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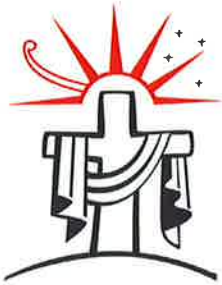
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

Reflections on the Resurrection

Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector



The greatest event of the church year is Easter Day and the entire Easter Season. It has been called “the great fifty days” because it includes Easter Eve, Easter

Day, the subsequent six Sundays of Easter, and concludes with the last day of Easter Season, the Day of Pentecost. During all services during the great fifty days, the Paschal Candle, which symbolizes the risen Christ, is burned. It is during the Easter Season that we add “Alleluia, Alleluia” to the dismissal at the end of the Eucharist—also in celebration of Easter. At Compline, we add the triple Alleluia both before and after the Song of Simeon (the *Nunc dimittis*), which again reminds us of the Easter Season. So, nothing in the church year outranks Easter and the Easter Season. It is supremely special.

There are good reasons for the primacy of the celebration of Easter. We celebrate Easter because we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This is to say that Jesus, who had both a divine nature and a human nature, died on the cross. Counting Friday as the first day, the following Sunday was the day on which Jesus was resurrected from death (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1). This is the reason we celebrate not only the Easter Season but each Sunday, so that “all Sundays of the year are feasts of our

Lord Jesus Christ” (*Book of Common Prayer*, 16). Sundays are special because Jesus rose from death on a Sunday morning. This is as basic and fundamental as one can get, as we think about our lives and duties as Christians.

There were Christians in the church in Corinth in the 50s of the first century CE who denied that Jesus was resurrected—with a body—from death. These folks believed in spiritual Jesus, but they did not believe the post-Easter Jesus had a body. They also thought that whatever they did with their own bodies was quite all right, because, as they believed, the human body did not matter. As they saw it, what was important was the spirit, not the body.

Paul countered their understanding of the body with 1 Corinthians 15:1-58. This lengthy section was a direct refutation of those who said there was no resurrection of the body. “If Christ is proclaimed that he was raised from the dead, how do some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?” (1 Corinthians 15:12). Later Paul wrote his most profound letter, the letter to Roman Christians. There he writes more than any other New Testament author about the meaning of baptism. He understands that our baptism as Christians is baptism into the death of Christ: he even says we were “co-buried” with Christ. As Christ was resurrected from death, we who have been baptized into Christ will “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). So the resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate at Easter, has absolutely everything to do with how we are supposed to live as Christian people. Our baptism into Christ inextricably

links us to Christ.

And our common link with Christ through our baptism and our faith and our sacramental connection through the Holy Communion also links us with each other. We understand ourselves as individual Christians, but Paul’s perspective in two of his most important letters is that we Christians are all part of the one Body of Christ, as in Romans 12:4-5.

Since we are members of the Body of Christ, our formation as Christians together, including how we worship, how we learn and teach the Christian faith, and our reaching out into the wider community that we serve, are of great importance. The reality that holds it all together is the resurrection of Christ. May we celebrate it with great joy and diligence during this Easter Season.



Good Friday Offering

This year, our Good Friday offering went to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and educational programs throughout the region.

To learn more about our Church’s work in the Middle East, please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering

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Gayland Rushing, Junior Warden
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Spencer Alford, Kathy Gray, Christine Prior, Gayland Rushing

Class of 2019

Brenda Alexander, Linda Leath, Cherry Sikes, Jack Welge

Class of 2020

Lynne Abernathy, Blake Scott, Andrew Snell, Sammy York

MISSION OF THE MONTH

LeTourneau University Wheels Project



Millions of people with disabilities in developing countries across the globe are in need of wheelchairs. However, a wheelchair simply isn't effective if it does not work for a person. The LeTourneau University Wheels Team is a collaborative effort between the departments of Biology, Psychology, and Biomedical Engineering at LeTourneau University for the purpose of researching wheelchair function for people with disabilities in low income settings. Our goal at Wheels is to improve the lives of people with disabilities by providing feedback to wheelchair manufacturers specializing in low resource settings. We do this through field studies in Kenya as well as studies here on campus.

