



# The Trumpet

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Starting in September we will begin offering a monthly worship service on the fourth Sunday of each month. This service will be a “contemplative Eucharist.” What is a “contemplative Eucharist” you might ask. The “Eucharist” element is obvious. It is a service that will include a celebration of Holy Communion. The “contemplative” aspect of this service is that there will be extended times of silence and music within the service to offer participants opportunities for silent reflection.

The service will begin at 6:00 pm. Before the service begins there will be fifteen minutes of meditative music played in the nave as people gather for worship. The music played will be chants or hymns that come from the earliest traditions of the Church Catholic. Some will come from the Orthodox tradition, others from the Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions.

The service will begin with opening sentences and a hymn. The hymn will often be a familiar hymn that is set to a new musical arrangement. Two readings with a psalm in between will follow. The psalm will be chanted or sung by the congregation and/or

musicians. After both the first reading and the gospel lesson a short time of meditative silence will follow. In keeping with the practice of *Lectio Divina* after the



gospel lesson there will be a time for group reflection on the lessons that have been read.

Continuing the practice of *Lectio Divina*, after the group reflection there will be time for individual reflection on the lessons during the Prayers of the People. This will be a time of ten to fifteen

minutes where people are free to walk around the worship space and enter into a time of prayer in a number of ways. A person can remain seated and simply reflect on the day’s readings and our sharing. There will be prayer stations placed around the nave with short devotionals based on the scenes depicted in our stained glass windows. For those who wish to remain in their seats during this time there will be congregational singing of Taize songs or other simple praise choruses.

The service will conclude with the celebration of Holy Communion. It will be celebrated at an altar in the midst of the congregation. As you can see, this is a liturgical service with a few twists. We are, after all, a liturgical church and in the design of this service we wanted to stay in keeping with that identity. However, we also wanted to experiment with a worship experience that was different than what we offer on Sunday morning. It is the hope that this service will be “Traditional enough to be trustworthy, Innovative enough to be relevant.”

*By the way, did I mention incense?*

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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

House of Hope for women is a faith-based program dedicated to helping women from all walks of life with a variety of needs. Their mission is to be a place for women and their children to come in out of the weather, eat a hot meal, and rest as they receive ministry from the Word of God. House of Hope provides and operates a safe house for women in need of emergency and residential shelter. "It is our sincere desire to minister to the spiritual needs of women while meeting their physical needs. We pray the decisions they make today will be for a better life, based on the hope they have today, not based on yesterday's circumstances, where decisions were made from broken hearts, shattered dreams and lost hope."

To Learn more about the ministry of  
House of Hope, visit their website at [www.ahopeforwomen.com](http://www.ahopeforwomen.com)

### *The Music at Trinity Concert Series and The East Texas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Invite you to the 50th Anniversary celebration of the East Texas Chapter*

*Featuring Concert Organist Brennan Szafron in a program of great organ masterpieces  
performed on our magnificent Ross King Pipe Organ*

Dr. Szafron is a native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and is full time organist/choirmaster of Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, SC. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan, the Master of Arts in organ performance from Yale University and his Bachelor of Arts in organ performance from the University of Alberta. Dr. Szafron is the recipient of numerous awards and has placed in several national organ competitions. **This is an event you will not want to miss!**



To celebrate the chapter's anniversary, an elegant, catered dinner will be held in the parish hall of the church at 6:00 PM, prepared by French Chef, Anne Kelt. Cost is \$10 per person - reservations must be received by September 10th.

All are welcome and invited!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - 7:30 PM** Admission to the concert is Free





## 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, September 14

8:30 p.m.

# You're Invited

September 21, 2014

Please invite a friend to come and be with us on this special day!

Service will be followed by a hamburger cookout at the Trinity Outreach Center.

Bring a side dish and desserts to share!



