



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

DECEMBER 2021
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

“O come, all ye faithful!”: Advent and Christmas Celebrations at Trinity!

This year, the First Sunday of Advent is November 28. Throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we will be celebrating the Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. More details about Christmas Eve services and other celebrations are found below. Advent marks the beginning of a new Christian year. This year, in particular, it is an opportunity to regather God’s People at Trinity. I would encourage each of you to think about friends and neighbors whom you might invite to Christmas Eve services this year. The season of Advent with its themes of longing and preparation can be especially helpful to those of us who may be grieving losses or coming to terms with unrealistic holiday expectations. Properly observed, Advent helps us get ready for Jesus and to keep the real joy he gives us at the very center of our lives.

On the Second Sunday of Advent (December 5), Bishop Jeff Fisher will be with us at the 10:30 AM service for our **EPISCOPAL VISITATION**. Trinity’s priests will celebrate and preach at the 8:00 AM service. At 10:30 AM, we have confirmations and receptions scheduled, as well as an adult baptism. We are also asking Bishop Fisher to bless our lovely new purple vestments and hangings, which were given to the glory of God in loving memory of George Joseph. There will be a festive coffee hour reception in honor of Bishop Fisher’s presence with us. In the Episcopal Church, we believe that bishops are successors of the apostles, charged with continuing the eyewitness testimony to the resurrection, overseeing the mission of the Church, and connecting us with Christians in other times and places. Bishop Fisher serves as part of a team of four bishops in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. His offices are in Tyler, and he is our own regional bishop.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 19), in consultation with the Altar Guild, we have decided to open up the **GREENING OF THE CHURCH** to all interested parishioners and make it a festive, joyful occasion. Everyone is invited to bring an ornament (perhaps with your family’s name on it) to help trim the parish Christmas tree in guild hall. We are also encouraging people to bring holiday treats to share. This event will also be our youth group event for December and we are planning for ways to involve youth and children.

Christmas Eve services will be at 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM, with Christmas carols and hymns beginning 15 minutes before the start of each service. The 6:00 PM service will have a Christmas pageant for children and a liturgy designed for them. Please speak to Fr. Andrew if you have a child you would like to participate (frandrew@trinityparish.org). Family, friends, and children of God of any age are welcome! The 11:00 PM service will be a festive, sung service with choir. Finally, let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive God’s greatest gift of all. At Christmas, God gives us Jesus to be our Savior. He is the reason not only for this season, but for all seasons. Jesus is the “Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.” And so, with the Holy Family, the animals, the shepherds, and the angels let us shout and sing his praise:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Fr. Bill+



TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
The Reverend Dr. Andrew Armond, Assistant Rector
Melissa McCreary, TST Interim Head of School
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Leno Mancilla, Property Manager
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Steve Lindsey, Dinah Rushing, Wiley Thomas, Tricha Wilcox

Class of 2022

Kathy Gray, John Hall, Robert Maly, Alan Robertson

Class of 2023

Jan Barth, Shirley Griffin, Sallie Tullberg

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Family Promise of Longview

HOPE IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS

Poverty is a complex problem. Solving it requires solutions that integrate people and community resources. Family Promise connects people in need with people who want to help and turn compassion into action. Through partnerships with caring local church congregations and volunteers, they provide safe shelter, meals, training, and care to help families find gainful employment, become stable in a permanent home, and regain financial independence.

To learn more about Family Promise, please visit their website at Familypromiseoflongview.com

Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep him informed of any pastoral issues that he may need to know about. You can reach him at any time:

Cell Phone - call or text (903) 399-1190

Email: frbill@trinityparish.org

He will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10 p.m. for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need his urgent attention.

C O M P L I N E

Sunday
December 12
8:30 PM



Trinity
Episcopal
Church
LONGVIEW, TX

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we may rest in your eternal changelessness.

An Update on Lighting in the Nave

We wanted to give you an update on the lighting in the nave. We are replacing all the light bulbs with LED lights which will lower our cost, last longer, and not generate the excessive heat that is leading to smoke marks near some of the larger spotlights. There are three main components to the work. First, we are replacing all the bulbs that can be reached with a ladder ourselves. Second, we are replacing some of the control mechanisms and dimmers for the lighting. This is a crucial component because it is responsible for the flickering that we see in some of our lights right now. Third, we are replacing the large bulbs in the ceiling, which will require a high lift that can come into the nave. The first two portions of this project should be complete prior to Christmas. Due to supply chain issues, we will not have the bulbs for the third portion of the project prior to Christmas. This part of the project will be completed after the first of the year.