For more information about the LeTourneau University Wheels Project and the life-giving difference it makes for so many people in low income countries, please visit their website at:

www.letu.edu/wheels

God bless you and thank you so much for your support of the Wheels Project.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Cherry Sikes

Dr. Hughes has suggested that a "Fifth Sunday" parish luncheon following the 10:30 service would provide an opportunity for fellowship for all ages.

This idea has wider appeal and would be sponsored by a parish ministry group, such as DOK, or be a "theme-based pot luck". If you would like to be included in developing this idea, please let Linda Leath or Cherry Sikes know. Please watch "The Trumpet" for more information.



ST. MONDAY'S

Monday, April 2nd • 11:30 AM

Menu for this month will be taco salads with all of the trimmings and wonderful desserts.



Our very own Joel Johnson will be our speaker this month and will be talking about his new book *The Power of Self Imaging*. We hope you will plan to join us!



COMPLINE

APRIL 8th • 8:30 PM

Join us for the beautiful, meditative service of Compline sung by the Men's Compline Choir. Afterward, stay for great food and fellowship.

The Music at Trinity Concert Series
Presents
The Longview Civic Chorus and the
LeTourneau University Singers and orchestra

in a presentation of

REQUIEM

FOR THE LIVING

By Dan Forrest

Directed by Dr. Jim Taylor

Tuesday, April 24th • 7:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION



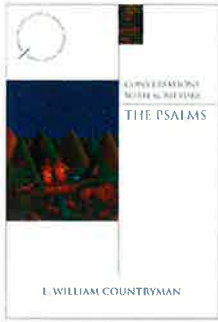
Volunteers Needed For Coffee Hour

Our coffee hour takes place on Sunday mornings between 9:00 and 10:00 AM. The requirements are simple: We ask volunteers to provide a simple offering of finger food (ie: donuts, muffins, or coffee cake) along with juice and coffee. We will try to ask each volunteer to serve no more than two Sundays per year.

If you would be interested in helping with this important ministry of fellowship for our members and guests, please contact

Linda Leath at 903-663-7534.

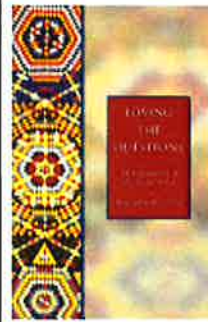




THE PSALMS
Adult Christian Formation Class
 April 8 - May 13, 2018
 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM
 Parish Hall

The book, "Conversations with Scripture: The Psalms" by Bill Countryman is available for \$20.50 at the church or on Amazon.

April 8	Intro & "Praise God in His Sanctuary" Songs for the Temple, pp. 1-25	Dr. Frank Hughes
April 15	"You That Stand in the House of the Lord" World of the Psalmists, pp. 26-47	Bill Charles
April 22	"O Sing to the Lord a New Song" Hymns of Praise and Songs of Worship, pp. 49-65	Gayland Rushing
April 29	"I Am Weary with My Crying": Psalms of Lament, Trust, and Thanksgiving, pp. 67-87	Gary Whitwell
May 6	"The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God" Psalms of Wisdom, pp. 89-108	Dorothy Conrad
May 13	"One Generation Shall Laud Your Works to Another" The Ongoing Influence of the Psalms, pp.109-131	Steve Lindsey



THE NICENE CREED
Adult Christian Formation Class
 April 11 - May 23, 2018
 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
 Parish Hall

The book, "Loving the Questions" by Marianne Micks is available for \$14.25 at the church or on Amazon.

April 11	After the New Testament
April 18	What Are Creeds and Why Did the Early Church Create Them?
April 25	Heresies in Early Christianity
May 2	Arianism and Constantine's Response
May 9	The Nicene Creed as a Whole
May 16	The Nicene Creed in Anglicanism
May 23	Are Creeds Still Relevant?

**TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS CELEBRATES
 DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY**
 Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

Trinity School of Texas was established sixty years ago by Trinity Parish to offer excellent private education in the Anglican tradition for which the Episcopal Church is recognized nationwide. It was an inauspicious beginning that some would question but there was clearly a need in Longview.

Initially responding to this need, were The Reverend Warrin Fry and Dr. A. G. Thomas, who convinced the Vestry that this should be the mission of Trinity Church. TST remains the primary outreach mission of our parish for which we are very thankful and proud!

Opening with only 19 students and two teachers for the lower grades, TST has grown to an accredited 12- grade college preparatory school serving students from Pre-K through high school and a current enrollment of 314. TST serves students of all faiths and graduates have made amazing contributions in many fields of endeavor worldwide, including science, medicine, technology, human services, the arts, and education. To learn more about these success stories, check out the TST website: www.trinityschooloftexas.com.

The 60th Diamond Anniversary Celebration Gala will be held on April 21. For ticket information, contact Amy Brookshire, Director of Development, at 903-753-0612.



UPDATE ON RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE
 Blake Scott, Chairman, Rector Search Committee

As the head of the Search Committee for a new rector, I would like to inform you of our progress. We have been blessed by hard work from the Vestry and guidance from the Diocese in the search for the rector that God guides us to.

On January 6th, the Search Committee received training from The Reverend Francene Young, Transition Minister for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT). This training provided us with information on how EDOT will support us through our search, the basic format of the search process, and guidance on creating questions that will help us determine what rector best suits the outcomes from the parish survey we all took. We were all impressed and grateful for the guidance provided by Mother Young and the Diocese.

Since our training, we have met once to begin forming the questions we will ask each rector candidate that we visit. The creation of the questions is based on the STAR method of interviewing as recommended by the Diocese. The STAR method is based on using behavioral examples when interviewing someone. Thankfully, the Diocese has provided a list of behaviors and a set of questions to assist us in beginning to select the specific questions we will ask.

After we create our list of questions, we will be able to begin reviewing potential candidates provided to us by the Diocese. Parishioners may also recommend rectors for consideration. To do this, submit the name of the rector and his or her current parish affiliation to the Search Committee. We will forward all suggestions to the Diocese for their review and approval as candidates. Scheduling of interviews should begin in about a month from now.

We are excited to begin the process of finding a new rector for our parish. We ask for your prayers and God's guidance as we search for the next rector of Trinity.

APRIL 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS MONTH

APRIL 1 - Sunday

EASTER DAY

Easter Egg Hunt Immediately
Following 10:30 AM Service

APRIL 2 - Monday

St. Monday's

11:30 AM, Parish Hall

APRIL 8 - Sunday

Psalms Study 9:15 AM

Veteran's Outreach

5:30 PM, Parish Hall

Compline

8:30 PM, Nave

APRIL 9 - Monday

Daughters of the King

5:30 PM, Parish Hall

APRIL 10 - Tuesday

Senior Men's Dinner

6:00 PM, Parish Hall

APRIL 11 - Wednesday

Nicene Creed Study

6:00 PM, Parish Hall

APRIL 13 - Friday

Sr. High Youth "Happening"

