

FAQ:

Q. Why is Student Ministry changing on Sunday mornings?

- A. Our mission is to be a community of unfinished people being equipped to share the hope of Jesus in a broken world. We believe one of the best ways students are equipped is by actively participating in the life of the church. This new rhythm gives students the opportunity to worship, serve, discover their gifts, and become an active part of the local church. It also allows us to better support our growing Children's Ministry by providing both additional space and additional volunteers on Sunday mornings.

Q. Will my student miss out on community?

- A. **No.** Community continues to be the heartbeat of First Church Students on Sunday evenings through worship, teaching, and small groups. Sunday mornings provide a different kind of community as students build relationships while serving alongside adults and other volunteers throughout the church.

Q. Is Student Ministry going away on Sunday mornings?

- A. From a “Sunday School” perspective yes. But from a practical perspective, no. Beginning August 23, Sunday mornings become Worship & Serve for students in grades 6–12. Instead of gathering separately, students are encouraged to worship in a Sunday service and serve on a ministry team throughout the church.

Q. Is Sunday evening changing?

- A. Not at all! Sunday PM continues to be the primary gathering for First Church Students. Every week students gather for worship, biblical teaching, small groups, prayer, and community. That remains the heartbeat of our ministry.

Q. Does my student have to serve every Sunday?

- A. No. Students can choose a serving schedule that works for them, your family, and the ministry team they join. Our goal is to help students find a consistent place to serve while still participating in worship and Sunday evening Student Ministry.

Q. Can my student still worship in the service?

- A. Absolutely! Worship is an important part of Sunday mornings. Depending on their serving schedule, students will worship in one of our Sunday services and serve during another. Our goal is for students to experience both worship and serving as part of their Sunday morning rhythm, similar to adults.

Q. Why is serving so important?

- A. Serving helps students move from simply attending church to actively participating in it. As they serve, they discover their gifts, build meaningful relationships, develop leadership skills, and learn what it means to be part of the mission of the local church.

Q. Will students serve alongside adults?

- A. Yes! We believe serving alongside experienced adults is one of the greatest strengths of this model. Students become part of ministry teams where they are encouraged, challenged, and given opportunities to grow while serving together.

Q. My student has never served before. Is that okay?

- A. Absolutely! No experience is necessary. Every ministry has team leaders who will provide training, answer questions, and help students feel confident in their role.

Q. What if my student doesn't know where to serve?

- A. That's what ServeNow is for! Fill out the interest form, and we'll help your student find a ministry that matches their gifts, interests, and schedule.

Q. Why make this change now?

- A. This new rhythm allows us to accomplish two important goals at the same time:
 - 1. Equip students to become active participants in the life of the church.
 - 2. Better support our growing Children's Ministry by providing both additional space and additional volunteers.

We believe this is a win for students, children, families, and the entire church.

Q. What if we have more questions?

- A. We'd love to talk with you! If you have any questions about ServeNow or finding the right place for your student to serve, please contact the Student Ministry office.