

# WE'RE HIRING!

Director of Children and Family Ministries  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Columbus, Georgia

## ➤ 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 ¾- to full-time 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. Between 30 and 40 children participate currently, with around 25 in average weekly attendance. The focus is 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.

## ➤ Minimum Qualifications

Lively and contagious faith. Proven ability to work creatively and responsibly with children and families, including LGBTQIA+ families. Knowledge of and delight in the liturgy, theology, and witness of The Episcopal Church. Bachelor'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.



## Essential Responsibilities

- **Develop & implement** a scope and sequence for an inviting and meaningful program of children's formation on Sundays (Sunday School, brief children's chapel during worship) and Wednesdays during the school year. At least two age groupings on Sundays and Wednesdays are needed presently.
- **Recruit & nurture** a team of volunteers.
- **Ensure** that Safeguarding practices are followed. Manage background checks and Safeguarding records.
- **Plan & lead** seasonal events for children, including VBS.
- **Offer** opportunities for parent education and fellowship.
- **Coordinate** seasonal intergenerational parish life events for the whole congregation.
- **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** communications related to these ministries.
- If full-time, assist the Director of Parish Administration by creating worship bulletins each week and working with the membership database.

*Benefits include full employee health care or cash equivalent, paid vacation, and retirement plan. 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](mailto:patty@stthomascolumbus.org) or 2100 Hilton Ave., Columbus, GA 31906 by July 16, 2023. Applications from Episcopal clergy will be forwarded to the Diocese of Atlanta for review prior to consideration.*