

Your child's first Sunday at UCWC

*Thinking about visiting us? We look forward to meeting you!
Here are some things you can do to help your child feel comfortable:*

1. Check out the web pages for Children and Youth to see what your child will be doing in their age group! Talk to your child about what will happen so they feel prepared.
2. Arrive early if you can so you can get settled (around 9:30 a.m.)
3. At the greeters' table, please fill out a Visiting Child Registration form. This gives you the opportunity to list any information that will help us help your child have the best possible experience, e.g., food allergies.
4. Go on a tour of the RE classrooms so you and your child can see where they will be during the service. Let your child spend a few moments in their classroom. We will try to have the teacher or another student from that class available to meet you!
5. Relax and enjoy the service while your child is in class. We have found that most children, even shy ones, quickly feel at home with the other children and settle happily into the morning's activities. However, if your child should express continued distress, someone will come up to the sanctuary to get you.
6. Feel free to spend the morning in class with your child. Parents are always welcome in class, and some spend all or part of the first Sunday with their child. We know you'll enjoy it!
7. If your child is uncomfortable going or staying downstairs, they are welcome to stay with you in the sanctuary for the service – children are a joyful welcome presence!
8. After the service is over, we ask that parents of children from infant to sixth grade retrieve their children after the service. We usually stay in class from 10:15 to 11:15 to finish projects and let the parents enjoy a little time in the social hall for coffee and chatting!
9. Talk with your child about what they did and how they felt about it. This is a great way for you to feel involved in what they are learning and your interest sparks their interest!
10. Feel free to contact the Director of Lifespan Faith Development with questions you may have either before or after your visit. dlfd@ucwc.org

11. We would love to have you come back soon! After 1-2 visits please consider filling out any other registration materials. Thank you!