

2024-2025 Program Year

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHILDREN**  
**& FAMILY**  
MINISTRIES



# MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE

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## Welcome back, Children and Family Ministries!

I hope this letter finds you well and refreshed after a summer full of exciting adventures. As we gear up for another fantastic year, I'm thrilled to 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're 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 challenge you to step outside your comfort zone and try something new. You never know what amazing experiences and opportunities may come your way.

Please know that I'm here for you, cheering you on every step of the way! Don't hesitate to reach out—I'm always just a text away. Let's make this year one to remember as we continue building a strong, supportive community that inspires us all to be our best selves.

Emily



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

My name is Elizabeth Davis, but everyone calls me Ms. Elizabeth. I am the Director of Children's Ministry and have been part of Trinity's staff for 9 years! It has been such a joy to be part of your lives and to watch your children grow from their earliest stages into the incredible people God made them to be. I live in the Peachtree Hills community and enjoy being local to our children's schools and extracurricular activities! You might also see me out running or walking my dog or pet-sitting for 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), makes up Family Ministries, Trinity's cradle-to-college ministry, which includes babies, children, youth, college students, and their parents and extended families. Along with Associate Pastor for Families, Rev. Emily Beaver, Director of Middle School Ministries, Jean Shults, and Director of High School Ministries, Tanner Short, we work together to offer programs and opportunities for our families to grow faithfully through childhood and beyond.

This guidebook offers 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, the CFM Calendar for 2023-2024, and links to share and invite friends. Please flip through to learn more and feel free to take an extra copy to share!

With God's help and guidance, I look 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 Group: 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

Stay updated on events by putting the CFM calendar from the last page on your fridge or bulletin board.





## **REGISTER for Events**

Register for events online using the QR code.



## **DOWNLOAD the Realm Connect App**

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



## **CONTACT the CFM Committee**

The Youth Ministry Committee is a group of folks committed to the lives of children at Trinity. They volunteer their time and expertise to help provide opportunities for the children of TPC to play, learn, grow and serve.

## CHILDCARE STAFF



**Lucille Perry**  
Infant and One Year Old Class



**Mary Jenkins**  
Two Year Old Class



**Carol Carter**  
Infant and One Year Old Class



**Roz Woodard**  
Three and Four Year Old Class

Our childcare staff are some of the most well-known and beloved members of Trinity, thanks to their immense gifts and care in sharing God's love with our youngest children and families. They've watched many of us grow up and are a special part of the foundation of faith for our children.

**Childcare is available for children ages 4 and under (Pre-K) on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building D. The drop-off process includes a quick check-in, and our childcare staff will be happy to assist you.**



# SUNDAYS @ TRINITY

## 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 in Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet in the gym for free play and a short activity before heading to their classrooms. Children 4 years old and younger will meet in their 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.



## WORSHIP

11:00 AM | THE SANCTUARY

Children are always invited and welcome to worship with their families, starting in kindergarten. To encourage their experience, we provide art tables in the Loft and worship activity bags in the sanctuary narthex.

# Sunday Morning Offerings

## CONNECTIONS

Connections is a discussion-based class that explores a reading, podcast, or video that has been shared before the class meeting. The gathering is mostly member-led, with occasional conversations facilitated by pastoral staff. Reading or listening ahead is helpful, but not required.

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## FOUNDATIONS

Foundations is a member-led, discussion-based class that focuses on discovering new meaning in familiar scripture each week. Advance preparation is not required.

 Chapel Parlor

## WILLIAMS HALL PRESENTATION

Each week, there is also a presentation-based class offered in Williams Hall, often with an outside speaker who is an expert on the topic at hand. These offerings will also include time for discussion and questions during or after the presentation. Advance preparation is not required. The weekly Williams Hall class is livestreamed.