Need transportation to a local scheduled medical appointment?

As part of a new ministry of outreach, the Daughters of the King would like help! If you are in need of transport to any medical appointment, please call

Trinity Episcopal Church at
(903) 753-3366 and we can help facilitate this.



*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*

Happenings in December

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Monday, December 13 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

MEETING OF THE VESTRY

Tuesday, December 14 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

SENIOR MEN'S DINNER

Tuesday, December 21 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall
Open to all men in the parish ages 60+.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED DEC 25 & 26

EVERY WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST - 12:15 PM

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings at
7:00 AM

Silvery Grizzly and
Zoom Meeting

To join the study, please
email Fr. Bill at
frbill@trinityparish.org for
info about how to log in.

WEDNESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evenings at

6:00 PM. To join the
study by zoom, please
email Father Bill at
frbill@trinityparish.org for
info about how to log in.

Children's Church Returns

We are starting our in - person Children's Church back on November 28th. Children's Church meets during the 10:30 AM Sunday service and dismisses in time for children to go to communion with their parents. Contact Fr. Andrew at frandrew@trinityparish.org for more information



Christmas Pageant

We will be having our annual Children's Christmas Pageant during the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Family service. If you have a child that would like to participate, please contact Fr. Andrew at the email above or call his



December

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jean Hill (12/01)

Dana Walters (12/01)

Lisa Yarbrough (12/01)

Robert Maly (12/02)

Andrew Collette (12/04)

William Keese (12/09)

Debra McLemore (12/09)

Sue Clark (12/11)

Dennis Smith (12/12)

Ella Stevens (12/12)

Ava Welge (12/15)

Dorothy Skeans (12/18)

Ethel Branch (12/19)

Art Machin (12/21)

Lisa McPhee (12/22)

Dot Fricks (12/23)

Delfina Whitwell (12/23)

Rebecca Houston (12/27)

Bobbie Michaels (12/27)

Veronika Sloan (12/27)

Tovah Robertson (12/28)

Cherry Sikes (12/30)

Andrew Snell (12/31)

Neal and Christy Cravey (12/15)

John and Keely Barbe (12/16)

Drew and Jennifer Jackson (12/16)

Charles and Dot Fricks (12/17)

Dana and Judy Walters (12/22)

Jack and Ava Welge (12/23)

Jerry and Risa Harris (12/24)

*The Greater Longview Children's Choir
and the Kilgore Youth Orchestra present
their Winter Concert!*



The groups are comprised of students from all over the East Texas area. They will perform separately and together, selections ranging from traditional carols to fun and Christmas classics! You won't want to miss this!

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:00 PM**

ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE

HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Please place flowers in the church at Christmas

In memory of

In honor of

In thanksgiving for

Other: _____

(Circle one or more)

Name of person (s) flowers are given for

Given by: (Your name)

I will contribute the following amount to the flower fund: _____

You may request flowers by completing this form and mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. We can also take flower requests at the church office in person or by email at tbaker@trinityparish.org. The suggested donation is \$25 but no gift is too small or too large. The deadline for submission is **Thursday, December 16th**. Your gift will glorify God and add to the beauty of our Christmas worship.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 19th

Hanging of the Greens - 12:00 PM

Friday December 24th

Christmas Eve Family Service and Pageant - 6:00 PM

Pre-service Carol Singing - 5:45 PM

Traditional Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 PM

Pre-service Carol Singing - 10:45 PM

Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Day "Said" Service - 10:30 AM



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Pinetree High School Choir
Presents

All is Calm, 
All is Bright

Under the Direction of
Danielle Warren

DECEMBER 7
7:00 PM

Reception following in the
Parish Hall

Mark Your Calendar!

Bishop Fisher Visit - 12/5 - 10:30 AM
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Pinetree HS Christmas Concert - 12/7 - 7:00 PM
•
TST La Posada Service - 12/9 - 6:00 PM
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Children's Choir Concert - 12/14 - 7:00 PM
•
Greening of the Church - 12/19 - 12:00 PM

*A listing of all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Service times are on an insert inside.*