



Director of Children and Family Ministries

Parish Profile

St. Thomas Episcopal Church seeks to *Love God, Love Every Person, Learn and Serve Together*. We are a community of loving, committed and searching Christians who value diversity and cherish the gifts of young and old alike. We seek a part-time (25 hours a week) staff member, lay or clergy, to nurture an already vibrant ministry with children and families. Candidates from Episcopal and ecumenical backgrounds are invited to apply.

Position Summary

The Director will lead ministries with children (Nursery to grade 5) and families with a focus on building a community of love and support, offering an age-appropriate introduction to the scriptures and Episcopal tradition, and fostering lifelong growth in the Christian faith. Approximately 40 children participate currently with average attendance on Sundays between 15 and 20.

Essential responsibilities

- Implement a scope and sequence for an inviting and meaningful program of children's formation on Sundays (Sunday School, children's chapel during worship) and Wednesdays during the school year.
- Recruit and nurture a team of volunteers. Around 10 volunteers currently assist.
- Recruit and supervise nursery staff, currently 4 positions.
- Ensure that Safeguarding practices are followed. Manage background checks and Safeguarding records.
- Plan and lead seasonal events for children, including VBS.
- Offer opportunities for parent education and fellowship.
- Lead weekly chapel for ages 2 to 4 at St. Thomas Day School and invite families to St. Thomas Church.
- Connect children and families with opportunities to serve others.
- Manage communication related to these ministries.

Minimum qualifications

Lively and contagious faith. Proven ability to work creatively and responsibly with children and families, including LGBTQIA+ families. Delight in the liturgy, theology, and witness of The Episcopal Church. Associate's degree preferred. Safeguarding God's Children and People, and Dismantling Racism certification within two months of hire. Comfort with Microsoft and Google products. Initiative, team worker and leader with other adults.

Benefits include salary, paid vacation, retirement plan, and flexible schedule. To apply, send a resume or profile and letter of interest by mail or email to the Parish Administrator, Patty Slembariski, at patty@stthomascolumbus.org or 2100 Hilton Ave., Columbus, GA 31906 by March 10, 2024. Applications from Episcopal clergy will be forwarded to the Diocese of Atlanta for review prior to consideration.