

THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

MAY 2024
TRINITYPARISH.ORG

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



Pentecost and the Mission of Trinity: Youth and Children's Ministry

As we approach the Day of Pentecost (Sunday, May 19) and Trinity Sunday (May 26), I'd like to share with you a couple of items coming out of a recent "vision retreat," hosted by Rachel White, our Youth and Children's Minister. The retreat was facilitated by Sarah Scott, Rachel's coach from the Center for Youth Ministry Training, where she is earning her Master's Degree. Several youth were there, along with several parents and both our clergy. Some of the parents are professional educators. All are deeply invested in the success of this ministry for the sake of their children. We worked in two small groups, one on children's ministry and one on the youth group. I am amazed at how consistent the results are, with important differences based on age.

As I reflect on this time together, I'd like to connect with what I take to be the central common values emerging from our work. The children's group articulated a clear desire to "welcome open and curious minds" in a "supportive environment." The youth group focused on "accepting all youth and embracing our differences." I'd like to frame this commitment in terms of the Good News that Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit falls on the whole Church, equipping us to share the Good News of Jesus with all nations and with every last person.

At Pentecost, we see God's Spirit poured out on all flesh. Not some flesh. Not the flesh of a chosen few. But all flesh. All people everywhere. No exceptions. No excuses. All really does mean all. The wideness of God's mercy is scandalous. God gives the Holy Spirit away indiscriminately, paying no attention to the divisions we create among ourselves and completely ignoring what we deserve. God gives the Spirit to young and old alike, to Jews and Gentiles alike. To men and women, saints and sinners—all tribes, all languages, all nations. So that all of us—all of us together—are caught up in the mighty breath of God. The Spirit blows wherever God wants it to, disrupting our plans and shattering our illusions of control. It leads us all deeper and deeper into Jesus and his love. Sharing God's love is our mission and our calling as followers of Jesus.

I have said it before, and I will probably say it again. The success of our youth and children's ministry should be among our highest priorities for mission. There are other things we also need to be doing: Adult formation, worship, outreach, fellowship, and evangelism all spring to mind. All of these ministries are important. Each and every one of them should involve our children, youth, and their parents. Ultimately, they involve all of us.

Rachel oversees this work with a dedicated committee chaired by Tisha Grotemat. But it is our ministry as the baptized People of God. Recently, at the baptisms of Bree McLellan and Bivins McDaniel, we were asked a simple question: "Will you do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?" And, as we do at every baptism, we responded with one loud voice: "We will!" We are starting to see the fruit of Rachel's ministry among us. Many of us have had a hand in making it possible. The fruitfulness of this ministry depends on us giving Rachel the volunteers and resources she needs, and removing any obstacles to her success. It also involves listening to the wisdom of our youth and children. They are not the future of the Church; they are its present reality. I believe that God will use this movement of the Spirit to bring us all closer to the Heart of Jesus (and thereby to one another). **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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 Children's Minister
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
Leno Mancilla, Sexton
Sammy York, Endowment Board President

VESTRY

Christine Prior, Senior Warden
Ava Welge, Junior Warden
William Keese, Treasurer

Class of 2024

Alyce Sparks, Kathy Tate, Ben Bright, Ava Welge

Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

Class of 2026

Tisha Grotemat, Elise Hill, William Keese, Jim Sawyer

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 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.



GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Join us for the study, *Sermon on the Mount* by Jen Wilkin based on chapters 5-7 of the book of Matthew. It will challenge you to move beyond loving God with just your heart to loving Him with your mind. For this study, you can purchase *Sermon on the Mount – Bible Study Book – Revised and Expanded – with Video Access Included*. The cost is \$24.99 at Amazon.

When: Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Where: The Tower Room

Who: All women of Trinity. Please invite your friends

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

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.



DID YOU KNOW

You can give to Trinity Episcopal Church online?

You can give to your pledge, altar flowers, or any other regularly used Trinity Episcopal Church fund. To give now, go to Trinityparish.org and click the **giving** tab at the top of the page.

MAY PARISH EVENTS

Trinity School of Texas Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 12th • 5:00 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, May 13th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Trinity School of Texas Graduation

Friday, May 17th • 7:00 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, May 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 Study

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Morning Study Group

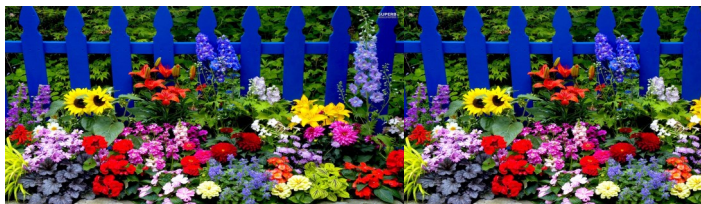
Thursday Mornings at 9:15 AM • Butcher Shop

