



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Longview, Texas

NOVEMBER 2023  
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

## A Meditation for Thanksgiving Day



“You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.” (Psalm 65:12- 13) This Psalm is a harvest song, and so it is appointed for Thanksgiving Day. It points us to the staggering abundance of creation--and to God as the “giver of every good and perfect gift.” (James 1:17)

For many of us, Thanksgiving Day is the last serious observance of the Sabbath. Like the weekly rest commanded in the Torah, Thanksgiving Day is a time to pause and worship—to give thanks to God. Creation is itself a grace. So, too are Jesus and the Spirit, who restore our broken fellowship with God and each other. Thanksgiving is a time to thank God for our many blessings.

Christians have been celebrating a thanksgiving meal for nearly two thousand years. *Eucharistia* means “thanksgiving.” The Eucharistic Prayer retells the story of the Last Supper and culminates in the Lord’s Prayer and the breaking of the bread. Typically, we give thanks for creation, for God’s covenant with Israel, and above all for Jesus Christ our Savior. This ritual meal points us to the sacred dimension of all meals. Any time we break bread with others (whether with our family and friends, or our church-community, or with total strangers), we give thanks to God, because life itself (and all that sustains it) comes to us as God’s gift.

A few years ago at the Thanksgiving service for the Trinity School of Texas (the one where we gather food for those in need in our community), I shared a quotation from John Calvin. I first learned it from Marilynne Robinson in an essay she called *Open Thy Hand Wide*. “As God bestows his benefits upon us, let us beware that we acknowledge it towards him, by doing good to our neighbors whom he offers to us, so as we neither exempt ourselves from their [poverty], nor seclude them from our abundance, but gently make them partakers with us, as [people] that are linked together in an inseparable bond.” If all is God’s gift, nothing is our possession. It comes to us from God’s own hands. Let us give thanks to God, and share our blessings with those in need.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bill+



### HARVEST DINNER

Wednesday, November 8th

6:00 PM • Parish Hall

As we give thanks to God for the abundant blessings he has bestowed on us as a parish family, we invite you to please mark your calendars and join us for this joyful occasion of thanksgiving. Please RSVP to Vicky Bright at (903) 738-6752 or the church office at (903) 753-3366.



BISHOP FISHER  
VISITATION  
WITH CONFIRMATIONS  
AND HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, November 12th

10:30 AM Service

## TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector  
The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector  
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School  
Rachel White, Youth and Family Minister  
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator  
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries  
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister  
Leno Mancilla, Sexton  
Blake Scott, Endowment Board President

## VESTRY

Sallie Tullberg, Senior Warden  
Ava Welge, Junior Warden  
Bill Keese, Treasurer

### Class of 2023

Jan Barth, Shirley Griffin, Sallie Tullberg, Julia English

### Class of 2024

Alyce Sparks, Kathy Tate, Ben Bright, Ava Welge

### Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

## **Pastoral Care Needs?**

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll or Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep them informed of any pastoral issues that they may need to know about.

You can reach them at any time:

**Father Bill Cell - (903) 399-1190**

**Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072**

**frbill@trinityparish.org / mothervivian@trinityparish.org**

They 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 their urgent attention.



## **Children's Church**

Children's Church meets during the 10:30 AM service and is led by our Youth and Family Minister, Rachel White. Children beyond nursery age are always welcome in the service and invited to sit with their parents in church. For more information about Children's Church, please contact Rachel White - [rwhite@trinityparish.org](mailto:rwhite@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



The Longview Community Ministries was formed in 1983 to serve Longview residents in need by providing temporary assistance to relieve suffering and/or prevent homelessness. Longview Community Ministries meets these needs in many ways: cooked meals delivered to the homebound, computer skills; free coats and jeans in the fall for youth; emergency medical assistance; and help for those in crisis with emergency rent or groceries. This ministry serves as an organization to enable Longview congregations and groups to work together more effectively in the community through cooperative acts of service to assist persons in need regardless of race, religion, or creed. Trinity Church is proud to partner with Longview Community Ministries.



GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

**What:** *Now That Faith Has Come : The Book of Galatians*  
Video Study Series by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore

**When:** Every Thursday evening at 6:00

**Where:** The Tower Room

**Who:** All women of Trinity. Please invite your friends as we have extra books and it is not too late to join.

**Call Elise Hill (903) 736-5176 or Vicky Bright (903) 738-6752**

*Come learn the Word of God and meet new people through fellowship and conversation*



## NOVEMBER PARISH EVENTS

### All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 5th • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### East Texas Pipe Organ Festival Organ Recital

Tuesday, November 7th • 4:00 PM • Nave • Reception Following

### Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, November 8th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

### Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation

Sunday, November 12th • 10:30 AM Service

### Service of Compline

Sunday, November 12th • 8:30 PM • Nave

### Faith Womens' Bible Study

Thursday Evenings • 6:00 PM • Tower Room

### Daughters of the King

Monday, November 13th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

### Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, November 21st • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

