



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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CORE VALUES OF TRINITY CHURCH

I want to invite you to read the Core Values of Trinity Church, derived from our time with Molly Carnes during our August meeting. At the September meeting we will create a Mission Statement for Trinity Church. It will articulate a statement of what we believe to be God's unique mission for Trinity Church in this community. After agreeing on that unique mission we will look at Trinity's Core Values and along with our unique Mission Statement develop a strategic plan with goals and objectives for fulfilling that mission.

This is an exciting time for Trinity as we "drill down" on what God is calling us as a church to do in our community. There are all kinds of opportunities for ministry in front of us, but what is it that our Core Values and Mission Statement direct us to do? While the work of the determining our Core Values and Mission Statement has been the work of a relatively small group of individuals, the strategic plan process invites more participants as we determine how we will

Trinity Episcopal Church Core Values

At Trinity Church, we value:

1. **Welcome and Acceptance.** We welcome all people. You will not be a newcomer for long.
2. **Worship.** We are a Christian church in the Episcopal tradition. Our worship is guided by a shared liturgy that incorporates both Scripture and the sacrament of Holy Communion.
3. **Youth Christian Development.** We believe that we have a God-given responsibility to our children and youth to share with them the Christian faith that we have received.
4. **Fellowship.** We believe that Trinity Church is a family. We will welcome you into our family and strive to support you through life's experiences.
5. **Music.** We believe that music is worship. We are committed to excellence in the creative arts both in our worship and opening our doors to the arts community.
6. **Missional Outreach.** We believe that, out of love for God and our neighbor, we must extend our arms in service to the community, retaining our identity as Trinity Church members as God sends us out in mission.
7. **Stewardship.** We believe that God calls us to give Trinity Church our time, talent, and treasure.

practically live into our Mission Statement.

Please keep this important work in your prayers as we discern God's will for us at Trinity. A clear sense of identity and direction are essential components of a healthy and thriving church. That identity and direction help others determine whether they want to be a part of God's mission here at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Last week, in preparation for Bishop Fisher's visit to Trinity on October 9th, I had the opportunity to meet with five persons in the Confirmation class. We had wonderful time of exploration, but more importantly, fellowship - and we shared our spiritual journeys with one another. I can't even begin to put into words the enthusiasm these new members had for our church. Sometimes, I wonder if we who have been here for some time take our community for granted, and forget what a wonderful church we have.

I am excited for Trinity as I consider God's future for us.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Rae Dickson	Director of Student Ministries
Jacqui Baker	Director of Children's Ministries
Tim Baker	Parish Administrator
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliier	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

VESTRY

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Harry Barth	Christy Collins	Spencer Alford
John Hall	Karen Frith	Kathy Gray
Kim Howard	Robert Maly	Christine Prior
Ava Welge	Bryan Wilks	Gayland Rushing
Senior Warden, John Hall Junior Warden, Robert Maly Treasurer, Andrew Snell Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

Mission of the Month

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We are proud to continue the tradition of giving toward Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Three community agencies come together to organize this great program: Salvation Army, Caring and Sharing, and Longview Community Ministries. This program credits its success to the generosity of the citizens of Longview and dedicated volunteers. Items suggested for collection include: green beans, corn, peas, sweet potatoes, soups, pasta, canned meat, dessert mixes, cranberry sauce, bread, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are needed to purchase turkeys. Volunteers are greatly appreciated; help is needed in the unloading, sorting, and packaging of baskets. Please call Betty Horaney at (903) 753-3661 if you are interested in volunteering. **All open plate contributions during the month of October will be given to the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in November.**

Trinity Church Ingathering Sundays



OCTOBER 30

NOVEMBER 6

**On these two Sundays
we will collect pledge
cards and give thanks
to God for his provision
and blessings upon us
and our church.**

BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
10:30 AM SERVICE

Please join as we welcome Bishop Fisher as our guest celebrant on this special day!



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4
10:30 AM SERVICE

Please plan to worship with us on this special day as we give thanks to God for, not only our own Trinity School of Texas, but for all Episcopal Schools throughout the world.

St. Monday's

Monday, October 3 • 11:30 AM



Please join us for
taco salads with all
the trimmings.

Our guest speaker will be Fr. Daniel Bethancourt from Shreveport, who will be speaking on the theology and history of Iconography, and the significance of Icons in the historical and modern church.

Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline choir in the beautiful, acoustic and darkened nave.

Afterward, please stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Guild Hall.

Sunday, October 9 • 8:30 PM

Children's Ministry

For October

Children's Church

Studying the life of Christ, His redeeming love for us and why we can trust Him!

Children's Evening Sunday School

Studying the love of God throughout the Old Testament and trusting His plan for our lives.

