



The Trumpet

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A TIME TO CELEBRATE

Strange as it may sound, one of things that first attracted me to the Episcopal Church was the number of Feast Days that celebrate important events in Jesus' life and the life of the Saints. We inherit this practice of Feast Day celebrations from our Jewish ancestors. I've remarked to others that if it hadn't been for the fact that I believe Jesus is the Son of God, I could have easily converted to Judaism. Instead, I became an Episcopalian.

The numerous Jewish Feast Days hold spiritual application for our Christian faith as well. Take, for example, The Feast of Booths-*Sukkot*. The Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) is on October 8th this year. During the eight days in which this Feast of Booths is celebrated, some Jewish families will build temporary shelters in their backyards in which to reenact the experience of their ancestors. The Feast of *Sukkot* serves to remind followers of Judaism of their ancestors' forty years of wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus, living in temporary lodging and locations.

It is a reminder for us

today, whether Jew or Christian, that God provides for all our needs just as he did for those who wandered in the wilderness. God was the source of all they needed: quail, manna, water and even shoes that did not have to be replaced. Imagine that: shoes that lasted forty years! It is a good thing



Sukkot

to be reminded during the Stewardship season that it is God who is the provider of all we need. Stewardship, however, is not just about providing for our needs, it is also about using God's gifts in order to bless others. The Feast of *Sukkot* also has a future dimension. It looks forward to the coming reign of the Messiah. During this reign, the world as it is will become the world as it should be. As Christians we believe that

reign has begun in the person and ministry of Jesus and continues on through us, his Church. Hear what the prophet Isaiah foretold about the reign of the Messiah.

"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them."
Isaiah 65:20-23

As Christians who follow Jesus, the Messiah, we have the opportunity to make true the promises foretold by Isaiah - and that is something to celebrate!

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliler	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

VESTRY

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Claire Alford	David Balliett	Lucy Germany
Bill Charles	Scott Jones	John Hall
Todd Holman	Elise McClure	Kim Howard
Dinah Rushing	Ted Skeans	Ava Welge
Bill Charles, Senior Warden		
Dinah Rushing, Junior Warden		
Barney Jones, Treasurer		
Kristen Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry		

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.**



St. Monday's

October 6 • 11:30 AM

We will be serving beef
brisket with all the
trimmings, and desserts!

Program will feature Jerry Jurenka speaking on the life and legacy of Amelia Earhart. Don't miss this time of great food and fellowship.



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.

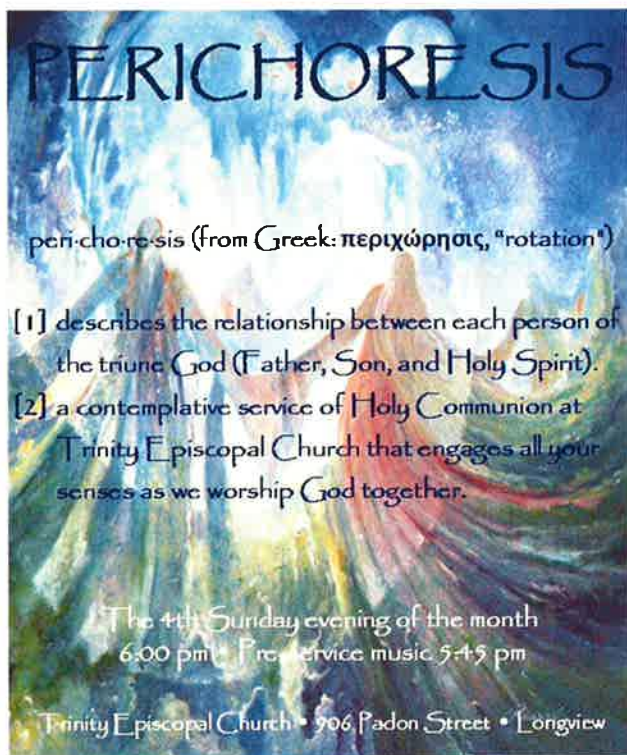
Sunday, October 12

8:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church Gift Shoppe

Come on in and see our new arrivals and take advantage of our recently marked down items.

Goodies and gifts galore!



