



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

NOVEMBER 2025
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

Passing the Torch: A Brief Word from Fr. Bill

This is my last *Trumpet* article as your priest. My last day in the office and last official day as your Rector is Tuesday, November 4. I am turning the front page of the *Trumpet* over to Christine Prior, our Senior Warden, who has some things to share with you this month. My last Sunday is November 2. Upon my departure, Christine becomes the Head of the Congregation, with all of the leadership and administrative responsibilities that normally fall to the Rector or other priest-in-charge. Mother Vivian Shelby will be in charge of pastoral care, worship, and teaching. John Michaels, our Junior Warden, will be in charge of matters relating to the building and grounds, and he will be providing supervision for the Sexton. All of them deserve your full and generous support and your prayers, together with the entire Vestry, who share in the responsibilities of leading the parish. All of these brothers and sisters are deeply committed to the church we love. This flows from their love for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. With help from all of you, the work of God's People will continue here. I find myself incredibly grateful for each and every one of you and for Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for the privilege of serving God with you. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers.

In the Name of Jesus, Fr. Bill+

Keeping our Eyes on Jesus: A Word from the Senior Warden

Hello, everyone. I know many of you, and I look forward to meeting those I haven't met personally. I have been a member of Trinity for 15 years and have served on Altar Guild, flower guild and as an usher over the years. As a veterinarian I have served our community through volunteer work and by working in private practice. I am looking forward, with your help, to leading us through this time of transition. The nominating committee has met. It consists of the Rector (chair), the Senior Warden, and any Vestry members concluding their terms. This year, that was Fr. Bill, Karen Frith, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell, and me. Fr. Bill abstained from voting and delegated the chair to me. At our October meeting, the Vestry recommended that we nominate two members for each full term and one member for each partial term that is open. After a full discussion, we have placed the following persons in nomination.

For three-year terms (8 nominees--4 to be elected): Vicky Bright, Nathan Collins, Scott Jones, Joe Mraz, Alan Robertson, Rusty Tucker, and Tricha Wilcox. (One of the nominees has requested additional time to discern. We will publish when we receive confirmation.)

For a two-year term: Christine Prior

For a one-year term: Christy Cravey

For a one-year term: Richard Joos

Vestry elections will take place at our annual parish meeting, which will follow the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 25. We have asked each nominee for a brief bio and picture. We intend to publish these in the December *Trumpet*, as well as the Annual Meeting Packet. Please join me in praying for those who have been nominated, for the current Vestry and wardens, and for the people and mission of our Church. Transitions can be anxious times. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and do what he would have us do, I am certain that God will lead us into a bright and faithful future.

Christine Prior, Senior Warden

There will be a farewell reception for Father Bill and Tracy Carroll on Sunday, November 2nd at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall. Cake and light refreshments will be served.

Father Bill has accepted a position as Senior Associate Rector at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. All are invited to come and wish Fr. Bill and Tracy the best as they journey to their new home and ministry in Michigan.

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Vivian Shelby, Associate Rector
Cindy Verhalen, TST Head of School
Rachel White, Youth and Children's Minister
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jeff Richardson, Communication & Connection Minister
Leno Mancilla, Sexton
Sammy York, Endowment Board President

VESTRY

Christine Prior, Senior Warden
John Michaels, Junior Warden
Treasurer, TBA

Class of 2025

Karen Frith, Christine Prior, Tovah Robertson, Gary Whitwell

Class of 2026

Tisha Grotemat, Jim Sawyer

Class of 2027

Wesley Linseisen, Gail Martin, John Michaels

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.

Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Mother Vivian Shelby with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep her informed of any pastoral issues that she may need to know about.

You can reach her at:

Mother Vivian Cell - (832) 846-7072
mothervivian@trinityparish.org

She 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 her urgent attention.



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: Study on *James*. We are using the book *Thrive*, by Jen Cowart. Cost of book is \$15 and can be purchased at study.

When: Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM

Where: The Church Library

Who: All women of Trinity. Please invite your friends.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



What is a prayer shawl?

Throughout the ages, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance.

Trinity Parish has been part of this ministry since 2008. We have given many shawls in the past years to those that are sick and incumbered. If you know of someone that is in need of, or could use a shawl, please call Patsy Charles at (903) 297-4430.