Children's Fall Service Project

The Sunday School class is participating in Operation Christmas Child. For more information, see Jacqui Baker

Children's Community Outreach

Trunk or Treat is just around the corner! If you want to host a trunk or bring candy, please see Jacqui Baker

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



October 16
Basketball and
Pizza - 5:30 PM
TST Gymnasium

October 30
Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
5:30 - 7:00 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT ON PADON ST.
GAMES - FOOD - HAYRIDE - FACE PAINTING

Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 4th

8:00 AM

Trinity School of Texas

Bring your furry friend for a
special blessing on St. Francis' Day



TRINITY VETERANS OUTREACH

The Veterans of Trinity officially changed their name, by vote of membership attending, doing away with the name "Christian Military Association" and adopting the final name to be "TRINITY VETERANS OUTREACH". Having put the naming task behind us, we were able to hold two special ceremonies, on Patriot's Day, 9/11/2016, fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America; NYC twin towers, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Prayers of thanksgiving for those souls lost in the tragedies of that day and peace for those left behind were lifted up. Also we set up a POW/MIA/KIA table for those missing veterans still unable to return home to their families. Special prayers were offered for their protection, safety and quick return home and to remember them continually until we see them again. It was also an exciting evening as Fr. Kevin attended the opening ceremony and offered up a very meaningful Blessing to the group. Your prayers and words touched our hearts and those in attendance, Kevin, say thank you. Of the eleven veterans attending, it was the first time for Travis Prior, Lynne Abernathy and Dee Shappell. Our roster has grown to sixteen veterans/spouses. If you are a veteran or spouse of a veteran, we always have room for you, contact Gayland Rushing, 903-234-1929 for more info. We are planning a special project for November 11, 2016 Veterans Day. If you have a photo of a veteran in your family or you are a veteran, please leave a copy of that photo (any size), tagged with the name, branch of service, and year of photo along with the phone number of lender so we may return it to you after the project is completed, with the church office. This photo can be of any era, boot camp, war photo, etc. More details to follow at a later date. Next Veterans meeting is planned for October 9th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. If you know any veteran who may not be getting this information, please call Gayland Rushing, 903-234-1929 or email Gayland.Rushing@gmail.com or momanddad.rushing@gmail.com or text 903-399-9503 cell.

PRAYER UPDATE

Bill (Barth) completed his twelfth round of chemotherapy in August and his oncologist gave him the option to stop chemo because the cancer is stable. He chose to stop and will be monitored every three months by MRI. He is working full time and feeling well. Thank you all for your prayers.

Jan and Harry Barth

The Music Ministry of Trinity Church needs YOU!



We are always in need of folks who would like to contribute their time and talents to the chancel choir and handbell ensemble. If you would like to be a part of either of these groups, please call and visit with

Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries.



September Vestry Meeting



After opening prayer, the first item for consideration at the September vestry meeting were the core values defined at our August meeting with Molly Carnes. After a brief discussion about minor points, the Vestry approved the Core Values Statement - unanimously - as stated by that meeting. The August financials were presented by Fr. Kevin and minor variances to the budget were discussed. One item of concern was the large variance in Pledge Income. The financial loss in August is almost entirely attributable to the lack of Pledge Income. Fr. Kevin remarked that while this is normal for the summer months it would be beneficial for either the Treasurer or the Stewardship Committee to make a plea to the congregation to make sure their pledges are current.

Under the Rector's Report Fr.

Kevin reminded the Vestry of their obligation along with the staff's to attend the Safeguarding God's People training on October 8th. Bishop Fisher will be visiting on October 9th and will meet with the Vestry after the service. In preparation for that visitation, we reported on how Safeguarding God's People training is proceeding as required. Fr. Kevin also asked that the Vestry begin to think about creating a Finance/Budget committee that would take on more responsibility of creating the annual budget and relieve him of that task. He also distributed a copy of a volunteer organizational chart of the different ministries that are present at Trinity. The Vestry was asked to consider what parishioners might fill some of the vacancies and also relieve staff members of responsibilities that are beyond their job descriptions

The last item Fr. Kevin shared with the Vestry was his reflections on a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Episcopal Health

Foundation at Christ Church in Tyler. With the creation of the Episcopal Health Foundation there are monies available to communities in our diocese of health research, conveying of task forces to address health issues in our communities and grants to non-profit agencies engaged in providing better health care. Kim Howard offered that there might be some collaborative effort that the hospitals of Longview and the EHF might be able to undertake. Fr. Kevin suggested that with the parish's history with Good Shepherd Medical Center and the large number of physicians and other health care workers we have in the parish it might be time to create a Health Care Task Force at the parish to explore possibilities for our Longview community.

