

West End Abbey

Children's Facilitator

Overview

West End Abbey is a contemplative church. We are a small, close-knit community. Our desire is to experience the love of God and encourage love for God, self, and others, and in so doing, facilitate deeper friendship with the Trinity (God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

We are looking for a warm, kind, and gentle person to lead children's activities during our Sunday service. We currently have three children (ages 1-8) and hope that a more established program will be inviting and hospitable for other families and their children.

Commitment

- Once or twice a month (depending on your and our church schedule), starting immediately until December 31, 2026 (with possibility for renewal in 2027).
- Our service is from 10:30 am - 12:15 pm on Sundays; children's time is 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Compensation

- \$30 per session

Responsibilities

- Welcome children into a designated activity space after the opening portion of service
- Lead a short icebreaker or activity
- Guide a moment of quiet or reflection in preparation for a Bible story
- Read a story aloud from *The Peace Table Bible*
- Facilitate a "Wonder and Share" experience from the story (included in *The Peace Table*)
- Lead a brief prayer time, using prompts from *The Peace Table* or questions such as: "What are you thankful to God for?" / "What do you want God to do for you?"
- Return children to the main service in time for communion

Requirements / Qualifications

- Experience with children and joy, patience, and flexibility in working with them
- Willingness to follow provided curriculum and/or to adapt activities to be age-appropriate
- Resonance with West End Abbey's beliefs and posture, particular with the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds (<https://westendabbey.ca/beliefs/>)
- Drawn to / comfortable with contemplative Christian spirituality and/or spiritual direction and a reflective approach to faith formation
- A valid criminal record check with vulnerable sector check (we will cover the cost)
- Familiarity with attachment theory is a plus

Notes

- All materials will be provided and/or reimbursed (minimal preparation required)
- Facilitator acts under the supervision of our lead pastor Suhail Stephen and the policies of West End Abbey (including our Safeguarding posture and process (<https://westendabbey.ca/safeguarding/>))
- Training and support available

Apply / More Information

If you are interested in this role or want to learn more, please contact our lead pastor, Suhail Stephen:

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He'd be happy to answer any questions and guide you through the application process.