

A Reflection from our Rector, The Rev. Ben Robertson

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All Saints' Preschool returned for the autumn this week. I so enjoy hearing the students' sweet voices around campus and I was delighted to greet many of them in the carpool line. Some were excited to be there, some woke up on the wrong side of bed. Some kids wore perfect smocked ensembles and others were equally perfect in mismatched socks and a t-shirt with a bit of breakfast on it. All were greeted warmly by our staff. The Preschool is an excellent and wonderful place.

Those precious little ones reminded me of the precious people who fill the pews (virtually or physically) at All Saints on a Sunday: some are thrilled to be there, while others barely made it in time for the Psalm. Some are in coat and tie, while others are in shorts and sandals (like the Rector last Sunday!). Some are filled with gratitude for some long prayed for blessing, while others are in the midst of a dark cloud. Some are seeking a new spiritual home, and others have been part of All Saints for generations.

But the best part of a school day morning or a Sunday morning is that you are present. You may be having a good day or a bad day, but every day you are welcome, you are wanted, you are valued, and you are loved. We aren't perfect, you don't ever have to be anyone but yourself and every one of us is different, but we are All Saints.

Keep the Faith,

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