PERICHORESIS

per-i-cho-re-sis (from Greek: περιχώρησις, "rotation")

[1] describes the relationship between each person of the triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).
[2] a contemplative service of Holy Communion at Trinity Episcopal Church that engages all your senses as we worship God together.

The 4th Sunday evening of the month
6:00 pm Pre-service music 5:45 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church • 706 Padon Street • Longview

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct 26
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
FCC Parking Lot



Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 3rd
8:00 AM

Trinity School of Texas
and

Saturday, October 4th
10:00 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

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



"As long ago as 1885, a small group of earnest women assembled Sunday by Sunday in a Bible Class led by Mrs. Margaret J. Franklin at the church of the Holy Sepulcher (now the Church of the Resurrection) in New York City. It was the senior Bible class and was called the Daughters of the King. Eagerly they strove to develop within themselves and others a very real sense of the value of prayer and to give such service for the benefit of others as their rector desired. With the consent of their rector they decided to make prayer and service the twofold object of an association to be known as The Order of the Daughters of the King."

Quoted from *Prayer and Service - An Explanation of the Work of the Daughters of the King*
by Ada Loaring-Clark, National President 1934-1936
The Order of the Daughters of the King

"Since this humble beginning, the Order has grown to the National and International level. Chapters of Daughters exist in every state. Our numbers are many. Our goal is simple. Through the disciplines of prayer and service, we become the hands and hearts of Christ. The requirements to be a Daughter of the King are simple. You must be a communicant of the Church. You do not need an invitation to join. You should have a desire to honor God through prayer and service."

Our chapter at Trinity, Longview, has a number of Daughters who have taken the vow of the Order to prayer and service. You can recognize these women by their outward sign: the cross they wear. The cross is worn always, not as jewelry, although it is lovely, but to show our individual commitment to being "Christ's faithful soldier and servant." Our motto is, "For His Sake." Our prayer list is confidential, and prayers are offered up daily. If you have a request you may give it to any Daughter, and be assured it will remain confidential. Our meetings are open, and any woman may attend at any time. I would like to extend an invitation to all woman who would like to learn more about the Order to join us. For more information, please contact Linda Leath at (903) 663-7534.

October Stewardship: *Doubt with a Dab of Mustard*

Some foods just need a dab of good mustard in order to have any oomph to them. A good infusion of mustard can transform an otherwise bland dish into something with pizzazz, vitality, life. Even a tasty roast beef can be given extra spark with a bit of good mustard. Sometimes I even purchase a particular kind of meat as much for the mustard that I will use to enhance it, as for the sausage itself.

And so it is with our faith lives. Most of us would benefit from a dab of mustard there. In addressing his disciples' inability to cure an epileptic child, Jesus said "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matt 17:20) Jesus was making more a point of the tiny size of the mustard seed and how little real faith it takes to accomplish great things, than he was the spiciness of mustard. But the transforming power of mustard is a good reminder of the transforming power of mustard seed faith.

In spite of all that we hear in the New Testament about our power in Christ, a tendency to doubt God's providence is an unfortunate reality of the human

condition. That condition is a gift from the Evil One, Satan. He convinced Eve to doubt what God had told her and Adam about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And humankind has had a history of doubting God since.

Untold energy and opportunity has been wasted, in our individual lives and throughout the history of humankind, wrestling with doubts about God's promises. Much of Scripture chronicles people doubting God's word, and then God, or God-inspired people (Moses, Daniel, David, and Mary, to name a few) proving the doubt wrong.

Were it not for doubt this would be a much different world. It would be more like heaven than the earth with which we are familiar. God's will would be done much more frequently, to the ultimate benefit of all creation.

Our doubt of and faith in the importance of God's primacy in our lives tend to be selective. Some people are insistent about having their children baptized. Then they don't bring them to church regularly. Others believe and pray that God will heal them or a loved one. Healing takes place. And then they disconnect from their faith community. Yet others turn to God in times of financial crisis but then give little to God's work

once the crisis has passed. The examples abound.

