

**“Family”** can mean many different things to different people and here at Robertson-Wesley we celebrate the diversity of family life.

All are welcome here, from the youngest to the oldest, and we strive to offer facilities and programs to meet your “family” needs.

### **Inclusive Theology**

At R-W, we strive to live a justice-centred and inclusive theology.

We welcome all people regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender, age, ability or economic circumstance.

Everyone’s gifts are celebrated.

All are welcome to exercise leadership.

We also welcome theological diversity.

If you have questions, you can explore them here.



### **For your comfort,**

there are baby changing facilities in both the women’s and men’s washrooms. In addition, for the convenience of nursing moms, there is area set up in the chapel.

### **Family and Worship**

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Occasionally, children and youth gather together as a group for worship in the kids’ sanctuary downstairs, while on a few Sundays a year, all ages stay in the sanctuary throughout the service for “Whole Family Worship,” which is geared for all ages.

Feel free to take advantage of the play areas in the chapel for toddlers. These are set up so that the youngest members of the family can play quietly while allowing parents to remain engaged in worship. If you’d prefer, there are facilities downstairs where trained caregivers will look after your little one.

Families include all ages and abilities. We have available hearing assists and large print bulletins for those family members who have difficulty

hearing or seeing. For those who have difficulty using stairs, there is an elevator available at the Memorial Building entrance.

### **Fellowship**

After worship each Sunday, there is a time of fellowship in Memorial Hall (through the chapel and to the right). This is a great chance to get together with friends both new and old. There is a playset available for those who prefer more active fellowship time.

### **Kids’ Church**

Between September and June, Kids’ Church is offered for children from pre-kindergarten to Grade six. While enrollment is encouraged, newcomers and visiting children are welcome.

The approach we take is the “Rotation Model.” Recognizing that children learn in different ways, the lessons are taught using different approaches. For example, a puppet-show, a science experiment or a game could be used to teach about Noah’s ark. Children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 rotate through these workshops based on age group. Children from 30 months to 4 years old take part in their own program.

### **Youth Programs**

Teens are a part of families too and they have an important place at R-W. On Sundays, youth from Grade 7 and up meet in the youth room for worship.

Newcomers and visiting youth are welcome to take part. We worship together, exploring the message of Jesus in engaging ways. Youth also get together on alternating Fridays for a variety of activities. There is a senior group for youth from Grades 7 to 12 and a junior group for Grades 5 and 6.

### **New Families**

Supportive friends are important when you're a young couple or family, especially when you're a new parent. Several times a year, we hold young couple potlucks after worship, a great opportunity to get together with other couples and parents. Childcare is provided.

### **Baptism**

When there's a new arrival in a family, many consider having their child baptized. Baptism is a sacrament by which a person is received into the fellowship of the church. Parents who bring their child for baptism promise to follow Jesus and teach their child to do the same. Along with their home life, participation in a faith community provides a place and opportunity for children to grow spiritually.

If you are not yet members, don't worry. We will connect you with a couple from the congregation who will help you to make connections with the larger community. Courses are available to take in preparation for baptism. Contact either minister.

### **Adult and Seniors Programs**

There are also opportunities for learning and service for adults and seniors. Hosted by R-W, *The Pathways Centre: A Forum for Theological Inquiry* is an educational centre for provoking, cutting-edge, progressive Christian faith and theological reflection. Programming is offered each fall and winter.

There are many opportunities for volunteering. Two examples are the monthly Community Dinners for those who are struggling to get by and the weekly Food Bank depot.

Our Senior's Council facilitates educational and fellowship opportunities for our elders.



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