

# Advent & Christmas for Children

## Building of the Crèche, Sunday, Dec. 16, 9:00 a.m., All Saints Hall.

All three/four year-olds through kindergarteners, as well as toddlers, are welcome to be part of the worship service where the Holy Nativity comes to life through story and song. Each young child brings an element of the Nativity to create the crèche, while 5th grade CFF students read the story. Toddlers through kindergarteners arrive in the Auditorium by 8:55 a.m. For more information contact Denise Vesuvio, [dvesuvio@stjohnsec.org](mailto:dvesuvio@stjohnsec.org).

## Children & Youth Christmas Pageant Dec. 23, 11:30 a.m., Historic Church

4th–7th graders are major characters and narrators — register online. Children in 1st–4th grades are angels, shepherds and barn animals — with no registration necessary, just arrive at 10:15 a.m., in the CME for Children’s Faith Formation. **Mark your calendar for the Rehearsal on Dec.16 at 1:30 p.m.**



## **The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9**

Children’s Faith Formation in classrooms at 10:15 a.m. Regular session for *Three years – Fifth grade*. Plus *First and Third grade* will be creating a special Christmas gift representative of the season.

## **The 3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec.16, 9 a.m., All Saints Hall**

Building of Crèche (see above)

## **Children’s Faith Formation, 10:15 a.m.**

Children will report to classrooms before heading to All Saints Hall to sing Christmas carols at the tree with Emily Atkinson.

***All are welcome!***

## **The 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23**

*First-Fifth Grade Only*

Children’s Faith Formation is 10:15 a.m. through the 11:30 a.m. traditional Christmas Pageant worship in the Historic Church.

*Godly Play – Regular lesson (10:15-11:15 a.m.)*

*Three & Four year olds – no session.*

## **The 1st Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2., 10:15-11:15 a.m., Classrooms**

*Three & Four year olds, Early Childhood*

The Story of God’s Light & Love as the Lower Level tree is decorated with hand-made ornaments by the children.

*Godly Play/Kindergarten – Regular lesson*

*First –Third grade – God Loves the World Match-Up with Rite 13 for ornament creation and decoration for the ASH tree.*

*Fourth grade – Parents invited! Creating a traditional cut greens Advent Wreath and decorating Alda’s Chapel in Greenery.*

*Survivor/Fifth grade – Regular lesson*

***Children are invited to contribute to Christmas Food baskets, please ask instructors.***