafts/Music
- 10:30 AM Playtime
- 11:00 AM Snack & Drink/Diaper/Potty
- 11:30 AM Review Story
- 12:00 PM Clean-up (Tables/Floors/Toys/Changing Tables)

The Children's Ministries at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church exist to **REACH** out to kids, **CONNECT** them to the body of Christ, help them **GROW** in their faith, and challenge them to **DISCOVER** ministry and **HONOR** God with their lives.

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## Nursery Ministry

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*"...they will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor"*

Isaiah 61:3

# Reach—Connect—Grow—Discover—Honor



## Welcome!

In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ,

to seek and serve Christ in all persons

and to respect the dignity of every human being.

And so, the Nursery Ministry at Holy Spirit seeks to be a place where everyone involved (children, parents, and child care providers) are all encouraged and enabled to grow into the full stature of Christ.

The primary spiritual needs of young children can be met in the nursery by providing the following ingredients: unconditional love, trustworthy child care providers, and as the children become older, discipline which holds them accountable for their actions within the limits of their abilities.

The Nursery Ministry is managed by the Nursery Supervisor (Elizabeth Cuevas). The Director of Children and Family Ministries (KariAnn Lessner) along with the Nursery Staff assists in overseeing the facilities, developing policies and programs, strict compliance with the Diocesan program Safeguarding God's Children, and ensuring that with God's help, our ministry can be the best it can be.

The Nursery provides child care on Sunday mornings for children from 6 weeks to age 4. Child care is available during Sunday services, Lenten programs and other times as requested. Our goal for the Nursery Ministry at Holy Spirit is to meet the spiritual, social, emotional and physical needs of children at their developmental levels.

During services, the children are given a pre-approved snack. Please inform the Nursery Staff of any allergies your child might have.

A weekly lesson and craft are offered corresponding to different developmental levels, as well as music and movement.

## Registration

All children to be left in the Nursery at Holy Spirit must have a registration card completed by their primary caregiver. Each Sunday, please remember to sign your child in and let us know which service you will be attending in the event your child needs you. Labels are provided for the child, the diaper bag, and cup/bottles. Please use the blank labels to identify any toys or stuffed animals. Also helpful to the Nursery Staff—a complete change of clothes for your child in case of an emergency.



Regular attendance helps your child to feel comfortable and at home in the nursery. The Nursery Staff encourages you to take your baptized children to Holy Communion and then either keep them with you or return them to the nursery—as you wish.

## Communication

All children left in the Nursery at Holy Spirit, will receive each Sunday a Morning Report card informing parents about the child's eating, drinking, (sleeping when applicable) and diapering/potty attempts while in the nursery.

The News You Can Use email newsletter is a monthly e-publication we use to keep in touch with parents—if you would like to begin receiving this newsletter, please email KariAnn at [dcfm@hsechurch.org](mailto:dcfm@hsechurch.org) and we'll get it out to you. This publication, will also give you information about upcoming activities in the nursery.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our Director of Children's Ministries, KariAnn Lessner @ 713.468.7796 x 201.

