

There are three primary elements to the Christian formation of children: the family, worship and Sunday School.

## **The Family**

The family is the most important part of a child's Christian Formation. Sunday School and/or the weekly church service typically last only one hour per week. It is the church's responsibility to complement and supplement the Christian formation that takes place in the family. It is also the responsibility of the church to help and support the parents in this task by making available resources and continuing adult formation.

## **Worship**

Worship is a central to the Christian formation of children. In weekly worship children learn about our faith through participation in the worship of God. Children are welcome are all services and participate weekly. On most Sundays during the school year, the children join the service at the Peace and celebrate the Holy Communion with their families. However, once per month there is an intergenerational worship service, Family Church, in which children and youth take leadership of many ministries. Children read, usher, bring up the elements and assist in the Holy Communion. Sunday School does not meet on these Sundays. The St. Peter's Boys and Girls Choir sings at these services. Family Church is typically the second Sunday of the month from September through June.

## **Sunday School**

Church School for children ages pre-kindergarten through grade 6 meets at 10:00 AM and uses multi-intelligence learning models that accommodate different learning styles. The children will join their parents for the Holy Communion

**Pre-kindergarten through Grade 2**

The classes use Godly Play method which teaches children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action. The goal is to help them become more aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

### **Grades 3-6**

These intermediate grades use a lectionary-based curriculum in which the children study the same biblical lessons that their parents are hearing in church. Art, crafts, role-playing, and music are all used to enhance the children's learning experience.