

Children's Ministry (3yrs -5th grade)



<u>A note from Pastor Alicia</u>

At Holy Trinity, we believe that because Jesus said to the crowds, "let the children come to me," it's important that we help make that happen! As a parent of a couple young kids myself, I care deeply about providing meaningful opportunities. I look forward to getting to know you, as a pastor, but also as a fellow parent. Here are a few options for how you can engage this fall:



Worship:

I believe that the single most important way you can pass on the Christian faith to your young ones is through weekly worship. At Holy Trinity, we want parents to know that we welcome children in worship, even with their occasional restlessness and temper tantrums! Each service, we have a children's message and a noisy offering so that even the youngest ones in church can begin to learn the practices of faith. You can also help yourself to a kid's worship bag, which includes crayons for them to use on the "Coloring Corner" of the bulletin. In addition, our nursery is always available, and it includes both a "mother's room" and a private bathroom, with the worship service livestreamed.

Sunday School (Sunday mornings):

On Sunday mornings, we have a Sunday School experience that follows the 9am service, which runs from approximately 10-11am each week. The Sunday School experience includes an age specific lesson, music, small group time, and activities pertaining to the relevant Scripture passage. The Sunday morning time allows for intergenerational offerings and service opportunities.

Crew Time (Wednesday nights):

A couple years ago, Holy Trinity experimented with Wednesday evening services, and it has sure taken off! In the middle of what can be a crazy week, time is precious. That's why we weave Crew Time into the worship service. Children get a chance to worship with their families, but then they break off during the lesson/sermon time to hear an age specific lesson, music, and small group time (returning during the offering).

Please feel free to email me with any questions! alicia@holytrinityonline.org

Register online at www.holytrinityonline.org

<u>Schedule</u>

9/8Sunday School Open
House 10-11 am9/11Crew Time Open

House 5-6 pm

Sunday School on

these dates: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/8 But not these dates:

12/1 12/22, 12/29

Crew Time on these

dates: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, & 12/11

But not these dates: 11/27, 12/25, 1/1

12/15 Christmas Program Rehearsal (both SS/Crew) 12/18 Early Christmas Service/ Christmas Program

1/5 S.S. Resumes 1/8 Crew Time Resumes

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Confirmation Ministry (Grades 6-9)



<u>Schedule</u>

9/11	Open House 5-7:30 pm
9/18	1st Class
9/25	Class
9/27	9th Grade Retreat
10/2	Class
10/9	Class
10/16	Class
10/23	Class
10/27&30	9th Grade Confirmation
10/30	Class
11/6	Class
11/13	Class
11/20	Class
11/27	No
	Confirmation
12/4	Class
12/11	Class
12/18	Christmas Caroling
12/25	No Confirmation
1/1	No Confirmation
1/8	Confirmation resumes



A note from Pastor Ben

Hello friends! As we are looking to the fall, I have to say I am really excited for confirmation. I hope that in confirmation everyone gets to learn some basics of faith but also dive deeper into bigger questions. I have to say: confirmation is one of my favorite aspects of ministry, and I'm excited for a great year! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions: <u>ben@holytrinityonline.org</u>



Confirmation Layout

- <u>5:00 Dinner</u>: Each week Holy Trinity is blessed with a home cooked meal from 5-6pm. Instead of trying to cook in the middle of the busy week, you are welcome to bring the family to church!
- <u>6:00 Worship</u>: Worship is central to a life of faith, and central to the Holy Trinity Confirmation Experience. Confirmation begins with worship.
- <u>6:50 Small Groups</u>: After worship, confirmation students will break into small groups to check in on their weeks and discuss their sermon notes. These small groups meet in the South Wing.
- <u>7:10-7:30 Large Group</u>: Students and leaders will then regroup in the sanctuary for a large group lesson.

Key Components

- <u>Weekly Participation</u>: Students will be expected to participate weekly in worship, small groups, and the large group lessons.
- <u>Sermon Notes</u>: During worship, students will take sermon notes on the backs of the bulletins, which they will hand into their small group leaders.
- <u>Service Teams</u>: Rather than accumulating separate service hours, students will jump into one of three service teams:
 - <u>Worship Support Team (1x/month)</u>: this team will be in charge of helping with worship (ushering, collecting offering, reading Scripture lessons, running worship slides, etc.)
 - <u>Kitchen Team</u> (1x/month): this team will help the kitchen team serve and clean up the Wednesday dinner meal.
 - <u>Bell Choir (1x/month)</u>: students can volunteer to play in the Bell Choir! They will practice at 5pm the same day they play at 6pm.

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*This year, Holy Trinity is embarking on an intentional visioning process called "2020 Vision." As part of this process, we want the voices of confirmation students to be heard. Please mark your calendars for 2 particular congregation wide "Vision Huddle" dates: September 15th, and November 3rd (4-6pm). We'd love to have their input!