 Williams Hall

## CFM Sunday School

9:45 AM, Gathering in the Gym  
10:00 AM, Building D Children's Classrooms

We often get asked, "When does Sunday school start?" At Trinity, ALL children, starting from infancy, experience the love of Jesus Christ through age-appropriate lessons.

Our curriculum aligns children's classes with the Bible stories taught in the Foundations class, helping children learn and engage with new and familiar stories. Classes are led by CFM Committee members, Trinity members, and parents and include interactive activities to build relationships.

We hope families will discuss what they've learned in Sunday school during the week.



# FOUNDATIONS

## SCHOOL CLASS

One of the Sunday morning offerings is aptly titled Foundations. To determine if Foundations is a good fit for you, consider the following scenario (which, unfortunately, is more realistic than 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 asks 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 recall the lessons you're supposed to learn from them! (And, if you're honest, those stories sound downright bizarre without any context.) You might 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 about "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 engage meaningfully with your child about their spiritual development.

If this scenario seems familiar, Foundations is the class for you! Join us as we explore Bible stories in an interactive, discussion-oriented setting. Not an expert? Not a problem.

This class is for individuals looking to fellowship with other Trinity members while growing their faith through Bible reading, reflection, questioning, and applying Jesus' teachings to their lives.

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

-Bonnie Holliday



## **MESSY CHURCH**

**10 AM in the Gym Lobby**

Messy Church is an interactive, hands-on, and informal worship experience. It intentionally welcomes all ages, with a special focus on families, and provides Christian and spiritual opportunities for everyone. Each Messy Church session aligns with the Sunday school curriculum and fosters participation in worship while connecting parents, grandparents, friends, and children.

### **Dates:**

**November 10  
January 5  
March 9  
April 6  
May 18**









# CHILDRENS' CHOIRS

## **Cherub Choir**

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

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**Phyllis Sommer**  
Cherub Choir  
Director



**Scott Morris**  
Primary and Junior  
Choir Director

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

To receive information about scheduling a baptism, please fill out the request form using the QR code below or contact MacKenzie at [matkinson@trinityatlanta.org](mailto:matkinson@trinityatlanta.org)



## How do I register for an event?

To register for 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?

Absolutely! We would love to have them! You can help Trinity grow by sharing CFM posts, emails, and registration links.

## August

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

Sunday, Aug. 18 Trinity Fun Fest  
4 -6 PM | Magnolia Circle

## September

Sunday, Sept. 8 11am Worship followed by BBQ and Bluegrass

Sunday, Sept 15 9am Worship Begins  
First Sunday School for Children and Adults!

## October

Friday, Oct 25 Halloween Bingo 6PM The Loft

Sunday, Oct. 27 4th & 5th Grade Dinner & Pumpkin Carving  
6 PM - 8 PM | Magnolia Circle

## November

Sunday, Nov. 10 Messy Church  
10am Gym Lobby

## December

Sunday, Dec. 1 Advent Brunch  
10 AM

Sunday, Dec. 8 Christmas Caroling  
5 PM

Sunday, Dec. 15 Best Christmas Pageant Drive Thru  
5 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve Service  
4 PM | Sanctuary

## January

Sunday, Jan. 5      Messy Church  
10 AM, Gym Lobby

Friday, January 24      Friday Night Bingo  
6 PM The Loft

## February

Sunday, Feb. 2      Children's Sunday  
9 & 11 AM Worship

## March

Tuesday, Feb. 4      Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and  
Race

Sunday, March 9      Messy Church  
10 AM Gym Lobby

## April

Friday, Apr. 11      Flashlight Egg Hunt for 2nd-5th Graders  
6:30 PM The Loft

Saturday, Apr. 12      Family Breakfast and Egg Hunt  
9:00 AM Williams Hall

Sunday, April 27      5th Grade Bible Presentation  
9 AM Worship

## May

Sunday, May 4      3rd - 5th Grade Launch Night with YFM

Sunday, May 18      Messy Church  
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## June

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

Thursday, June 12      Bike Night  
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