

**2023-2024 Program Year**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHILDREN  
& FAMILY**  
MINISTRIES



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Welcome to Children and Family Ministries (CFM) at Trinity Presbyterian Church!

My name is Elizabeth Davis, everyone calls me Ms. Elizabeth. I am the Director of Children's Ministry and have been a part of Trinity's staff for 8 years! It has been such a joy to be a part of your lives and to watch your children grow through their earliest stages into becoming the incredible people God made them to be. I live in the Peachtree Hills community and enjoy being local to our children's school and extra curricular activities! You might also see me out running or walking my dog sitting furry friends! Please say, "Hi!" and let me know when activities are happening. I'd love to come cheer on our children!

CFM along with YFM (Youth and Family Ministries) make up Family Ministries, Trinity's cradle to college ministry which includes babies, children, youth, college students and their parents and extended families. Along with Jean Lapitan and Emily Beaver, we work together to offer programs and opportunities for our families to grow faithfully through childhood and beyond.

This guidebook will offer a glimpse into all the programs and events CFM has planned for this year. Ways to connect with God and each other. Frequently asked questions. Contact information for our committee leadership as well as CFM staff. CFM Calendar for 2023-2024. Links to share and invite friends. Please flip through to learn more and even take an extra copy to share!

With God's help and guidance, I am looking forward to having a great year in Children and Family Ministries! Please reach out with any concerns, thoughts, prayer requests, or questions. I am always here and happy to connect with you and your children!

See you soon!  
Ms. Elizabeth



# CONNECT WITH US

## SUBSCRIBE to the CFM Emails

Our weekly email is sent to your inbox. This is our main form of information sharing and the best way to stay up to date on CFM and Trinity happenings!

Sign up online at [trinityatlanta.org/contact-us/](http://trinityatlanta.org/contact-us/)

## FOLLOW US on Facebook & Instagram

Facebook: CFM TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Instagram: CFMTPC

Our social media channels are private as we share parent approved photos of children enjoying our ministry, but please request and we will approve!

## POST the CFM Calendar

Keep track of Children and Family events by posting the CFM calendar (page 20) on your fridge or bulletin board.







### **REGISTER for Events**

Register for events online  
using the QR code.



### **DOWNLOAD the ChurchLife App**

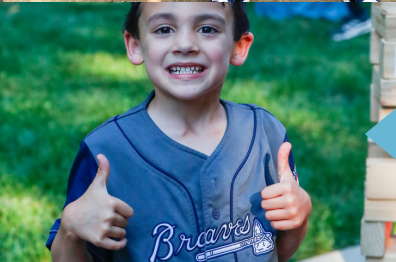
View the member directory, register for events, or  
give online by using the ChurchLife App on your  
smartphone.

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### **CONTACT the CFM Committee**

The Children's Ministry Committee is a group of  
men and women who are "in the trenches" of  
ministry to children. They volunteer their time and  
expertise to help provide opportunities for the  
children of TPC to play, learn, grow and serve. See  
page 16.



### **LOOKING FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU!!**

## CHILDCARE STAFF



**Lucille Perry**

Infant and One Year Old Class



**Carol Carter**

Infant and One Year Old Class



**Mary Jenkins**

Two Year Old Class



**Chereka Washington**

Three Year Old Class



**Roz Woodard**

Four Year Old Class

Our childcare staff are some of Trinity's most well known and well loved because of their immense gifts and care in sharing God's love with our youngest children and families.

You should ask them how long they have each served at Trinity! They have watched us all grow up and are a very special part of our children's foundation of faith.

**Childcare is available for children Pre-K (4 years old) and younger on Sundays from 8:45am - 12:30pm and is located in Building D. There is a quick check in process for dropping off children and childcare staff will be happy to help!**

# SUNDAY MORNINGS

## CHILDCARE

**8:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Building D**  
Childcare for children 4 years old (Pre-K) and younger is available during both worship services and Sunday school.

