

With anticipation and joy we welcome  
Selwyn Avenue's  
New Director for Children and their families,

## Karley Wilke-Nadler



Originally from Wisconsin, Karley attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned her BA in Religious Studies and Education and Educational Studies. Following her undergraduate degree, Karley attended Denver Seminary in Littleton, CO to earn her Master of Divinity degree. She is passionate about the holistic care and development of children and youth, the intersection of mental health and faith, and Christ-centered justice.

Karley has a diverse career background, including four years working in student ministry and two years in children's ministry. Since 2021, Karley has worked at faith-based nonprofits in both the programmatic and development and fundraising spheres. After calling Arizona home for five years, Karley and her husband, Kevin, moved to Charlotte in 2023. Since moving to Charlotte, Karley has worked at UrbanPromise Charlotte, a holistic 20-year leadership development program that serves students ages 5-25 in four under-resourced communities in Charlotte, and as a Pediatric Hospice Chaplain.

In her time outside of work and church, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs, Nellie and Whopper, being outdoors, experimenting with gluten-free baking, reading a good book, and being with friends and family.

Having interviewed candidates near and far, our committee felt an immediate sense of call toward Karley. Every conversation revealed a natural alignment of Selwyn's hope and need for robust leadership and Karley's many gifts for ministry and innate passion for children. Karley's personal faith, pastoral presence, and energy are evident in both her vocational experience and ongoing commitment to the Church.



SAPC continues to welcome many new households, children and infants to our community. Selwyn is committed to establishing a robust children's program that reflects the vows we take so seriously in baptism. Karley will be focused on building a Christ-centered, sustainable children's ministry that engages and excites our youngest members and the adults who love them. We are an intergenerational community of faith and so we invite every member to pray for our children and youth and consider supporting SAPC financially to meet the growing needs of our congregation. While Karley's role will be part-time (25 hours/week), SAPC is committed to augmenting her leadership with additional support to meet the needs of our growing congregation. As we welcome Karley into ministry among us, please prayerfully consider joining our children's or youth council, teaching Sunday School, or helping to lead Children's Chapel.

We will offer Karley a warm Selwyn welcome during her *first Sunday in worship on July 20th*.

With Joy,

Lindsay Haynie, Maggie Houston, Bailey King, Catherine Miller, and Becky Muth

*See the following page for comments from the committee. -*

“Karley's light and deep thoughtfulness shone through every conversation we had. The idea of her leading our children — from the very start of their lives through those big, curious elementary years — is such a hopeful one. This season is so important for laying the foundation of faith in our kids, and the thought of my own daughters growing and learning under her guidance is a joy. We are so thrilled to walk alongside her in this call.” - Lindsay Haynie, Current Elder and CDC parent

“While I was initially excited by Karley's energy and personality, I was even more excited after learning about the truly meaningful work she has been and is involved with. I'm so excited for our church and our kids to have such a tremendous person to teach and care for them.” - Maggie Houston, Church Member and parent

“Karley is clearly going to be a nurturing and supportive teacher for your children, but I am most excited about her ability to develop a program that excites and empowers our parents and other adults to fulfill our baptismal vows and includes our children in the full life of the church. I'm excited for what we can build for our children with Karley as our architect”. - Bailey King, member of the personnel committee and parent

"I am thrilled that Karley will be joining our ministry for children and families. Karley has a passion for children and faith formation. She also has the important program building skills that will be imperative for creating meaningful programming that will serve our booming young family population. Her energy is high, and I am excited to see what her talents will bring to Selwyn!" - Catherine Miller, Current Elder and parent

“It was evident from the start of the conversation with Karley that she would be a perfect fit for SAPC. Karley brings a vibrant and uplifting energy to our growing church. With a naturally positive outlook, a creative spark that inspires new ideas, and a dynamic work style full of enthusiasm, she has approached challenges with mindfulness and a grounded sense of purpose. Karley will blend innovation with intention, making her a truly inspiring presence in our church. Her diverse background and experiences has molded her to work with not only children but also create meaningful relationships with entire families. We are so excited about Karley joining our village.” - Becky Muth, Current Elder and parent