Our selective doubt and faith extends to money and the church. God says he will provide what we need. And, in return, he calls on us to give back a portion of what he provides us to his work first, in thanksgiving. He calls on us to tithe. God says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Mal 3:10) We hear many similar promises in Scripture, and then doubt takes over and we say we can't afford to do as God expects.

When completing your pledge card for the coming year, apply some mustard seed faith to your consideration. You might even take a jar of mustard, open it, and savor the flavor and aroma as a reminder that a little faith goes a long way. "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13) The flourishing of God's kingdom on earth is limited only by our doubt- our doubt of our own ability to contribute to it.

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SEPTEMBER VESTRY REPORT By Lucy Germany

Among the many subjects your vestry weighs in on each month, one of the most important is prayer—prayer for the church and its members, for friends, family and in the case of the September meeting for one of their own—Barney Jones, long time vestry member and treasurer, facing heart surgery. For Barney the members circled and offered prayer for his safe return to the Trinity fold.

Trinity's mission statement and a supportive "tagline" were explored. Comments emerging from the discussion included "mission—we do it but somehow we don't express it"... "young people need to be included in the mission statement"— "tradition, though it provides stability, should not be given the lead in the statement". Senior Warden Bill Charles,

said "we need to view ourselves as a diverse church, caring for one another..." The vestry's various suggestions on the subject of a mission statement will be processed and studied for further discussion. Meanwhile, both Senior Warden Bill Charles and Vestry Member Claire Alford will be happy to answer any questions regarding the mission statement and both will welcome ideas.

Treasurer Barney Jones reported that the finance picture over the last month looks good and the church's cash position is "comfortable". The cash account has been reconciled and the endowment board has agreed to set up a high yield savings account for incoming revenue.

Junior Warden Dina Rushing reported that the concrete has been poured for the sign lighting at the intersection of Sixth Street and Padon.

On Stewardship, Bill Charles, who is also chair of this important campaign,

said that details were being worked out for the traditional Harvest Dinner to take place next month.

Asked at one point if it were permissible to sit during the service in the chairs at the front of the nave, Fr. Kevin responded with "Absolutely", followed by his thanks for those who have elected to move further up to the front of the church for Sunday services.

Fr. Kevin said that a meeting on the Trinity Church/Trinity School master plan is scheduled for September 30 with a review by the architect of the final presentation—now in printable form. Fr. Kevin also gave thanks for the continuation of his "One on Ones" conversations with Trinity members which have continued to be of value. He also encouraged vestry members to attend the Trinity School of Texas Homecoming event October 17.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

10/01	Jacqui Baker	10/16	Curtis Mann
10/03	George Joseph	10/19	John Barbe
10/03	Dee Anne Sloan	10/19	Ashley Maly
10/05	Ben Darby	10/19	Terry Phoenix
10/06	Ellen Hendrix	10/19	Lynne Abernathy
10/06	Lee Pigeon	10/20	Aurora Buckner
10/06	Susan Thomas	10/20	Emily Wilcox
10/07	Phyllis Skolnick	10/21	Jenny Rappeport
10/07	Elaine Campbell	10/24	Bill Charles
10/07	Anne Moore	10/25	Robert Heitkamp
10/07	Zan Brown	10/25	Claire Alford
10/09	Kyle McBride	10/25	Kate Hoover
10/09	Don Bradford	10/26	Spencer Alford
10/11	Kim Howard	10/27	Ian Owen
10/11	Susie Sheffield	10/28	Patty Shappell
10/12	Nicole Baker	10/28	Kim Montgomery
10/14	Perry Reed	10/29	Blaine Balliett
10/16	Anne Rast	10/30	Terri Fields

Happy Anniversary

10/11	Brian & Charlotte Wilks
10/17	Blake & Daphne Scott
10/19	Joe & La Juan Snider
10/25	Kim & Paula Howard
10/27	Jack & Carla Mann

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of October – Lectionary Year A