Jr. High Youth Encounter Spirit

Both Events April 13-15

See youth FB Page for More Info

APRIL 15 - Sunday

Children's Kaleo 345

10:00 PM, Education Wing

APRIL 17 - Tuesday

Vestry Meeting

6:00 PM, Parish Hall

APRIL 18 - Wednesday

Nicene Creed Study

6:00 PM, Parish Hall

APRIL 21 - Saturday

TST Spring Gala

Pinecrest Country Club

APRIL 22 - Sunday

Youth Coffee House Bible Study

5:00 PM, Coffee Cafe

APRIL 24 - Tuesday

Choral Concert -

Requiem for the Living

7:30 PM, Nave

APRIL 25 - Wednesday

Nicene Creed Study

6:00 PM, Parish Hall

APRIL 29 - Sunday

Youth Page Place Bingo

5:00 PM, Page Place
Retirement Home

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I

9:00 AM Coffee Hour

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School

9:15 AM Children's Sunday School

9:15 AM Youth Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

TUESDAYS

Toastmasters International

12:00 PM, Coffee Café

Overeaters' Anonymous

5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Eucharist

12:15 PM, Nave

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Room

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Bible Study

7:00 PM, Coffee Café

MONTHLY

SUNDAYS

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Worship Service

8:30 AM, Third Sunday of month

Veteran's Outreach

5:30 PM, Second Sunday of month

MONDAYS

St. Monday's

11:30 AM, First Monday of month

Daughters of the King

5:30 PM, Second Monday of month

TUESDAYS

Senior Men's Dinner

6:00 PM, Second Tuesday of month

Vestry Meeting

6:00 PM, Third Tuesday of month



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tisha Grotemat (4/02)

Kate Jackson (4/03)

Edwin Buckner (4/05)

Craig Jackson (4/05)

LaJuan Snider (4/05)

Elizabeth Cargill (4/06)

Micki Maly (4/08)

Elise McClure (4/08)

Tom Taylor (4/08)

Charles Fricks (4/09)

Christa Howard (4/09)

Connor Barbe (4/11)

Jack Abernathy (4/12)

Neina Kennedy (4/12)

Rolin McPhee (4/12)

Anna Clark (4/14)

Noah Collins (4/15)

Scott Stevens (4/15)

Steve Brice (4/16)

Christy Cravey (4/16)

Beverly Todd (4/16)

Frances Avent (4/18)

Bonnie Singer (4/18)

Jeffrey Hart (4/19)

Kay Pigeon (4/24)

Henry Yarbrough (4/26)

Stanley Hayes (4/28)

Reagan McLemore (4/29)

Kate Wilkinson (4/29)

Stephen and Alyce Sparks (4/02)

Preston and Erika Rader (4/05)

Russell and Rachel Rowe (4/13)

VESTRY UPDATE - Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

• Prior to the Vestry meeting, members of the Endowment Board and Vestry met to hear two presentations regarding improvement of the sound and lighting systems. The sound proposal was agreed upon by the group that these corrections need to be done as soon as possible.

• The lighting system improvement will involve a change to an LED system and is a more ambitious and expensive project. It was agreed that either a consultant to recommend more than one provider or an Endowment Board directed request for additional bids was appropriate.

• Other action: Harry Barth suggested that our operations and money market funds be transferred to Texas Bank and Trust and that additional signers be added to three of our bank accounts. This was approved. Our financials remain relatively stable.

• Junior Warden Gayland Rushing presented a "laundry list" of items that need correction or attention for improvements to the buildings. He also announced that he and James Crittenden will be attending a church safety seminar at Alert Academy as we continue our commitment to making Trinity Church as safe as possible.

• Senior Warden Cherry Sikes asked for support of Trinity School of Texas' 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration by being a Ruby sponsor. After much discussion of this school as an important mission and ministry for the children of Gregg and surrounding counties, the request was approved. She noted that TST "parents" – who are members of Trinity Church – will be offering raffle tickets for sale at two Sundays in mid-April. The event will be held April 21.

• Ms. Sikes informed the Vestry that our Chancel Choir will be losing several sopranos in the next few months due to relocations and graduations. She alerted the Vestry that Mr. Bane will be requesting scholarships for replacements.