FAITH Women's Bible study

Thursday Evenings at 6:00 PM • Tower Room

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Scott Jones (5/02)

Bryan Wilks (5/03)

Linda Thomas (5/06)

Wyvonne Willoughby (5/07)

Karen Frith (5/07)

Karen Hall (5/07)

Wiley Thomas (5/09)

Sammy York (5/10)

Elizabeth Davis (5/10)

Georgia Scott (5/11)

Trace Shappell (5/11)

Paige Maly (5/13)

Mary Margaret Hart (5/13)

Pearl Thorpe (5/15)

Daryell Crawford (5/15)

Kathleen Tate (5/15)

Mary Lou Gest (5/18)

Owen Robertson (5/19)

Jeanne Scott (5/20)

Annabeth Baker (5/21)

Christian Howard (5/25)

Allen McReynolds (5/27)

Heather Bane (5/29)

Bill and Sharon Keese (5/01)

John and Bobbie Michaels (5/04)

Bobby and Allyson Carney (5/16)

Tom and Trudy Taylor (5/21)

Michael and Peggy Rochford (5/23)

Clay and Jaclyn Abernathy (5/24)

Reagan and Debra McLemore (5/25)

Alan and Tovah Robertson (5/26)

Terry and Beverly Todd (5/27)



Women of Trinity

The DOK Evening Chapter Invites you to our May 14th meeting at 5:30 PM

There will be fellowship, food and a special Fun activity.

Please RSVP by May 12

APPLY NOW!

THE BRIDGETTE PONDER FUND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE *Math & Science Scholarship*

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP:
TO FUND TUITION AND SCHOOL RELATED EXPENSES

Eligible recipients are selected using the following criteria:

- Entering into 7-12th grades
- Demonstrate both excellence and promise in the fields of math and hard sciences
- Complete all admission, testing, and interview requirements





Math & Science Scholarship

APPLY NOW!

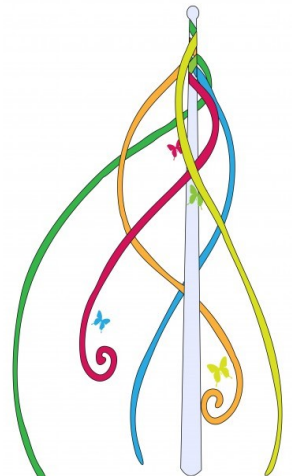
For questions regarding enrollment or to apply for The Bridgette Ponder Fund for Academic Excellence, please email Cissy Abernathy at cabernathy@trinityschooloftexas.com or call 903.753.0612 x 236



SCAN TO LEARN MORE



TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS
215 N TEAGUE ST | LONGVIEW, TX
WWW.TRINITYSCHOOLOFTEXAS.COM | 903.753.0612



Trinity Service Calendar May 2024 – Lectionary Year B

Date	May 5 6th Sunday of Easter	May 12 7th Sunday of Easter	May 19 Day of Pentecost	May 26 Trinity Sunday
1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
Altar Team	Collins Team	Snell Team	Sticher Team	Matteson Team
Coffee Hour	Nancy Sawyer	Cherry Sikes	Marie Plier	Michelle Gish
Flower Delivery	Nancy & Jim S.	Patsy & Bill C.	Christine P.	Linda L.
8:00 AM				
Verger	Rusty T.	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.
Ushers	Lynn A./Juanita T.	Peters Team	Maly Team	Bright Team
L. E. M.	Mike A.	Gayland R.	Bill C.	Jack W.
10:30 AM				
Verger	Bill K.	Linda L.	Bryan W.	Bill K.
Ushers	Tate Team	Wilcox Team	Kathy G./Christine P.	Kuna/McElligot
Readers	Trevor English	Richard Kuna	Tricha Wilcox	Jessica Wilkinson M. Wilkinson
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jim Sawyer	Jeff Hart	Alan Robertson	Richard Joos
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

906 Padon Street • Longview, TX 75601

Phone (903) 753-3366 • Fax (903) 753-0594

E-Mail: trinity@trinityparish.org

www.trinityparish.org

THE TRUMPET

Permit Type: Periodicals

Permit # 99990

Is published monthly by

Trinity Episcopal Church

906 Padon, Longview, TX

75601 Periodicals PAID

At Longview, TX

POSTMASTER: Send

Address changes to


906 Padon, Longview, TX

75601

COKEBURY'S

HERO HOTLINE


VBS!



**JUNE
17- 21
9AM-
12PM**

Calling Heroes
ages 3-10,
Register Now!

trinityparish.mycokesburyvbs.com/



CONGRATS, CLASS OF 2024!

Senior Recognition and Blessing

May 12, 2024 | 10:30 AM

