



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER AT HGCC

1) **What is Children Worship & Wonder?**

Children Worship & Wonder (CWW) is a structured program designed for Children to strengthen their Love and understanding of God. Young children inherently know, love, and worship God, but most worship is structured and full of words and symbols based on stories and memories children do not yet have. Through the use of stories, parables, and liturgical presentations as well as allowing space for creativity and worship oriented towards children they grow in their knowledge and Love of God.

2) **What ages is the program available for?**

The program is designed for Children between age 3 and Grade 4. Younger children are welcome in our nursery or to remain in the sanctuary with their parents/guardians. This is a voluntary program, children are always welcome in our sanctuary.

3) **When does the program take place?**

CWW takes place during the Sunday morning worship service. Immediately following the Praise Hymn and Invocation a "Greeter" will escort the children from the Sanctuary to the Children's sanctuary. The program lasts approximately 45 minutes and should conclude around the same time as the main worship service.

4) **Can I go to the CWW service with my child?**

Please understand that CWW is a worship service and is just as sacred and important (maybe more) than the normal Adult service. That being said, we want to limit the amount of distraction to the children taking part. If you would like to visit or take part in CWW please speak to the Greeter or Storyteller for the day ahead of time so they can brief you and make arrangements.

5) **The Worship service is over, where is my child?**

Usually the CWW service should conclude around the same time as the Adult worship service, however, it may occasionally run a little longer. If the door is closed and CWW is still in progress, we ask that you wait quietly and patiently outside the room until the greeter opens the door and the children are dismissed. If the CWW program ends earlier than the main worship service, the CWW staff will supervise the children in an inside activity or outdoor play on the playground until you come for them.



6) Do the Children take communion?

Part of the CWW program is what is called the "Feast" where each child receives a few crackers and a small cup of Juice or water. The purpose of this is to prepare the children for communion, but it is not actually considered as communion or conducted in that manner.

7) What if my child has special needs or dietary concerns?

The Children's sanctuary is purposely designed to be a warm, inviting, and neutral space and the program (which is Montessori based) is designed to allow each child to explore their relationship with God in their own unique way and at their own pace. Please feel free to reach out to any of the CWW staff regarding any special needs your child may have.

CWW STAFF

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