### WEEKLY

#### Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

#### Spirituality Group

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

#### Crochet Group

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

#### Wednesday Evening Dinner and Bible Study

6:00 PM • Parish Hall

#### MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Michael Rochford (11/01)	Joanna McAtee (11/19)
Ryan Gest (11/01)	Courtney Harris (11/20)
Dinah Rushing (11/03)	Lisa Dewitt (11/21)
Nancy Jackson (11/06)	Wesley Linseisen (11/21)
Lanette Sapp (11/07)	Cleburne McAllister (11/21)
Allyson Carney (11/07)	Bob Mann (11/24)
Patrick Tate (11/09)	Kelly Rochford (11/24)
Lainey Stevens (11/14)	Nancy Sawyer (11/25)
Dee Shappell (11/14)	Trey Braswell (11/26)
David Harwell (11/17)	Jeanne Mann (11/26)
Mary Wilkinson (11/18)	Gary Whitwell (11/28)
Samantha Gish (11/18)	Pamela Wittmayer (11/28)
Ed Rast (11/18)	Joyce Grace (11/30)
Patty Harwell (11/19)	

Joe and Lindsay Mraz (11/05)

David and Dawn Maly (11/06)

James and Margaret Partin (11/14)

Scott and Lainey Stevens (11/18)

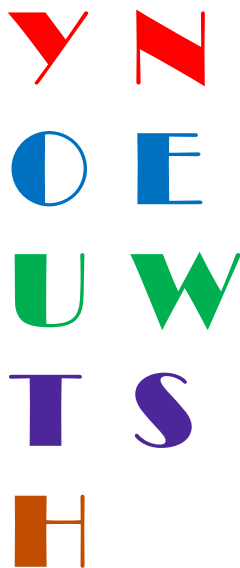
Doug and Lanette Sapp (11/19)

### The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

November 12th • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



## Rachel White

### Youth and Family Minister

Trinity, this month we are celebrating our youth confirmation class. Noah & Micah Collins, Ruby Martin, Owen Robertson, Emily Wilcox, and Margaret Anne Wilkinson will be confirmed into the Episcopal Church on November 12th by Bishop Fisher.

Throughout this month, we ask for your prayers over them as they make this commitment to the Church, and take ownership of their faith and Baptismal Covenant. I pray that you will continue to stand beside them as members of Christ's Body, encouraging them in their growth.

As a part of their confirmation program, the youth class will be serving our community with the Longview Thanksgiving Food Drive. Keep an eye out for the food donation boxes in the Nave, and please be sure to get your donations in by November 19th. The Youth will be delivering Trinity's donations and helping to sort and pack boxes for the food drive during the week of Thanksgiving, which will be distributed to those who are in need around our community.

# Trinity Service Calendar

## November 2023 – Lectionary Year A

Date	November 5 All Saints' Day	November 12 24th Sunday after Pentecost	November 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost	November 25 Christ the King Sunday
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <b>Psalm</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <b>Gospel</b>	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
<b>Altar Team</b>	Baker	Collins	Snell	Sticher
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Michelle Gish	Cherry Sikes	Marie Pliler	TBA
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Linda Leath	Charles and Dot Fricks	Christine Prior	Jim and Nancy Sawyer
<b>8:00 AM Service</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	Dinah Rushing	Sallie Tullberg	Rusty Tucker	Dinah Rushing
<b>Ushers</b>	Peters Team	Maly Team	Bright Team	Lynn A./Brenda A.
<b>L. E. M.</b>	Gayland Rushing	Mike Abernathey	Jack Welge	Bill Charles
<b>10:30 AM Service</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	Linda Leath	Bryan Wilks	Bill Keese	Linda Leath
<b>Ushers</b>	Kuna/McElligott Team	Howard Team	Tate Team	Wilcox Team
<b>Readers</b>	Trevor English	Richard Joos	Richard Kuna	Jeff McAtee
<b>L. E. M.</b>	John Sloan	Jim Sawyer	Jeff Hart	Alan Robertson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3

Church Offices will be closed  
November 23rd and 24th  
in observance of the  
Thanksgiving holiday.



Trinity Episcopal Church  
in conjunction with the  
The East Texas Pipe Organ Festival  
*Presents Concert Organist*

**GEORGE BOZEMAN**

Performing a program entitled  
"Pictures at an Exhibition à la Bach"

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 4:00 PM**

*A reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres will  
follow the concert in the Parish Hall.*

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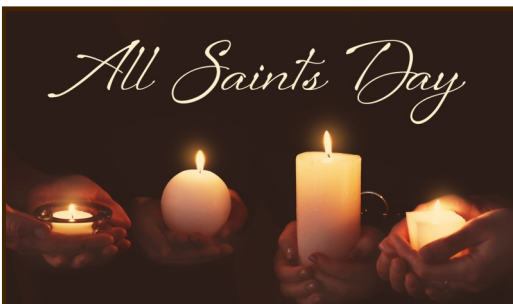
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*All Saints Day*



*Sunday, November 5th*


We will remember all of our beloved Saints with the reading of names during the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Services.

If you have a loved one whose name you would like read, please contact Jeff Richardson in the church office at (903) 753-3366 or [jrichardson@trinityparish.org](mailto:jrichardson@trinityparish.org)



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