



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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

Annual Parish Meeting (Sunday, January 28)

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light...” (Isaiah 9:2)



In the Gospel for the Feast of the Epiphany (Matthew 2:1-12), the Magi are led to the Christ Child by the light of a star. The Magi are astrologers. Matthew is telling us that fate and the stars (which many ancient people thought were more powerful than we are) have been eclipsed by the merciful love of Jesus. We all need something (or Someone) to be our fixed point on the horizon. In the “changes and chances” of our life, Jesus is the “light of the world.” (John 8:12)

Every year, we gather as a parish to renew our commitment to following Jesus together in the way of love. This year the **Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, after the 10:30 am service.** A main dish will be provided. We are asking that you bring a side dish or dessert to share, so that we may enjoy a time of fellowship, as we take counsel for God’s mission at Trinity.

Thanks to your generosity, the Vestry has adopted a balanced budget that will provide for our ministries in the coming year. We are already seeing fresh new initiatives emerging from the calling of our Associate Rector and Youth and Children’s Minister. We are also grateful for the FAITH women’s Bible study, a popular lay-led initiative. Both the Outreach Committee and Youth and Children’s Formation Committee have new chairs (Ben Bright and Elise Hill for outreach, Tisha Grotemat for youth and children). Thank you to departing chairs Jan Barth and Daphne Scott for their faithful leadership. In the coming year, we will be building on this foundation, stressing Christian formation and age-appropriate outreach for all our members.

Annual meetings are a time to hold elections, both for the Vestry and for representatives to Diocesan Council. The nominating committee (consisting of the departing Vestry members, the Senior Warden, and me) has met and placed the following persons in nomination:

VESTRY

- Tisha Grotemat - 3 Year Term
- Elise Hill - 3 Year Term
- Bill Keese - 3 Year Term
- Jim Sawyer - 3 Year Term

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

- Ben Bright
- Vicky Bright
- Christine Prior
- Elise Hill

Thanks to each of these faithful parishioners for stepping up and answering God’s call to servant leadership. We also owe a profound debt to our departing Vestry members (Jan Barth, Julia English, Shirley Griffin, and Sallie Tullberg) for their faithful service to Trinity. Sallie deserves special thanks for her ministry as Senior Warden. I am delighted to announce that Christine Prior has accepted my appointment as Sallie’s successor to this important ministry of lay leadership. Please pray for Christine and the nominees for office, as well as our departing and returning Vestry members. Please pray also for our annual meeting and plan to participate on the 28th.

May God continue to bless our parish in the New Year,

Fr. Bill+

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



Feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, welcoming the stranger

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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.



What: We resume on **January 4th** and will begin a six week study entitled *Inside the Miracles of Jesus* by Jessica LaGrone. This is a study of the significance of Jesus' miracles and the Gift of God's power for those who desperately need Him.

Book can be purchased for \$10 on Amazon

When: Thursdays at 6:00 PM

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.

To join the study or for more information, call Elise Hill at (903) 736-5176 or Vicky Bright at (903) 738-6752



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.

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

January 14th • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



JANUARY PARISH EVENTS

Epiphany Bonfire

Saturday, January 6th • 6:00 PM
Home of Nathan and Christy Collins

Daughters of the King

Monday, January 8th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Service of Compline

Sunday, January 14th • 8:30 PM • Nave

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, January 16th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Annual Meeting and Lunch

Sunday, January 28th following the 10:30 AM Service

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesdays afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

Crochet Group

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Study and Dinner

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Baker (1/02)	Phyllis Smith (1/12)
Graham Godfrey (1/03)	Nadean Baxter (1/14)
Lynne Sticher (1/04)	Alan Jones (1/18)
Doug Sapp (1/05)	Raylan Snell (1/21)
Mary Scott (1/07)	David Baker (1/23)
Pamela Davis (1/08)	Jaclyn Abernathy (1/24)
Patsy Machin (1/09)	Cashion Sikes (1/27)
Isabella Junqueira (1/10)	Esther Frier (1/27)
Elisa Collins (1/11)	Brenda Alexander (1/31)

Andrew and Rachel Snell (1/04)
Patrick and Kathleen Tate (1/18)
David and Rebecca Houston (1/18)
Ted and Dorothy Skeans (1/19)

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Epiphany, also called **Feast of the Epiphany, Theophany, or Three Kings' Day**, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, "manifestation"), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.

The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ's birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25, and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man.

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

*May the light of Christ fill your
home with love and hope in the
year ahead*



Trinity Service Calendar

January 2024 – Lectionary Year B

Date	January 7 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	January 14 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 21 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 28 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
Altar Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Snell Team
Coffee Hour	Nancy S.	Cherry S.	Available	Available
Flower Delivery	Available	Available	Available	Available
8:00 AM Service				
Verger	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Charles Team	Peters Team	Maly Team
L. E. M.	Mike A.	Jim S.	Bill C.	Gayland R.
10:30 AM Service				
Verger	Linda L	Bryan W.	Bill K.	Linda L.
Ushers	Howard Team	Tate Team	Tate Team	Wilcox Team
Readers	Trevor English	Tricha Wilcox	Richard Kuna	Jessica Wilkinson M. Wilkinson
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jim Sawyer	Jeff Hart	Alan Robertson	Richard Joos
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

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January 6th • 6:00 PM

Home of Nathan and Christy Collins

1404 Creekwood Drive

Longview, TX 75602

Epiphany Bonfire

Chili will be provided

**Please bring a favorite topping, side dish, or
dessert to share.**

King's Cake will be provided for the children.

