

Children's Ministry

Covenant Presbyterian Church and its Preschool are founded on the conviction that every child is created and loved by God. We encourage the development of a child's faith through monthly Chapel services, blessings at lunch, and Bible stories in the classroom. Fours and fives participate in the Cherub Choir, led by Covenant's music director, and perform at several services in the sanctuary.

Many opportunities exist at Covenant to share God's love through community outreach. We participate in mission projects that include lunches for Covenant's Room in the Inn guests, Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, donations to Loaves & Fishes and local schools.

Field Trips

Covenant Preschool is located in the heart of Dilworth, close to many of Charlotte's cultural and educational opportunities. Fours and fives classes catch the city bus, take the train or car pool and take field trips to places like uptown parks, Winghaven Gardens, the Nature Museum and Imaginon.



Playgrounds

Covenant has three outdoor playgrounds with developmentally appropriate equipment. Our youngest classes have direct access to their own playground from their classrooms. During inclement weather indoor playground equipment is set up on the gym floor in the church recreation wing.

Spanish

Threes, fours, and fives have the opportunity to learn beginning Spanish. They learn basic vocabulary and culture through movement, songs, books, and games.



Woodworking

Woodworking is a favorite at Covenant Preschool and is a unique hands-on activity where children get to saw, hammer and nail in a safe, supervised environment. Using recycled wood, Styrofoam, beads and corks, future builders can create wooden masterpieces.

Art Studio

The Art Studio at Covenant Presbyterian Preschool offers multi-dimensional art opportunities for our children that go a step further than the artwork that is done in the classroom. The beautiful light-filled space allows children to experiment with paint mixing, light and reflection, and patterns and textures.

Music and Movement

Each week, all students have a music and movement class in our music rooms. Children sing, dance and play musical instruments while at the same time developing their self-esteem, expressing their feelings and learning to follow directions. Our program is tailored to meet the needs of the children rather than expecting children to adjust to the demands of a specific program.

My Gym

My Gym Mobile provides stretching, exercise, manipulative skills and cooperative games for our twos for the whole year and for our toddlers during the second half of the year.

Classes Available*

Toddlers

(Walking independently, no morning nap or bottle, and 1 year by 8/31/17)

2-Day Toddlers: Tues/Thurs

2-Day Toddlers: Wed/Fri

Two-Year Olds (as of 8/31/17)

2-day Two's: Tues/Thurs

3-day Two's: Mon/Wed/Fri

3-day Two's: Mon/Tues/Thurs

Three-Year Olds (as of 8/31/17)

3-day Three's: Mon/Wed/Fri

4-day Three's: Tues - Fri

5-day Three's: Mon - Fri

Four and Five-Year Olds (as of 8/31/17)

5-day Four's & Five's: Mon-Fri

**Please note that class offerings are subject to change based on enrollment at registration.*



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2017-2018 Enrollment Information



Preschool at Covenant Presbyterian

Covenant Presbyterian Church extends its ministry to young children (1 to 5 years of age) and their families through its Preschool.

We Believe

- Each child is unique and endowed with gifts from God.
- Children share their thoughts and ideas through creative expression.
- Children learn best in an interesting and loving environment, which encourages freedom of choice and self expression.



We Provide

- A child-centered, developmentally appropriate approach to Preschool.
- Interesting classrooms with a variety of scientific materials and developmentally appropriate toys for children to investigate through play.
- Experience with open-ended materials that encourage exploration.
- Activities in music, art, drama and dance to encourage creative expression.
- A curriculum with a variety of themes that allows children to explore their interests and discover their gifts.
- Opportunities to grow spiritually, cognitively, physically, emotionally and socially.
- Regular, developmentally appropriate opportunities for worship.

Staff

We are fortunate to have experienced and dedicated professionals on staff. Teachers communicate regularly with parents to keep them up-to-date on classroom curriculum. Parent/Teacher conferences are conducted twice a year.

Hours

Children are dropped off by their parents in their classrooms at 9 a.m. Pick-up is at 12:30 p.m. Children bring their lunch to school every day. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Schedule

Our program operates on a September to May calendar. We generally observe the same holiday schedule as public schools and utilize some of their Teacher Work Days. A yearly calendar is published in the Parent's Handbook.



Enrollment Information and Requirements

To register your child, return the registration and policy forms plus the registration fee by mail or in person.

The forms must be received by February 6, 2017 to receive priority.

Preference is given in the following order:

- Children currently enrolled
- Siblings of currently enrolled and Covenant Presbyterian Church members not currently enrolled
- Children from families in the community at large

Covenant Preschool is comprised of children from various religious, racial and social backgrounds. Open enrollment spots (and wait list positions) will be determined by lottery on February 7, 2017. You **DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT** on February 7, 2017 for the lottery.

Classes will be formed on the basis of registrations received and enrollment will be limited to the following class sizes:

- Toddlers: 2 Teachers, 9 Children
- 2-day Two's: 2 Teachers, 10-11 Children
- 3-day Two's: 2 Teachers, 10-12 Children
- 3-day Three's: 2 Teachers, 15-16 Children
- 4-day Three's: 2 Teachers, 15-16 Children
- 5-day Three's: 2 Teachers, 15-16 Children
- 5-day Four's & Five's: 2 Teachers, 16-17 Children

Registration Fees

- Members of Covenant Presbyterian Church \$85
- Non-Members \$100

This non-refundable registration fee is fixed and applicable any time during the school year, regardless of when a child enrolls.

Tuition Schedule

- 2 days per week \$230 per month
- 3 days per week \$265 per month
- 4 days per week \$300 per month
- 5 days per week \$350 per month

One month's tuition is due May 1, 2017 to hold your child's place. This payment is applied to May, 2018. Tuition is due the first day of each month. Automatic draft payments are encouraged. Late notices (with a \$10 late charge) will be mailed on the 15th of each month.



Summer Program

Registration for Summer Fun Days will be held March 6-10. Summer Fun Days will be held:

- **Week 1:** June 5-9
- **Week 2:** June 19-23
- **Week 3:** July 10-14

Cost will be \$115 per week. Children may be registered for one, two or all three weeks.