



THE TRINITY TRUMPET



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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

All Saints' Day - Nov 5
Bishop's Visitation - Nov 12
Youth-led Thanksgiving Food Offering

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Here at Trinity, we are celebrating **All Saints' Day** on Sunday, November 5. Saints are people whose lives have been transformed by the Holy Spirit whom Jesus gives us. By his grace, we have decided to follow him—and to let God make us holy. All Saints' Day is an especially appropriate occasion for **Holy Baptism**. We are offering Baptism, as well as Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal of Baptismal vows on November 12, when Bishop Jeff Fisher will make his visitation. If you desire to be baptized, or have a child to be baptized (or have an interest in any of these other rites of initiation), please speak to me about it.

On November 5, we will **pray for the faithful departed members of our parish**, as well as our other departed loved ones. To add the name of a person to be remembered, please reach out to Jeff Richardson in the parish office no later than October 31.

This year, November 5 is also our **Stewardship Ingathering Sunday**. At both services we invite the members of Trinity to place their pledge card on the Altar as a sign of their commitment to the mission of the Gospel to which God has called us. We will also place an envelope containing all the pledge cards already received on the Altar. At Trinity, we see stewardship as a way of making an offering to God that reflects God's many good gifts in our lives. On behalf of Trinity and all those we serve, I am grateful to each of you for your pledges. As Tracey and I make prayerful decisions about our giving to the congregations we serve, we are inspired by your generosity.

One of the ways we grow as followers of Jesus is to "serve the neighbors he gives us through authentic relationships and shared gifts." This year, our youth confirmation class will be taking the lead in helping organize Trinity's support for

the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. The money we collect for the mission of the month in **October** will be used to buy turkeys and other supplies for this community-wide initiative. In **November**, Trinity Church, along with the Trinity School of Texas, will also collect canned goods for distribution at the Maude-Cobb Convention Center. Please be as generous as you are able in response to the leadership of our youth. One of our top priorities in youth and children's ministry is providing age-appropriate opportunities for them to fulfill our baptismal commitment to "the least of these," develop as Christian leaders, and grow as good stewards of God's many blessings.

Peace, Fr. Bill+

Online Evening Prayer will now be offered four nights per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) at 7:30 PM. The team of those leading the prayer have decided that this ministry and the community it fosters are important, but that we need to offer it less often to make time for other commitments. Please join us four nights per week at www.facebook.com/trinitylongview

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

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.

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

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

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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.



Sunday, Oct 29th • 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

First Christian Church Parking Lot



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

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.



FAITH

GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

What: *The Book of Romans* – Melissa Spoelstra's 6-week Study

When: Every Thursday evening at 6:30

Where: The home of Vicky Bright

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

OCTOBER PARISH EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4th • 8:00 AM • Trinity School of Texas
Sunday, October 8th • 1:30 PM • Trinity Church Front Lawn

Service of Compline

Sunday, October 8th • 8:30 PM • Nave

Faith Womens' Bible Study

Thursday Evenings • 6:30 PM
Home of Vicky Bright

Daughters of the King

Monday, October 9th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, October 17th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Adult Inquirers' Class

Sunday Mornings Through October 29th
9:15 AM • Parish Hall

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29th • 5:00 PM • First Christian Parking Lot

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

Jacqui Baker (10/01)	Terry Phoenix (10/19)
James Partin (10/02)	Judy Collette (10/20)
Dee Anne Sloan (10/03)	Rachel Snell (10/20)
Susan Thomas (10/06)	Emily Wilcox (10/20)
Anne Moore (10/07)	Gregory Cravey (10/23)
Kim Howard (10/11)	William Charles (10/24)
Rosie Hart (10/13)	Margaret Wilkinson (10/25)
Julia Pearl Hart (10/15)	Andrew Gest (10/25)
Kat Welge (10/15)	Patty Shappell (10/28)
Lynne Abernathey (10/19)	

Jerry and Elise Hill (10/02)
Bryan and Charlotte Wilks (10/11)
Blake and Daphne Scott (10/17)
Kim and Paula Howard (10/25)
Jack and Carla Mann (10/27)

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

October 8th • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



A Word from Mother Vivian Shelby

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." ~ John 15:9



I treasure this picture. It shows me holding a staff members' baby girl. Just a few minutes before this was taken, she was crying and very fussy. We were at a restaurant having a staff luncheon and I offered to hold her so her mother could eat. She quickly calmed down and fell sound asleep, her feet dangling completely relaxed. They started calling me The Baby Whisperer!

I've always loved being around children and babies in particular. A friend made me aware that my demeanor completely changes in an instant when I see a baby; instant joy fills my soul. I have this framed picture in my office to remind me of that feeling. I showed it to my Spiritual Director and told her the story behind it. After our discussion about my current struggles, she told me to look at the picture again. This time she wanted me to see that God is holding me just like I was holding the baby and – that I was / am free to completely relax in God's arms, letting my legs dangle, trusting in his deep love for me. I had never thought about it that way.

"...so I have loved you..." To know that God loves us that much, with instant joy and delight, holding us close, rocking us to sleep brings me an abiding peace. We are all beloved children of God. Allow him to hold you, love you and rock you to sleep. Whatever is heavy on your heart, God is in the midst of it.

Trinity Service Calendar

October 2023 – Lectionary Year A

Date	October 1 18th Sunday after Pentecost	October 8 19th Sunday after Pentecost	October 15 20th Sunday after Pentecost	October 22 21st Sunday after Pentecost	October 29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 11 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
Altar Team	Baker	Collins	Snell	Sticher	Matteson
Coffee Hour	Susie French	TBA	Cherry Sikes	Jan Barth	Lanette Sapp
Flower Delivery	Dot and Charles Fricks	Nancy and Jim Sawyer	Christine Prior	Patsy and Bill Charles	Nancy and Jim Sawyer
8:00 AM Service					
Verger	Sallie Tullberg	Rusty Tucker	Rusty Tucker	Sallie Tullberg	Rusty Tucker
Ushers	Mike & Lynne Abernathey	Maly Team	Bright Team	Lynn A./Brenda A.	Charles Team
L. E. M.	Gayland Rushing	Mike Abernathey	Jack Welge	Bill Charles	Gayland Rushing
10:30 AM Service					
Verger	Bryan Wilks	Bill Keese	Linda Leath	Bryan Wilks	Bill Keese
Ushers	Kuna/McElligott Team	Howard Team	Tate Team	Wilcox Team	Gray/Pryor Team
Readers	Trevor English	Richard Joos	Richard Kuna	Jeff McAtee	J. Wilkinson M. Wilkinson
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sammy York	John Sloan	Jim Sawyer	Jeff Hart	Alan Robertson
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM.
Join us in the Guild Hall

All are welcome and invited.



Wednesday Evening

Bible Study

Meets in the Parish Hall. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM
followed by Bible Study. Please bring a dish to share.

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Blessing of the Animals

Trinity School of Texas • Wednesday, October 4th
8:15 AM in the Pecan Grove

Trinity Church • Sunday, October 8th
1:30 PM on the Front Lawn



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TRINITY
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OF TEXAS



Family Day Celebration

Friday, October 27, 2023

Service at the Church at 10:00 AM

Visit classrooms at 11:00 AM

Ribbon Cutting for new Sports Center at 11:30 AM

Lunch will be available