

Intergenerational Family Days

Summits

The vows we take at the font compel us to partner with congregations and parents to become a more welcoming worshipping community and to nurture the faith of children through worship and prayer. The Font & Faith Initiative is committed to helping the church live into the promises made in baptism by

- . providing occasions for critical and sustaining conversations,
- . creating supporting communities on a common journey,
- . researching, developing, and offering resources to strengthen family and congregational ministries that nurture children in worship and prayer,

so that children's faith and congregations' worship and prayer life are engaged, enriched, and enlivened.

Intergenerational Family Days

Families have the most significant impact on children's lives. Church in general and worship in particular, is one of the few remaining places, beyond our families, where we gather intergenerationally. Partnering with families as they grow in Christian faith is essential for cultivating enduring practices that sustain us throughout life's journey in a complex and changing world.

These Intergenerational Family Days invite children (age 12 and under) and their families to embark together on a journey that can result in more meaningful worship experiences as a family. In five different regions, we will provide families with opportunities to discover practices that nurture faith in fun and engaging ways. We will explore both worship and prayer through art, music, stories, and practices that enrich our experiences. We will listen to the wisdom of all generations as participants share, through video, what they love about worship and what they find challenging. These insights will directly lead to resource development that supports and sustains families as they grow in baptismal living.

Dates and Arrangements

Each region has the capacity for up to fifty participants.

Regional Intergenerational Family Days will take place:

November 8, 2025: Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia

November 15, 2025: Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

November 22, 2025: Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina

January 31, 2026: Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia

February 28, 2026: Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina

We will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and end by 3:00 p.m.

Lunch, snacks, t-shirts, and materials related to participating in the Summits are covered by a generous grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

After The Summits

Ministries that nurture faith in children and families through worship and prayer continue after the Summits. We are committed to supporting you in these ministries. Journey Groups with other families will be established after the Summits to facilitate community, sustain your continued commitment, and strengthen your engagement in baptismal living. All Summit participants are expected to participate in Journey Groups where we will provide space for

- sharing intentional Christian practices of worship and prayer with children and families,
- supporting one another along the journey,
- giving voice to celebrations and challenges,
- exploring questions, and
- exchanging ideas.

All interactions will take place through a secure online portal on the Font & Faith website.

At the end of the three-year Journey Groups, all Summits will reconvene in their original configuration for a time of celebration and evaluation. These final Summits will dream and plan for future ministry.

Application Process

Summit participants will be selected through an application process. Applications are available on the Font & Faith website:

<https://fontandfaith.cece.upsem.edu/>