NOVEMBER PARISH EVENTS

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2nd • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Service of Compline

Sunday, November 9th • 8:30 PM • Nave

Daughters of the King

Monday, November 10th • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, November 12th • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Senior Mens' Dinner

Tuesday, November 18th • 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 Fellowship Dinner

6:00 PM • Parish Hall

Faith Womens' Bible Study

Thursday Evenings • 6:00 PM • Church Library

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Michael Rochford (11/01)	Courtney Harris (11/20)
Dinah Rushing (11/03)	Patty Harwell (11/19)
Nancy Jackson (11/06)	Wesley Linseisen (11/21)
Lanette Sapp (11/07)	Cleburne McAllister (11/21)
Allyson Carney (11/07)	Bob Mann (11/24)
Kelly Dillard (11/08)	Kelly Rochford (11/24)
Patrick Tate (11/09)	Nancy Sawyer (11/25)
Lainey Stevens (11/14)	Trey Braswell (11/26)
Dee Shappell (11/14)	Jeanne Mann (11/26)
David Harwell (11/17)	Gary Whitwell (11/28)
Mary Wilkinson (11/18)	Pamela Wittmayer (11/28)
Samantha Gish (11/18)	Barney Branch (11/29)
Ed Rast (11/18)	Joyce Grace (11/30)

Joe and Lindsay Mraz (11/05)

David and Dawn Maly (11/06)

Barney and Ethel Branch (11/08)

James and Margaret Partin (11/14)

Scott and Lainey Stevens (11/18)

The Service of Compline

Sung by the Men's Compline Choir

November 9th • 8:30 PM

Reception following in Guild Hall



Sundays in Advent -Expectations vs Reality-

Youth Bible Study

9:15 – 10:20 am

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21



Tuesday Christian Spirituality Group

*Beginning Tuesday, November 18th, Debra McLemore will begin a discussion based on the book, **Angels are for Real**, by Judith MacNutt. Everyone is invited to join the group which meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Guild Hall.*

We hope to see you there.

Trinity Service Calendar

November 2025 – Lectionary Year C

Date	November 2, 2025 All Saints Day	November 9, 2025 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	November 16, 2025 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	November 23, 2025 Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 30, 2025 1st Sunday of Advent
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Altar Team	Matteson Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Charles Team	Sticher Team
Coffee Hour	Bill B.	Cherry S.	Men of Trinity	Michelle G.	Bill B.
Flower Delivery	Christine P.	Nancy S.	Dot & Charles F.	Patsy & Bill C.	Christine P.
8:00 AM Service					
Verger	Rusty T.	Dinah R.	Sallie T.	Rusty T.	Dinah R.
Ushers	Charles Team	Peters Team	Thomas Team	Lynne A.	Lynne A.
L. E. M.	Jack W.	Gayland R.	Bill C.	Mike A.	Gayland R.
10:30 AM Service					
Verger	Bill K.	Linda L.		Bill K.	Linda L.
Ushers	Martin/Sikes	Wilcox	Gray/Pryor	Howard	Tate
Readers	Trevor E.	Tricha W.	Richard J.	Jessica W.	Richard J.
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sammy Y.	Jim S.	Alan R.	Richard J.	Alan R.
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

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Please join us for our annual
Harvest Festival Dinner
AND
FOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 12

6:00 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
Parish Hall

LET'S SEE WHICH TABLE CAN GET THE HIGHEST, STACKED DONATION

DONATIONS NEEDED

CANS OF: GREEN BEANS, CORN, PEAS, SWEET POTATOES, SOUPS;
PASTA, CANNED MEAT, DESSERT MIXES, CRANBERRY SAUCE,
BREAD, AND CANNED FRUIT

Help us fight hunger

HELP US TO SUPPORT THE SALVATION
ARMY, CARING AND SHARING, AND
LONGVIEW COMMUNITY MINISTRY.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MONETARY
DONATION, PLEASE CONTACT
BETTY HORANEY AT (903) 753-3661

A graphic showing a brown paper bag and a cardboard box filled with various food items like pumpkins, apples, and vegetables.A circular illustration of diverse people sitting around a table with various dishes, surrounded by autumn leaves.

Youth
Friendsgiving

NOVEMBER 16,
6:00 PM

BRING A DISH,
BRING A FRIEND

A square QR code located in the bottom left corner of the poster.