The last piece of business addressed was a report by John Hall on repairs to the Trinity Conference Center house that had been authorized by the Endowment Board.



OCTOBER 2016

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

10/01	Jacqui Baker	10/11	Susie Sheffield	10/25	Robert Heitkamp
10/03	George Joseph	10/12	Nicole Baker	10/25	Claire Alford
10/03	Dee Anne Sloan	10/14	Perry Reed	10/25	Kate Hoover
10/06	Ellen Hendrix	10/16	Joshua Wood	10/25	Mark Jenkins
10/06	Lee Pigeon	10/16	Curtis Mann	10/25	Ava Spates
10/06	Susan Thomas	10/19	John Barbe	10/25	Margaret Wilkinson
10/07	Elaine Campbell	10/19	Terry Phoenix	10/26	Spencer Alford
10/07	Anne Moore	10/19	Lynne Abernathey	10/27	Ian Owen
10/07	Zan Brown	10/20	Aurora Buckner	10/28	Patty Shappell
10/09	Don Bradford	10/20	Emily Wilcox	10/28	Kim Montgomery
10/11	Kim Howard	10/24	Bill Charles	10/29	Blaine Balliett

Happy Anniversary


10/11	Charlotte and Bryan Wilks
10/17	Daphne and Blake Scott
10/19	La Juan and Joe Snider
10/25	Paula and Kim Howard
10/27	Carla and Jack Mann, Jr.

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of October – Lectionary Year C

Date	October 2 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost	October 9 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost	October 16 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	October 23 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	October 30 The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 43:14–21 Psalm 98 Revelation 21:1–7 Matthew 13:44–52	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Tim. 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10
Altar Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team
Verger	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks
Coffee Hour	D. Skeans	L. Leath	C. Sikes	M. Joseph	D. Whitwell
Flower Delivery	M. Arnold C. Prior	J. Barth B. Crittenden	D. Fricks M. Harkrider	L. Leath J. Walters	D. Skeans C. Wilks
Early Service					
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team	Charles Team
Acolyte	G. Hoover	T. Gignilliat	J. Hall	T. Gignilliat	G. Hoover
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	J. Hall G. Hoover	G. Rushing J. Welge	G. McWhorter J. Hall	B. Charles J. Welge	G. Rushing G. Hoover
L. E. M.	J. Hall G. Hoover	G. Rushing J. Welge	G. McWhorter J. Hall	B. Charles J. Welge	G. Rushing G. Hoover
Late Service					
Ushers	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	C. Grotemat A. Robertson	C. Thorson S. York	C. Prior H. Barth	L. Sticher J. Fowler	J. Sawyer C. Collins
L. E. M.	V. Boaz A. Robertson G. McWhorter	J. Fowler S. York	A. Robertson H. Barth V. Boaz	A. Robertson J. Fowler J. Hall	J. Sawyer C. Collins A. Robertson
L. E. V.		M. Arnold J. Hall K. Hall		B. Charles C. Grotemat	

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Regular Sunday Schedule EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY 5:30 PM Young Adult/ Young Family Fellowship 5:30 PM Children's Evening Sunday School	3 11:30 AM St. Monday's	4 8:00 AM Blessing of the Animals - TST	5 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 9:00 AM Safeguarding God's People Parish Hall
9 Regular Sunday Schedule BISHOP'S VISIT WITH CONFIRMATION 10:30 AM SERVICE 5:30 PM Veterans Meeting 8:30 PM Compline	10 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	11 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	12 NO NOON EUCHARIST 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15
16 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Children's Evening Sunday School 5:30 PM Youth Pizza and Basketball at TST Gym	17	18 6:00 PM Vestry	19 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 Mission Statement Meeting with Molly Carnes 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
23 Regular Sunday Schedule	24	25	26 NO NOON EUCHARIST 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Trunk or Treat First Christian Church Parking Lot 	31	REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist				

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October Special Events

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| 2nd | Episcopal School Sunday, 10:30 AM Service |
| 4th | Blessing of the Animals, 8:00 AM, Trinity School of Texas |
| 8th | Safeguarding God's People Training, 9:00 AM, Parish Hall |
| 9th | Bishop Fisher Visit with Confirmation, 10:30 AM Service |
| 10th | CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY |
| 22nd | Vision Statement Meeting with Molly Carnes , 8:00 AM—12:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 30th | First Ingathering Sunday |
| 30th | Trunk-Or-Treat, 5:30 PM, First Christian Church Parking Lot |

November Special Events

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| 6th | Second Ingathering Sunday |
| 11th | TST Veteran's Day Service, 10:00 AM, Nave |
| 16th | TST Canned Food Service, 10:00 AM, Nave |
| 16th | Fall Harvest Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 24th - 25th | Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |