

Welcome to our hospitality options for ages 0 to 3 on Sundays during 2023–2024!

Our prepared environments are an extension of our worship space. We are growing in our understanding of how to provide a place of prayer and worship from ages 0 to 3 during this purposeful time together. We use Catechesis of the Good Shepherd principles to guide our environments and provide the most essential materials for each developmental age.

The spaces available to us during the worship service are **The Nazareth Room** and **The Infant Atria**.

The Nazareth Room will provide a prepared environment for independent walkers (about 20 months old) through age 3. This space will access the outdoors when weather permits. **The Nazareth Room** is located in the walk out basement of the parsonage on site.

The Infant Atria will provide a prepared environment for birth until independent walkers. **The Infant Atria** will be in the garage atria attached to the parsonage on site.

You may access these spaces at any time from 8:50 up to The Peace section in our service. You may also simply use the Nazareth Room as a space to take a child who needs a place to settle during the service. Please be aware these places are meant to be an extension of worship so this is not a place to visit with another adult.

Please make sure your child is registered. Include adults/guardians who may drop off and pick up your child. Siblings or teens may not drop off or sign out your child. We offer an online option for registration or a paper copy to be filled out in the sign in folder within each prepared environment. If you have already filled out a registration form for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, this is sufficient.

Include a current phone number to reach you during the service via text if needed. There will be a folder in each space with your child's registration so you may update it at any time.

At this time in our life as a church it will be most helpful for parents to take children to the restroom and diaper prior to drop off. During the service time if at all possible parents should provide diapering and restroom needs. If needed our adults may change a diaper in the environment. If your child has potty training needs be prepared to assist them in this transition while at church.

Our 16 adult volunteers are on teams of four on a rotating schedule once a month. They are trained or soon will be in compliance with the Diocese of Christ Our Hope safety policies. Please let them know if there are any specific needs for your child.

Worship together is our purpose! We are grateful to be working together with you in this purpose. Reach out to me for any clarification or input.

Peace,
Renee Velker and the COTL Team

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