## Youth Events for September

9/7 - Sunday School Doughnuts, 9:20 - 10:10 AM

9/14 - "That Back2School Thang" 5:30 - 7:00 PM

9/21 - Guys/Girls Small Groups, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

9/28 - Martha's Kitchen, 11:40 - 1:00 PM

For details on all events, check out the Trinity Youth Facebook page:

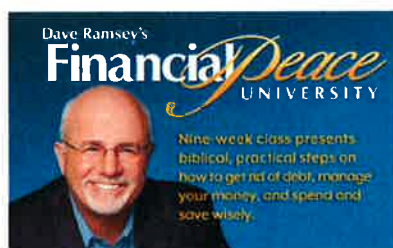
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## St. Monday's September 8 11:30 AM

Come and enjoy fried chicken, creamed potatoes and great desserts

Program will feature Ellen Gordon from Preservation Longview who will be speaking about some of the newest projects of the organization



Trinity Episcopal Church will host the Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace University" course this fall in the Church Parish hall. The plan teaches God's ways of handling money. It presents biblical, practical steps to get from

where you are to where you've dreamed you could be.

Classes are scheduled to begin September 11, 2014, at 6:30 PM; class duration is approximately 1-1/2 hours. The course is completed in 9 weeks. Cost is approximately \$100 per family (couple). If you are interested or have questions, contact David Wilcox at 903-326-9797 or Bill Charles at 903-297-4430.

You can register on the home page of Trinity Episcopal Church website at [www.trinityparish.org](http://www.trinityparish.org)

## 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



## STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

When Jesus saw the widow putting her “two coins” in the Temple treasury, He told His disciples, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living” (Mk. 12: 43-44). And that is what God expects from us.

God gave us life and the gift of eternal life. He created us for Himself, and He wants our total person (Mt. 19:16-24). How we use the resources in our control expresses our gift of self to God. In short, God doesn’t want our resources, He wants us.

Stewardship does not mean giving generous gifts from our possessions. Stewardship means that we recognize God owns it all. We have been entrusted with the goods of

the earth, yet we own nothing. However, He expects us to make those resources we do not need available to those in need.

We have an obligation to provide for ourselves and our families and to maintain a way of life that respects our own dignity as persons. Yet we must recognize that most of us in North America have opportunities and resources at our disposal that other people will never have. The following is a true story that illustrates the principles of Christian stewardship.

When I was a young boy growing up in Virginia, my parents were dirt poor. Yet because of a hard work and a large garden, we always had food on the table. Whenever a hungry traveller knocked on our door asking for a hand out, they never left hungry. Often, they were provided dinner, a bed for the night and breakfast before they departed the

next morning. They were treated with the same courtesy and dignity as any other visitor. At the time, I did not understand the significance of my parent’s actions. Only later did I understand that they were teaching their children who our “neighbors” are and at the same time being responsible stewards of God’s gifts. To them, it was their “way of life.” Does God expect any less from us today?

(Resource: Christian Stewardship What God Expects from us by Phillip CL Gray)

### PRAYER:

*God of love and mercy, you call us to be faithful disciples of your son, Jesus Christ, and good stewards of all creation.*

*Grant us the grace to understand, and the courage to accept the challenges and opportunities we have been given to advance the mission of your Church.*

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## **AUGUST VESTRY REPORT** **By Lucy Germany**

Concerns for efficiency of operation surfaced in a number of areas as the vestry met for its August deliberations. Major topics for consideration ranged from improvement in the method of handling cash receipts, to concerns for security of church buildings, possible nave sound system modification, completion of exterior sign lighting, and what might be viewed as the major topic—changes to front row seating in the nave, and possible moving of the organ to achieve the goal of bringing the choir closer to the congregation. Both of these stirred a variety of comments ranging from the importance of achieving maximum sound volume—seen as a benefit to the whole congregation; the need to honor generous pew donations given by parishioners; the advantage of having more flexible seating in the nave, particularly for special musical events and the ability to offer other forms of worship.

