

# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2022

Longview, Texas

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

### Wednesdays This Fall: Following Jesus Together

"And contrary to popular opinion we are not called to imitate Jesus. We are called to form a community of people who through different ways reflect the great love of Jesus. Not one of us can reflect the fullness of that love. Therefore following Jesus means something different from each one of us. There are many forms and shapes in this pursuit. The exciting thing about Christian community is that we have so many ways to be a disciple; we can be an activist or a contemplative. We can embody both. There are different ways we can live out God's love. Some of us are very passionate, others are more quiet and hardly noticeable."

Henri Nouwen, Following Jesus (New York: Convergent, 2019), p. 70.

There is a lot of wisdom in this short quote. It causes me to reflect on the gift of Christian community at Trinity. How do we, through our individual ways of following Jesus, help the Body of Christ to "reflect the fullness of [his] love." God's way with each of us is different, but always patterned after the teaching and example of Jesus, who is the Word and Wisdom of God in our flesh. Each of us makes a contribution, but only working together do we show the world the goodness and love of Jesus Christ. A little later in the same book, Nouwen speaks of celebration: "Celebration is, first of all, living out of joy. Celebration is what we are called to. We are called to practice joy by celebrating." (p. 106)

In the Church we speak about celebrating the Eucharist, the great sacrament of the Gospel, by which the Body of Christ is re-membered and renewed in the grace of our Baptism, as Jesus feeds us with his own body and blood. Every meal shared with our brothers and sisters is also a celebration. We take joy in the presence of each other. So too, the ministries of serving our neighbor are occasions to celebrate the joy that Jesus has brought into the world. Every conversation, every relationship, every gathering is cause to celebrate, because the Lord is with us. On Wednesday nights at 6 pm, beginning October 5, our Wednesday night potluck and adult formation class will be reading Following Jesus together. Gary Whitwell found this wonderful short book, which was published a few years ago. Nouwen was a Catholic priest and spiritual writer who died in 1996. He taught generations of students from a variety of Chistian traditions. He was known for his simple wisdom and personal warmth, grounded in a life of prayer. The book is readily available from Amazon and other online bookstores. If you need help getting a copy please let me know (frbill@trinityparish.org; 903-399-1190).

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for fellowship and formation in person. We are also going to invite those who are reading the book at home to join in discussion on our Facebook group (different from our page). Members of Trinity will be invited to post brief reflections on the book and to invite conversation with each other. The invitation to reflect the goodness, love, and joy of Jesus is important for those of us who have given our lives to him. Always and everywhere, Christians have a lot to celebrate. Because, in Jesus, the Kingdom of God has come near.

Fr. Bill+



#### TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
Melissa McCreary, TST Interim Head of School
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Leno Mancilla, Sexton
Blake Scott, Endowment Board President

#### **VESTRY**

Sallie Tullberg, Senior Warden Robert Maly, Junior Warden Brandt Thorson, Treasurer

Class of 2022

Kathy Gray, John Hall, Robert Maly, Alan Robertson

Class of 2023

Jan Barth, Shirley Griffin, Sallie Tullberg, Dee Shappell

Class of 2024

Alyce Sparks, Kathy Tate, Brandt Thorson, Ava Welge

#### **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 10:00 PM 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.



Children's Church meets weekly during the 10:30
AM worship service. Children are dismissed after
the Children's Ministry Moment and return before
communion. For more information about Children's
Church, Please contact Fr. Bill at
frbill@trinityparish.org

We have a fully staffed nursery available for infants - 3 years from 9:00 AM to Noon on Sundays. The nursery is located in the former Flanagan Room in the hallway behind the nave.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

# Thanksgiving Food Basket



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.

We hope you will give generously to the Thanksgiving Food Basket ministry this year as we help so many in need during the holiday time.



#### **Altar Flowers Needed**

There are Sundays available in November. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please contact Bill Bane in the Church Office at

(903) 753-3366, ext. 19, or Email: bbane@trinityparish.org



## October Parish Events

#### **SERVICE OF COMPLINE**

Sunday, October 2 • 8:30 PM • Nave

#### **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Monday, October 10 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

#### **MEETING OF THE VESTRY**

Tuesday, October 11 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

#### **SENIOR MEN'S DINNER**

Tuesday, October 18 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

#### **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly To join the study by Zoom, please email Fr. Bill at frbill@trinityparish.org for info about how to log in.

#### **SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

Tuesdays afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

#### **CROCHET GROUP**

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

# MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM

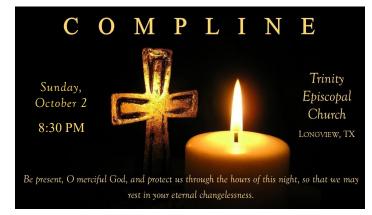




James Partin (10/02)
Dee Anne Sloan (10/03)
Susan Thomas (10/06)
Anne Moore (10/07)
Kim Howard (10/11)
Rosie Hart (10/13)
Julia Pearl Hart (10/15)
Lynne Abernathey (10/19)
Terry Phoenix (10/19)

Judy Collette (10/20)
Rachel Snell (10/20)
Aurora Buckner (10/20)
Emily Wilcox (10/20)
Gregory Cravey (10/23)
Bill Charles (10/24)
Margaret Wilkinson (10/25)
Patty Shappell (10/28)

Jerry and Elise Hill (10/02) Bryan and Charlotte Wilks (10/11) Blake and Daphne Scott (10/17) Kim and Paula Howard (10/25)



Please note that Compline will be on the first Sunday of October rather than the usual second Sunday due to a schedule conflict.



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