

## 6th–8th Grade (God’s Covenant)

For the second year, our Middle School Sunday School students are exploring God’s Covenant with them and with all mankind, “I will be your God, and you will be my people”. As we do so, we are addressing profoundly important questions:

- ◇ What does it mean that He is our God?
- ◇ What does it mean that we are His people?
- ◇ Why did God choose me?
- ◇ What does it mean that God’s grace is unconditional and irresistible?
- ◇ How am I called and privileged to respond to God's grace at work within me?

The teachers marvel at the seriousness of the students’ faith as we witness their spiritual transformation from children into young adults. Their knowledge and understanding is a profound testimony to their parents’ faithfulness in raising them.

-Tim and Todd

## Getting to Know Us: **Sophie Schnorrenberg**

Parents: **Scott & Amy**

Siblings: **Noah**

Age: **11**

What’s Your Favorite Food? **My Mom’s homemade macaroni & cheese.**

What’s your Favorite Sport?

**Soccer; I love to play in the goal.**

What’s Your Favorite Thing About Sunday School?

**Hearing about all the different stories from the Bible.**

What is One Thing People Should Know About You?

**I was adopted from the Ukraine when I was 4.**

Who is Your Hero?

**My Dad because he will always protect me from danger.**

What is your Favorite Season?

**Summer when everyone gets to be at the pool.**



Q1 2016  
28 February 2016



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Children’s Ministry Update

## A Note from Ashley

The highlight of our quarter in children’s ministry was the children’s program in February. While the adults heard from Mike about parenting for the glory of God, we went through the first four catechism questions with the kids. We talked about the order of creation, being made in the image of God, and how to glorify God. The kids heard the gospel each and every week! They learned how God had made them a “perfect mirror” to reflect his likeness; how sin broke that mirror; and how Christ came to make that mirror perfect again. I am so thankful to walk alongside them as they learn to treasure Christ in their hearts! Over the course of the program, I was reflecting on an article I read about the blessings of children’s ministry: we are watching them hear and process the central truths of the faith! Seeds planted that will grow in them throughout their entire lives! Serving at Christ Pres is truly a blessing!

- Ashley



*“As we give ourselves to a prayerful and joyful commitment to teach them the central truths of God’s word, we find that we are the recipients of unique blessings. What greater joy than to know that our God and Father has sent us to care for and nurture the children of His church.”*

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS:

Cliff & Thelma Smith	Stanley Gibson	Amy Schnorrenberg
Molly Cranford	Leah Johnson	Luke & Robert Owen
Alec Profozich	Danno Cummings	Betsy Hamm

**But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”**

**Mark 10:14**

### Upcoming Events

- Parent’s Night Out: **Early May**
- Summer Kick-off Pool Party: **June**

**The Final Day of Sunday School is May 22**



## 2s & 3s Class (The Early Life of Jesus)

We have studied more of Jesus' early life and ministry, including his birth, teaching in the temple, and some of his early miracles. The kids have gotten more used to our routine, and they eagerly come to the table for "bible time" with me each week. We always sing two songs at the beginning, and their favorite is "My God is so BIG!" (complete with hand motions!). Pray for our 2s and 3s to have seeds planted in their hearts even now!

-Ashley

## 4s & 5s Class (Jesus is God's Son)

It's been an exciting quarter in the Pre-K/K room as we have focused on the theme that Jesus is God's Son! We began our twelve week study by exploring the birth of Jesus where we learned all about John the Baptist, and how he prepared the people for Christ's birth. Next, we learned how Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and wise men all came to recognize that Jesus was God's own Son. Our second and third units allowed us to focus on Jesus's preaching ministry. During these weeks, we went on a "fishing trip" to learn how God called his disci-

ples, and made them "fishers of men," and we ended our quarter by "mountain-climbing" where we learned that Jesus showed his glory to Peter, James, and John, and God the Father spoke from heaven, declaring, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." What a blessing it has been to teach these little ones! It is our hope and prayer that they come



to know Jesus is truly God's Son, their living Savior, that they listen to his voice through the Word, and they grow to trust and obey him.

-Meg & Leah

## 1st - 2nd Grade (The Fall)



The first and second grade class has been learning about the "fall" and how God sent Jesus to save us from our disobedience and sin. We have also been singing the hymn "Count Your Many Blessings" and talking about how good God is to bless us with parents, friends, food, toys, and the many things we need in our daily lives.

- Todd & Mollie

## 3rd-5th Grade (Listening to Jesus)

The 3rd - 5th grade class just completed a unit on Listening to Jesus. We learned four great truths about Jesus: Jesus is their Teacher. He teaches them about Himself. He teaches them about their heavenly Father.

He teaches them about themselves. In addition, the students began memorizing weekly verses that went along with the lesson. Mr. Jeff gave rewards for those who came ready to recite their memory verse. Learning to look up scrip-

ture is an important skill for this age group. We are happy to see progress in this area, the children love learning to find truths in their bibles!

-Jeff & Denise

## Parent's Night Out (PNO) - Pirate Edition

One year ago we started PNO with some cautious optimism of how it might serve our church family. So naturally, God blessed us with a pretty spectacular anniversary gift with the night of laughter & treasure-seeking we had on February 5th. The kids got to hear about Jesus' concern for what they spend their time & energy seeking after: that it would be eternal. They also had the privilege of crafting with Beth Hamilton & inspiring joy in all the adults with their glee-



ful participation in all games pirate! My favorite part is still getting to see new relationships form between the kids & with the volunteers as we "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as [we] see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

We are extremely thankful for our church family, our wonderful building, parents, volunteers & Mr. Jack Cooper for all prayers/service/energy surrounding the event. Praises for how God uses fun things for His glory & teaching of the Word.

- Meg