The vestry approved a more efficient handling of Sunday service

receipts which would involve removing the money directly into the vault within the sacristy, rather than continuing the routine counting by appointed vestry members. The change would then remove the funds from the vault the following morning to be taken directly to the bank, thus reducing the possibility of risk in the handling process. A second change regarding handling of funds—the creation of a money market account for endowment funds—was approved, thus eliminating reconciliation of funds between endowment fund and church books.

Finance chair Barney Jones said, though, there was no good news as to incoming funds, still all bills have been paid and “we don’t owe anybody money.” Upbeat financial news, however, involved increase in offerings during the latter part of July and the completion of “a good audit”. Jones also outlined recent security measures involving bids for installation of protective fencing for one of the more vulnerable air conditioning units.

Concern was voiced for the possible inadequacy of the nave’s sound

system which has been called “a problem” by some parishioners. Training people to regulate the system to achieve maximum efficiency was seen as a solution to be pursued.

The majority of input focused on the choir’s physical location during worship for which strong opinions were voiced. The pending questions focused on whether the location of the organ be altered, whether the choir should be moved permanently to the front of the nave and whether the first two rows of pews on both sides should be removed to accommodate the organ’s new location. A “straw poll” vote of vestry members to make provision to remove the first two rows of pews and have seating placed there when needed, favored the measure which would thus enable alternative worship to take place. It was also noted that the change could be reversed should it be required.

Fr. Kevin also expressed thanks for all who have shared their personal stories with him. He noted that the input “emphasizes the value of this church and its primary identity in this community.”

# Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 24



We had 23 kids come forward for blessing of the backpacks!

Hope you have had a good summer! Wishing you well as you prepare for a new school year with your children. Trinity Episcopal Church would like to invite you to our church if you do not have a church home. We are excited about our 2014/2015 curriculum, "Weaving God's Promises." Enclosed you will find a sample of what your child would be learning each Sunday. Each class session will include:

**Gathering:** Simple activities focusing on the lesson

**Telling the Sacred Story:** Telling the biblical story

**Prayer:** Giving thanks to God

**Sharing:** A time for fellowship and snacks

**Sending forth:** Closing prayer sends the children back to their homes

Sunday School is each Sunday 9:15-10:30

After Sunday School your child will then process into Children's Church that begins at the 10:30 service, while you enjoy the sermon.

During Children's Church your child will participate in a Godly Play lesson while learning new songs and prayers. I am excited about what we have prepared for our children, and look forward to seeing you each Sunday.

Blessings,

Tisha Grotemat

Director of Children's Ministry



## Trinity Moms in Prayer Group

Invites you to join us for a weekly prayer time.

Experience the joy of replacing anxiety with peace and hope when you pray with other moms! We will pray specifically for our children and our school.

The group will meet every Friday after Chapel in Parish Hall from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

All moms are welcome!

\*Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

You will also receive a prayer book and a journal.

For more information about Trinity's Moms in Prayer Group contact Tisha Grotemat @ [tgrotemat@gmail.com](mailto:tgrotemat@gmail.com) or call 903-753-3366

## New Beginnings for a New Week

You are invited to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the library each Monday morning, beginning September 15, from 9 AM - 10 AM for an exploration of classic spirituality. This study is based on the book *Devotional Classics*, a collection of selected readings for individuals and groups. The readings "seek to touch the heart, to address the will, to mold the mind . . . and instill holy habits."

For more information, please contact Beverly Todd, 903-234-0141, or e-mail Beverly at: [terry.todd4450@att.net](mailto:terry.todd4450@att.net)



## Move The Organ? What In The World Were You Thinking?

During the month of June we experimented with the question of whether to move the choir seating to the nave. Coupled with that question was whether to move the organ console to the nave as well. Our Vestry has discussed the merits of the proposed change at every Vestry meeting from May through this past August. After thoroughly discussing the changes and much prayer and discernment the Vestry decided to keep the organ in its present location.