## INFORMAL WORSHIP

**9:00 AM, The Loft**

## GATHERING TIME FOR CHILDREN

**9:45 - 10:00 AM, Gym**

Children K through 5th grade will meet in the Gym for free play and a short activity before going to their classrooms. Children 4 years old and younger will meet in the classrooms for age-appropriate free play before Mr. Music begins.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:00 - 10:50 AM**

Children's classrooms are located in Building D. Adult classrooms are located in Building B and Williams Hall.

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**11:00 AM, SANCTUARY**

We believe it is best for children to worship with their families once they enter kindergarten. To encourage a learning and meaningful experience, we provide worship activity bags with children's and books in the Narthex.





## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**9:45 AM, Gathering Together in the Gym**

**10:00 AM, Building D Children's Classrooms**

We are often asked, "What age does Sunday school start?" At Trinity, ALL children learn the love of Jesus Christ and experience that love through age appropriate learning. Even our infants enjoy Mr. Music at 10AM!



We are excited to continue in our curriculum priority of having our children's classes in coordinated effort to discuss the same Bible stories in our Adult Foundations class. Children will learn the Bible stories we know and love, as well as some they may have never heard before. We will encourage relationship building as a class through interactive activities. Classes are taught by our CFM Committee members, as well as Trinity members and parents.

The hope is for families to attend Sunday school and be able to discuss together in the car and at home throughout the week.









## MILESTONES

### KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

#### WORSHIP EDUCATION

Sunday School in September

10AM

This fall kindergarten and 1st grade students will meet with Ms. Elizabeth to learn all about worship. We will practice through prayers and experiencing the parts of worship through leadership.

### 2ND & 3RD GRADE

#### SACRAMENTS EDUCATION

Sunday School in September

10AM

This fall our 2nd and 3rd grade students will learn about the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. How and why they are special to us as Presbyterians.

### 5TH GRADE

#### BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, April 28

9AM Worship

Graduating 5th Graders will receive a Bible to celebrate the Milestone of growing through Children and Family Ministries into Youth and Family Ministries.



# MESSY CHURCH

November 5

January 7

March 3

May 12 (Mothers' Day)

10:00 AM in the Gym Lobby

Messy Church is an interactive, hands on, and informal worship experience. It intentionally welcomes and seeks to provide Christian, spiritual opportunities for all ages, but particularly families together. Messy Church sessions will coordinate with the Sunday school curriculum and encourage participating in worship while connecting parents and children together.









# FOUNDATIONS

## A NEW ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

One Adult Education course offering you'll find on this year's schedule is very aptly titled: **Foundations**. To determine whether Foundations is a good fit for you, I offer the following scenario (which is not as fictional as I'd like it to be...)

Picture This:

It's noon on Sunday, and your family is loading into the car after a restful and restorative morning at church. Just as you settle into the driver's seat, your child poses one or more of the following questions:

- A. Hey Mom...how did Elijah's altar catch on fire?
- B. Hey Dad...was Lazarus really dead or just sleeping?
- C. Hey! Why was he called John the Baptist and not John the Presbyterian?

Panic sets in. You can't remember those stories! You can't even remember the lessons you're supposed to derive from those stories! (And if you're honest with yourself: those stories sound downright bizarre without any context.) You respond in one of two ways:

You quickly make something up.

- a. Pro: It could be fun.
- b. Con: Generally frowned upon. (You DO remember something along the lines of "Thou shalt not lie.")

You admit you don't remember (or perhaps never knew) that particular Bible story.

- a. Pro: No false witness for you!
- b. Con: You miss a rare opportunity to meaningfully engage with your child about his/her spiritual development.

If this scenario seems remotely familiar, Foundations is the class for you! Join us as we explore stories from the Bible in an interactive, discussion-oriented setting. Not an expert? Not a problem. This class is for individuals hoping to fellowship with other Trinity members while growing their faith by reading the Bible, reflecting on its meaning, asking questions, and applying the teachings of Jesus to their lives.

Bring your Bible (and a sense of humor), and let's grow together.

