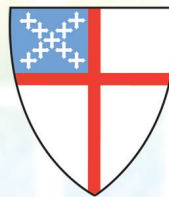


Children's Children's Charter



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FOR THE CHURCH



Caring for Children

Children are a gift from the Lord – Psalm 127:4 (adapted)

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- to treasure each child as a gift from God
- to tell and show children that God is love
- to make working with children one of the most important things the church does
- to include children in everything the church does – from Sunday worship to helping others

Ministry to the child

Then Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them and blessed them. – Mark 10:16

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- to love and protect children, in the church and in the world, especially children who are in danger
- to support families so that their children know their own special gifts as children of God
- to welcome all children who come to us, including those who come alone
- to stand up for children's rights in our churches, communities and the world

Ministry of the child

A child shall lead them – Isaiah 11:6

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- to receive children's special gifts as signs of the grace of God
- to be a community where children and adults know one another by name, care about one another, and work together to follow Jesus' teachings and do God's work
- to encourage children's ability to show and share God's love and grace in the church and in the world



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