Through my discussions with the Vestry and with Bill Bane, the Director of Music, I have decided at this time to return the choir to the traditional position behind the altar. Some have asked why we would even entertain the question of moving the choir or even think of moving the organ. The question of moving the organ was driven by the practicality of the organ console being close to the choir if the choir was seated in the nave. The question of moving the choir was motivated by two considerations. The first was a pastoral concern. Some members of the choir feel very disconnected from the congregation due to their seating behind the altar.

The second motivation for moving the choir was a desire to enhance our worship through greater participation of the congregation in singing. The seating of the choir in the nave did enhance the quality of our worship. Upon polling the choir members, however, and asking the Vestry members to solicit feedback from parishioners about this change, it became apparent there wasn't unanimity about this decision. Many aren't ready to make the change in the choir's location at this time.

One further issue discussed during these past few months was the removal of the first two rows of pews in the nave. This change was recommended by the Vestry and it is important to communicate to the parish the rationale behind that decision. The first reason, which is no longer pertinent, was to provide an appropriate space for the choir to sit in the nave. The second reason was to provide a better space for the many musical events that we host at Trinity Church. The third reason is to create additional space in the nave for alternative worship services.

Our nave is by far the most beautiful setting for worship in Longview and maybe in all East Texas. The gothic architecture, superior acoustics and fabulous stained glass windows immediately transports a person into the presence of God. This glorious space deserves to be used for the worship of God on more occasions than three hours on Sunday morning and thirty minutes on Wednesday. However, one of the limitations of our space is the inflexibility of the seating. Removing the first two rows of pews gives a modicum of space to explore the possibilities of alternative worship services at Trinity. A second alternative worship service is going to be offered on the fourth Sunday evening of each month beginning in September. The service is called *Perichoresis*.

Change is never easy and it is difficult adapting to new things. However, if we aren't willing to change in response to a changing cultural context we will become irrelevant. Some on Vestry and in the parish have been dismayed that we have spent so much time talking about the removal of two rows of pews. In fact one person commented that this issue has been discussed for years at Trinity. I see it in a more positive light. I see these hard discussions, even with the emotion that surrounds them, as the wrestling of a healthy church that is asking the hard question of how to balance a love of tradition with being culturally relevant. I would suggest to you that an appropriate tag line for Trinity could be, "*Traditional enough to be trustworthy, Innovative enough to be relevant.*"

- Fr. Kevin

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Happy Birthday

9/01	Judy Thomas	9/16	Cherisa York
9/02	Charles Ireland	9/18	Tim Baker
9/04	Rachel Darby	9/19	Mary Davis
9/04	Jenna Gillit	9/20	Kate Sparks
9/06	Joe Snyder	9/21	Bill Bane
9/06	Tali Wilkinson	9/22	Gail Martin
9/06	Charles Miller	9/22	Jim Sawyer
9/07	Isabella Butter	9/22	Dickens Wilkinson
9/08	Matthew Wilks	9/22	Trudy Godsey
9/09	Nancy McWhorter	9/22	Cindy Lavine
9/09	Shirley Bratton	9/22	Paula Howard
9/10	Eric Owen	9/22	Taylor Fields
9/10	Chris Grotemat	9/23	Diane Conoly
9/12	Mary Charlotte Sweat	9/24	Tom Irwin
9/12	Jack Welge	9/24	Christopher Klingenberg
9/12	Shirley Caldwell	9/25	Eleanor Byrd
9/12	Jessica Baker	9/25	Peggy Alley
9/13	Judy Stone	9/25	Emma Grotemat
9/13	Barbara Crittenden	9/27	Steve Baker
9/14	Bobby Jo Walker	9/28	Joel Johnson
9/15	Shirley Griffin	9/28	Trudy Taylor
9/15	Gene McWhorter	9/29	John Hall
9/15	Margaret Miller	9/29	Fran Mettle
9/16	Tommy Lloyd	9/30	Blake Scott