Date	October 5 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	October 12 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	October 19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 26 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks
Acolytes				
8:00 10:30	C. Collins Team 2	T. Gignilliat Team 3	B. Charles Team 1	T. Gignilliat Team 2
Lay Readers				
8:00	J. Welge C. Collins	G. McWhorter J. Hall	G. Hoover B. Charles	J. Welge N. Collins
10:30	A. Sharp K. Sparks	J. Sloan J. Sawyer	B. Butler N. Collins	E. Smith K. Sparks
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Ex. 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm:19 Phil. 3:4b-14 Matt. 21:33-46	Ex: 32:1-14 Ps. 106:1-6,19-23 Phil. 4:1-9 Matt. 22:1-14	Ex. 33:12-23 Psalm: 99 Thess. 1:1-10 Matt. 22:15-22	Deut. 34:1-12 Ps. 90:1-6,13-17 Thess. 2:1-8 Matt. 22:34-46
L. E. M.				
8:00	C. Collins J. Welge	G. McWhorter' J. Hall	G. Hoover B. Charles	J. Welge N. Collins
10:30	S. York G. Rushing	J. Sloan J. Sawyer	G. Rushing A. Robertson	L. Germany J. Sloan
Altar Team	Collins Team	Crittenden Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team
8:00 Ushers 10:30 Ushers	E.Campbell M. Pliier Kirkindoll Team	E.Campbell M.Pliier Thorson Team	E.Campbell M.Pliier Crittenden Team	E.Campbell M.Pliier Alexander Team
8:00 Greeters 10:30 Greeters	Charles Team Gray Team	Maly Team Skeans Team	Charles Team Barbe Team	McWhorter Team Kirkindoll Team
L. E. V.		M. Arnold J. Mraz		L. Leath M. Arnold
Parish Security	G. Pliier	T. Todd	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll
Flower Delivery	B. Crittenden B. Hancock	L. Leath J. Walters	C. Prior Z. Brown	E. Cargill J. Barth
Coffee Hour	A. Welge	L. Lloyd	TBD	J. Barth

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>2</i> 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	<i>3</i> 8:00 AM Blessing of the Animals TST Courtyard 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer	<i>4</i> 10:00 AM Blessing of Animals Trinity Episcopal Church Front Lawn
<i>5</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 9:20 AM Youth SS Donuts 4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship	<i>6</i> 9:00 AM New Beginnings 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:30 PM DOK	<i>7</i> 7:30 PM Kilgore College Chorale Concert	<i>8</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>9</i> 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	<i>10</i> 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 4:30 PM Youth Hangtime 8:30 PM Compline	<i>13</i> CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	<i>15</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>16</i> 6:30 PM Financial Peace University 6:30 PM Youth Event NEWSBOYS Concert	<i>17</i> NO TRINITY MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING TODAY 9:00 AM TST FAMILY DAY	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Youth Guys/Girls Small Group	<i>20</i> 9:00 AM New Beginnings	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<i>22</i> NO NOON EUCHARIST 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>23</i> 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	<i>24</i> 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Trunk or Treat 6:00 PM Perichoresis Worship (Nave)	<i>27</i> 9:00 AM New Beginnings	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>30</i> 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	<i>31</i>	
<u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist						

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October Special Events

3rd	Blessing of Animals, 8:00 AM, TST / OCT 4th - 10:00 AM, Trinity Church
5th	Youth Sunday School Donuts, 9:20 AM
6th	St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
7th	Kilgore College Fall Concert, 7:30 PM, Nave
12th	Youth Hang Time, 4:30 PM
12th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
13th	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY
16th	Youth Event: Newsboys Concert, 6:30 PM
19th	Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups, 5:30 PM
26th	Perichoresis, 6:00 PM, Nave
26th	Trunk or Treat, 6:00 PM, First Christian Church parking lot

November Special Events

5th	Youth Sunday School Donuts, 9:20 AM
5th	Service of Baptism, 10:30 AM Worship
5th	Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship, 5:30 PM, Coffee Café
6th	St. Mondays, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
9th	Youth Adventure Night - check Facebook page for times and location
9th & 16th	Ingathering Sundays, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services (9th & 16th)
11th	TST Veteran's Day Program, 10:00 AM, Nave
16th	Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups, 5:30 PM
19th	Harvest Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
23rd	Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen, 11:40 AM
23rd	Perichoresis Worship, 6:00 PM, Nave
24th	Youth Thanksgiving Food Box Delivery - see Facebook page for times and location
27th-28th	Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving