



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.

“Work and give generously to support Christ’s mission.”

This month, I am continuing a series of articles on Trinity’s “rule of life,” which is found on the cover of every bulletin. Recently, you should have received a letter from the Vestry announcing our 2024 stewardship campaign. This year, the Vestry as a whole is acting as the stewardship committee, with our Wardens and Treasurer as co-chairs. In light of their appeal to you, I thought I would comment on the portion of our rule of life that concerns Christian stewardship. Note that it concerns our stewardship of both *labor* and *money* (“work and give generously”). Both are important spiritual disciplines in the life of any believer, and both are essential to the ongoing mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

Being a faithful and generous steward is a spiritual practice, and it fosters our spiritual growth. Generosity is outwardly-focused, and it helps us overcome deep-seated patterns of self-centered behavior, as we help God reach other people in life-changing ways. We do not work or give in order to earn God’s favor. “Grace is God’s favor towards us, unearned and undeserved.” (BCP, p. 858) Because God has already given us everything, we offer our whole lives in return. Stewardship is about putting God first in our lives. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

When it comes to **working generously**, when asked by one of our clergy or a lay leader to take on a particular responsibility, we will at least prayerfully consider it. Here at Trinity, we would always prefer an honest “no,” to a “yes” that turns into a source of resentment. If we ask you to do something you can’t do, or which would be a source of frustration, please take the time to share with us about your gifts and where you see the Spirit leading you. Spiritual discernment is a key part of our stewardship of time and labor (as well as our stewardship of money). Most ministries, certainly most major commitments of time, should be aligned with our gifts and passions. When we find the right ministries for the right people, we can often work for many hours on a project, without it feeling like “work.”

When it comes to **giving generously**, we grow spiritually, when we move beyond giving a fixed amount, or our “fair share,” giving primarily in order to balance the budget. Giving becomes a spiritual practice when it is all about responding generously to God’s generosity. Budgets are “financial statements of mission.” This is true for our families, as well as a church, an agency, a government, or a business.

It is a matter for discernment to find a percentage of our income that we believe is a faithful response to God’s gifts and that reflects the true priority of God in our lives. The traditional norm is tithing (10%), and the Episcopal Church has repeatedly reaffirmed this. But maybe a faithful percentage is less for some of us (who have very little) and more for others (who have more than enough). In the end, beyond proportional giving or even tithing is truly sacrificial giving, where we give whatever it takes. Each year, we prayerfully discern what God is calling us to do. Our written pledge cards are an expression of our commitment to God and each other, as well as our neighbors in need and those who need the Good News of Jesus as we have received it. It feels good to work and give as generously as we are able.

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
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Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

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Tisha Grotemat, Elise Hill, William Keese, Jim Sawyer

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

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.



FAITH

GATHERING WOMEN, KNOWING GOD, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

All ladies of Trinity are welcome to join us for the FAITH Bible study starting back in September.

When: Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Library

What are we studying: We are doing a study on the book of Colossians. Books are available By contacting the facilitators.

Facilitators: Elise Hill and Vicky Bright.

Please RSVP to Elise Hill at (903) 736-5176

Or Vicki 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

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

OCTOBER 13 • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



OCTOBER PARISH EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 4th • 8:15 AM • TST Pecan Grove
Sunday, October 6 • 1:00 PM • Front Lawn

Compline

Sunday, October 13 • 8:30 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, October 14th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, October 15th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25th • 5:30 PM • First Christian Parking Lot

WEEKLY

Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

Spirituality Group

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

Crochet Group

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Fellowship

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

FAITH Women's Bible study

Thursdays at 6:00 PM • Library

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

James Partin (10/01)	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 Ann Wilkinson (10/25)
Julia Pearl Hart (10/15)	Andrew Gest (10/25)
Kat Welge (10/15)	David Dillard (10/28)
Lynne Abernathy (10/19)	Patty Shappell (10/28)
Terry Phoenix (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)



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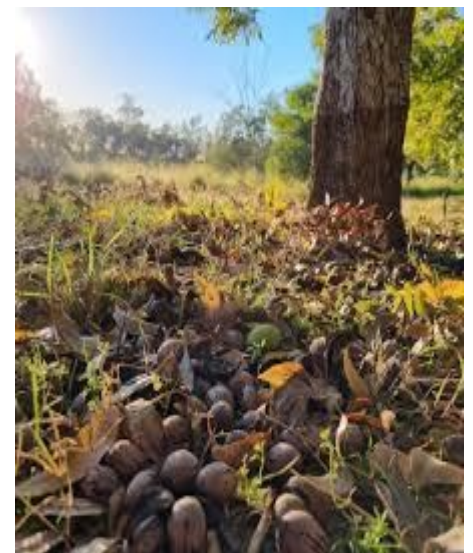
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All Flourishing is Mutual

Mother Vivian Shelby

I have been reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, an enrolled member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She writes a chapter on pecan trees that I found fascinating. Pecan trees, and many other trees, have mast years where all the trees across the country create a bumper crop. Mast year cannot be predicted with complete accuracy and the reason is a mystery. There are some theories including one that having a bumper crop creates an abundance of nuts, so many that the creatures that eat them cannot eat them all. This will leave an abundance of nuts to seed new trees. Trees could not do this every year as it takes too much out of the tree and would create a growth cycle in the animal world that is not sustainable. I have been focused on the mystery of how the trees communicate and “decide” to have a mast year. Kimmerer writes, “If one tree fruits, they all fruit—there are no soloists. Not one tree in a grove, but the whole grove; not one grove in the forest, but every grove; all across the country and all across the state. The trees act not as individuals, but somehow as a collective. ... All flourishing is mutual.”



If we, as humanity, could decide to all flourish together what a beautiful world it would be.

Trinity Service Calendar October 2024 – Lectionary Year B

Date	October 6, 2024 20th Sunday after Pentecost	October 13, 2024 21st Sunday after Pentecost	October 20, 2024 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	October 27, 2024 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading	Genesis 2:18-24	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Isaiah 53:4-12	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm	Psalm 8	Psalm 90:12-17	Psalm 91:9-16	Psalm 126
2nd Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52
Altar Guild	Sticher Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
Coffee Hour	Available	Cherry Sikes	Available	Available
Flower Delivery	Nancy & Jim S.	Christine P.	Linda L.	Patsy & Bill C,
8:00 AM				
Verger	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Maly Team	Peters Team	Bright Team	Lynn A./Juanita T.
L. E. M.	Gayland R.	Jack W.	Bill C.	Mike A.
10:30 AM				
Verger	Linda L.	Ben Bright	Bill K.	Linda L.
Ushers	Tate Team	Wilcox Team	Kathy G./Christine P.	Howard Team
Readers	Trevor English	Richard Joos	Jessica Wilkinson M. Wilkinson	Tricha Wilcox
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sammy York	Alan Robertson	Jim Sawyer	Richard Joos
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3



The Autumn season is officially upon us, and for many of our kids and teenagers, the approaching night of Halloween is one of the most anticipated events of the year! First Christian Church, our next door neighbors at 720 N. Sixth Street, have again invited us to their Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27th at 5:30!

Trinity families are invited to an evening of candy, costumes, and community fun!

If you have an interest in supplying a Trunk, a sign-up will be available in the Nave starting on October 6th. Our Youth and Children's ministry will be hosting a trunk as well! If any kids, teens, or adults are interested in helping to design and decorate our Trunk, please contact Rachel White.

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*together.***

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Hey Trinity Teens!

Every year, Trinity contributes to the Longview Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our Youth Ministry is looking to help serve on the Monday before Thanksgiving, packing the boxes of food that will be distributed to our neighbors in need.

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, this is a great chance to give back to your community and gain some volunteer hours.



Take a look at your plans for the 25th of November, and consider joining us as we participate in the loving action of Christ in our world.



Friday, October 4th

8:15 AM - Trinity School of Texas
In the Pecan Grove

Sunday, October 6th

1:00 PM - Trinity Episcopal Church
On the Front Lawn