## Happy Anniversary

9/01	John & Dee Anne Sloan
9/03	John & Susie Sheffield
9/03	Jeffrey & Pearl Thorpe
9/11	Gary & Delfina Whitwell
9/18	Bob & Jeanne Mann
9/18	David & Tricia Wilcox
9/20	Todd & Eugenie Holman
9/20	Randy & Lynn Crowley
9/20	Geoff & Kristin Hoover
9/26	Ron & Jennifer Fadal


# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of September – Lectionary Year A

Date	September 7 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 14 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 21 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 28 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford
Acolytes				
8:00 10:30	B. Charles Team 1	T. Gignilliat Team 2	N. Collins Team 3	T. Gignilliat Team 1
Lay Readers				
8:00	N. Collins B. Charles	J. Welge B. Charles	J. Hall N. Collins	B. Charles G. Hoover
10:30	J. Sloan S. Thomas	J. Sawyer R. McPhee	C. Collins Z. Brown	L. Germany K. Sparks
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Exodus 12:1-14 Ps. 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matt. 18:15-20	Exodus 14:19-31 Ps. 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matt. 18:21-35	Exodus 16:2-15 Ps. 105:1-6,37-45 Phil. 1:21-30 Matt. 20:1-16	Exodus 17:1-7 Ps. 78:1-4,12-16 Phil. 2:1-13 Matt. 21:23-32
L. E. M.				
8:00	N. Collins B. Charles	J. Welge B. Charles	J. Hall N. Collins	B. Charles G. Hoover
10:30	J. Sloan G. McWhorter	J. Sawyer J. Fowler	C. Collins A. Robertson	L. Germany J. Fowler
Altar Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker 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	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden	T. Devon
Vestry Counters				
8:00	B. Charles E. McClure	A. Welge B. Charles	B. Charles D. Balliett	B. Charles D. Rushing
10:30	C. Alford K. Howard	C. Alford T. Holman	C. Alford S. Jones	C. Alford J. Howard
Flower Delivery	Skeans J. Walters	J. Barth L. Leath	C. Wilks Z. Brown	E. Cargill M. Harkrider
Coffee Hour	D. Fricks	TBD	TBD	D. Rushing



# SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	2	3 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer	6
7 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:20 AM Youth SS Donuts 5:00 PM Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship	8 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:30 PM DOK	9 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	10 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	12 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer	13
14 Regular Sunday Schedule 4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Youth "That Back2School Thang" 8:30 PM Compline	15 9:00 AM New Beginnings 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	16 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	17 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	19 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer 6:00 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Organ Recital	20
21 Regular Sunday Schedule <b>INVITATION SUNDAY</b>  4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 PM Youth Guys/Girls Small Group	22 9:00 AM New Beginnings	23	24 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 6:30 PM Financial Peace University	26 8:30 AM Trinity moms in Prayer	27
28 Regular Sunday Schedule 11:40 AM Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen 4:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice 6:00 PM Perichoresis Worship (Nave)	29 9:00 AM New Beginnings	30				
<p><b><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></b></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						

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### September Special Events

1st	Labor Day - Church Offices Closed
7th	Youth SS Donuts, 9:20 AM
7th	Young Adult / Young Family Fellowship, 5:00 PM, Coffee Café
8th	St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
11th	Financial Peace University (Next 9 Weeks), 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
14th	Youth - "That Back2School Thang," 5:30 PM
14th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
19th	Concert Series Event: Organ Recital, 7:00 PM, Nave
21st	Invitation Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Services
21st	Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups, 5:30 PM
28th	Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen, 11:40 AM
28th	Perichoresis Worship, 6:00 PM, Nave

### October Special Events

3rd	Blessing of Animals, 8:00 AM, TST / <b>OCT 4th</b> - 10:00 AM, Trinity Church
5th	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
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