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of April – Lectionary Year B

Date	April 1 Easter Day	April 8 The Second Sunday of Easter	April 15 The Third Sunday of Easter	April 22 The Fourth Sunday of Easter	April 29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter
1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 I John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 I John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
Altar Team	Sticher Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team
Verger	T. Prior	M. Abernathey	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins
Coffee Hour	D. Whitwell	P. Charles	M. Arnold	D. Rushing	L. Leath
Flower Delivery	C. Prior C. Wilks	M. Arnold D/T. Skeans	J. Barth L. Leath	B. Crittenden D. Fricks	C. Wilks C. Prior
8:00 AM Service					
Ushers	E. Branch M. Pliler	E. Branch M. Pliler	E. Branch M. Pliler	E. Branch M. Pliler	E. Branch M. Pliler
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	Lindsey Team	Charles Team
Acolyte	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat	B. Charles	T. Gignilliat	J. Hall
Lay Readers					
1st Reader 2nd Reader	J. Hall G. Rushing	J. Welge G. McWhorter	J. Hall B. Charles	J. Welge G. McWhorter	G. Rushing J. Hall
L. E. M.	J. Hall G. Rushing	J. Welge G. McWhorter	J. Hall B. Charles	J. Welge G. McWhorter	G. Rushing J. Hall
10:30 AM Service					
Ushers	Kirkindoll Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Crittenden Team
Greeters	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Lay Readers					
1st Reader 2nd Reader	T. Wilcox V. Boaz	A. Robertson J. Sloan	C. Thorson J. Fowler	R. McPhee L. Sticher	H. Bane J. Fowler
Lay Eucharistic Minister	S. York V. Boaz J. Fowler	A. Robertson J. Sloan J. Sawyer	V. Boaz J. Fowler D. Conrad	J. Sawyer J. Sloan S. York	A. Robertson J. Fowler D. Conrad
Lay Eucharistic Visitor		J. Hall K. Hall		B. Charles P. Charles	

10:30 AM USHER TEAMS

Kirkindoll Team – J. Kirkindoll, K. & P. Howard, K. Gray

Crittenden Team – J. & B. Crittenden, D. & M. Crawford, B. & C. Wilks, C. Prior

Jones Team – S. Jones, D. & B. Alexander, P. & K. Tate, L. Rossen

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Children's Ministry For April

[Facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren)

April 1

Flowering of the Cross— Meet at the back of the Nave for your flowers

Mite Boxes—Bring your mite boxes to give during the service

Easter Egg Hunt—Meet at the back of the Nave after the 10:30am service. (Bring a basket!)

NOTE: No Sunday School or Children's Church on Easter Sunday!

April 8

Sunday School—9:15-10:15am—Courtney Thorson, teacher

Children's Church—10:30am (Tower Room, Meet at back of Nave)—helper needed

April 15

Sunday School—9:15-10:15am—Courtney Thorson, teacher

Children's Church—10:30am (Tower Room, Meet at back of Nave)—helper needed

Kaleo 345— Noon to 1:30pm in the Boat Room

April 22

Sunday School—9:15-10:15am—Courtney Thorson, teacher

Children's Church—10:30am (Tower Room, Meet at back of Nave)—helper needed

April 29

Sunday School—9:15-10:15am—Courtney Thorson, teacher

Children's Church—10:30am (Tower Room, Meet at back of Nave)—helper needed

A Huge THANK YOU!

To all those who helped with the "Walk with Jesus." You have made a lasting impact in the lives of the Children of Trinity!



Wow!

Thank you all for bringing in supplies for VBS!

You are wonderful!

Sign up at: vbspro.events/p/ede499

Youth Ministry - April

April 13th-15th

Weekend retreat for 6th-8th grade youth in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

A Youth Encounter Spirit (Y.E.S.) weekend brings together members of the 6th-8th-grade youth of the Diocese of Texas as a Christian community. The focus is on "who Christ is." Y.E.S. helps foster a clearer appreciation of self, richer relationships with others, and a deeper experience with Jesus.

April 13th - 15th:

The Happening Experience for 9th-12th graders in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

A Happening is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Through this experience, the Happening encourages participation in one's own parish and youth group. The Happening movement believes that Jesus Christ has and will continue to make a difference in the world and in individual lives. Those attending Happening listen to thought-provoking and challenging talks given by members of the staff and clergy. These talks are designed to help the Happeners get to know God.

For registration information, contact Rae at 903-241-2399.

April 22nd - Coffee Café with First Christian Church, 5:00 PM

April 29th - Bingo at Page Place

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