-Bonnie Holliday



# CHILDRENS' CHOIRS

## Phyllis Sommer

Cherub Choir Director



## Scott Morris

Primary and Junior Choir  
Director

### Cherub Choir Rehearsals

Cherub I - Pre-K (4 years old by Sept. 1) -  
Thursdays, 4:45pm-5:15pm

Cherub II - Kindergarten (5 years old by  
Sept. 1) Thursdays; 5:15pm-5:45pm

### Primary Choir

1st and 2nd Graders  
Thursdays; 4:00pm-4:45pm

### Junior Choir

3rd thru 5th Graders  
Thursdays; 5:00pm-5:45pm

Register for Children's Choir by visiting the Music Ministries section on our website!

<https://trinityatlanta.org/get-involved/#music-ministries>



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Baptisms

Baptisms are scheduled and organized through the Senior Pastor's office. You can fill out the Request Form on our website to receive information about scheduling a baptism. If you have questions, contact Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor, MacKenzie Atkinson (matkinson@trinityatlnta.org).

<https://trinityatlanta.org/discovertrinity/baptisms/>

### How do I register for an event?

To register for CFM events, use the QR Code below. You do not need to be a member to register!



### Are my friends invited to Trinity and CFM events?

100%!! ALWAYS!! We would love to have them! This is how YOU can help Trinity grow! Share CFM posts, e-mails, and registration links!

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Welcome back CFM! I hope this letter finds you well and refreshed after a wonderful summer full of exciting adventures and experiences. As we gear up for another fantastic year, I am thrilled get to know each of you and your families even better.

Ms. Elizabeth has worked hard to create something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you are new to CFM or a seasoned member, I encourage you to join us in exploring new opportunities for personal and creative growth.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage you to step outside of your comfort zone and try something new. You never know what amazing experiences and opportunities may come your way.

Know that I am here for you and cheering you on every step of the way! Don't hesitate to reach out- I am always just a text away! Let's make this year one to remember and continue to build a strong, supportive community that inspires us all to be our best selves.

Emily Beaver  
*Director of Family Ministries*



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## 2023-2024 CALENDAR

### August

Sunday, Aug. 13 4th & 5th Grade Pool Party

Sunday, Aug. 20 Family Ministry Kickoff  
4 -6 PM, Magnolia Circle

### September

Sunday, Sept.10 11am Worship followed by BBQ and Bluegrass

Sunday, Sept 17 9am Worship Begins  
First Sunday School for Children and Adults!

### October

Friday, Oct 27 Halloween Bingo

Sunday, Oct. 29 4th & 5th Grade Dinner & Pumpkin Carving  
6 PM - 8 PM, Magnolia Circle

### November

Sunday, Nov. 5 Messy Church  
10am Gym Lobby

Sunday, Nov. 26 Advent Brunch 10 AM

### December

Sunday, Dec. 3 Christmas Caroling  
5 PM

Sunday, Dec. 10 Best Christmas Pageant Drive Thru Ever  
5 PM

Sunday, Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve Service  
4 PM, Sanctuary

### January

Sunday, Jan. 7 Messy Church  
10 AM, Gym Lobby

Sunday, Jan. 21 4th & 5th Grade Dinner & Recreation  
5-6:30 PM, Gym

### February

Sunday, Feb. 4 Children's Sunday  
9 & 11 AM Worship

Tuesday, Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race and Dinner

### March

Sunday, March 3 Messy Church  
10 AM Gym Lobby

Friday, March 22 Flashlight Egg Hunt and Parents' Happy Hour  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Saturday, March 23 Family Breakfast & Egg Hunt  
9-10:30 AM, Williams Hall

### April

Sunday, April 28 5th Grade Bible Presentation  
9 AM Worship

### May

Sunday, May 5 3rd - 5th Grade Launch

Sunday, May 12 Messy Church (Mother's Day)  
10am Gym Lobby

### June

Mon-Thurs June 10-13 Vacation Bible School  
9 AM - 12 PM, Bldg. D

Thursday, June 13 Bike Night  
6 PM, The Loft & Parking Lot

**It is encouraged to tear out this page and post at home!**