Sensory Friendly Performance

Social Story

I am going to see a play by Fort Wayne Youtheatre.
I want to see what the building will be like before I go there.
Let’s go to...

First Presbyterian Theater

Welcome!

Here is the building. This is what I will see from the outside.
This is where we can park our car. The lot is right next to the building.
There is one way to get into the building.

Once you get into the building you will be in the Upstairs lobby.
The Theatre and theatre lobby is in the lower part of the building. There are two ways to go to the lower part of the building. My choice.

**Option #1: The Steps**

Once I get into the building I can wait in the upper lobby or go down to the theatre lobby.

I can take the stairs to walk down to the theatre lobby.

Or

**Option #2: The Elevator**

I can take the elevator down to the theatre lobby.
Once I get down the stairs or the elevator, I will be in the theatre lobby. This is where I can wait to enter the theatre when it is time for the show.
There will be benches to sit on and there will be art on the walls to look at.

I can sit here and wait until the doors into the theatre open. I can even wait here after the doors open if I want. It is my choice.

Ushers by the door into the theatre will take my ticket at the door and give me a program for the play.

They are friendly and helpful.

I can ask them for help if I need anything.
This hallway will take me to the Restrooms.
The women’s rest room is at the end of the hall.
The men’s restroom is up these stairs

I can use the Restroom before, after, or during the show.

I can also get a drink from the Water Fountain if I am thirsty.

At some Youtheatre performances, there will be an Activity Area setup.

- Touch Tour
- Character Questionnaire
- Craft Table

...and more!
During the show, upstairs will be McKay Hall. This room is the Calming Room. I can visit the Calming Room for a break from the play.
Now I am ready to enter the theatre. The Ushers have “opened the house.” Which means it is time to go into the theatre.

In this theatre, the audience sits in seats that are facing the stage.
When I walk into the theatre, I will be able to pick a seat to sit in. I can be as close or as far away from the stage as I want to be.

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After the play is over, I will exit out the doors of the theatre into the lobby with the art. If the Ushers tell me to go another way, that is ok.
Once I am out of the theatre I can take the steps or the elevator to go back upstairs so I can leave the building.
I am ready to go to First Presbyterian Theater and see a play!

Thank you for looking through these pictures of the First Presbyterian Theater.

We are excited to see you there!

— Fort Wayne Youtheatre

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