

THE TRIPOD

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM | HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II | LITURGICAL YEAR C

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Immediately following worship
All Saints Hall, join us for coffee, refreshments, and great fellowship!

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Thursday @ 9:15am
Our ancient tradition comes alive through the Daily Office. Join us!

EUCHARIST & PUBLIC HEALING

Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Holy Eucharist Rite II with anointing and laying on of hands and a Litany for Healing in Fry Chapel



A CELEBRATION WITH BISHOP FISHER

We are blessed to welcome Bishop Jeff Fisher to Trinity on Saturday, September 7, at 10:30 a.m. for a service of Confirmation and Reception. It is a special joy to have Bishop Fisher with us twice in one year—he was here in January for Rev. Dana's ordination in January, and now he returns to celebrate with us again.

In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which a baptized Christian makes a mature commitment of faith, affirming their baptismal promises and receiving strength

strength from the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the bishop's hands. Reception is the rite for Christians who were already confirmed in another tradition that shares our understanding of confirmation in the name of the Triune God. Through reception, they are welcomed into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church with prayer and blessing from the bishop.

This year we give thanks for those who are taking these steps in faith. Mallory Brown, Cindy McGeorge, and Sagan Jameson-Hatch will be

confirmed, and Brandi Brown and Darlene Dotson will be received. Please hold them in your prayers as they prepare for this important moment in their journey.

Confirmation and Reception are not only milestones for the individuals but also celebrations for the whole parish. They remind us of our own baptismal promises and our shared calling to live as Christ's body in the world. So mark your calendar and join us on September 7. Come celebrate, pray, and rejoice with Bishop Fisher and with our siblings in Christ!



Welcoming Iona Student for Field Ed

We are delighted to share that the Diocese of Texas has placed an Iona School for Ministry student with us this year. Please join us in welcoming Justin Robinson, who will be with us through next spring as he continues his formation toward bivocational priesthood.

Justin is a postulant for Holy Orders at Iona. He and his family live in Henderson, Texas, where he serves as Vice President of Marketing for Heritage Premium Meats. Before discerning a call to ordained ministry, Justin was a devoted lay leader at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Henderson. He also serves as Creative Director for Northeast Texas Poetry in Schools, helping

young people discover and share their voices. Justin will spend about 5–10 hours each week in parish life, gaining hands-on experience in worship, preaching, teaching, pastoral visits, outreach, and parish leadership.

This is not only an important step in Justin’s journey—it is also a gift for us. As we support him in formation, we too are invited to reflect on our ministries and our call to raise up new leaders for the church.

Please take a moment to greet Justin, introduce yourself, and help him feel at home. We are grateful for his presence and look forward to the ways God will bless both him and our parish through this year together.

Mission of the Quarter

Our Mission of the Quarter is the Empty Stocking Fund. Since 1914, this ministry has provided clothing and toys to children in Harrison County at Christmas. Through September, gifts to “MOQ” will help bring joy and hope to families in need this holiday season.

September Events

Sept. 7 at 10:30
Bishop Visit & Confirmation

Sept. 9 at 11am
Community Table

Sept. 14- Oct. 12 at 9:15am
Sunday School “Words We Live By”

Sept. 15 at 9:15am
Feast of the Holy Cross -
Eucharist in Fry Chapel

Sept. 20 from 6-8pm
Plus Size Clothing Swap

Sept. 22 at 9:15am
Feast of St. Matthew -
Eucharist in Fry Chapel

Sept. 23 at 6pm
Women’s Bible Study starts
again, this time studying the
parables

Sept. 25 at 7pm Yappy Hour

Practices of Belonging

Belonging is one of the deepest human needs. We long for a place where we are welcomed, where our presence matters, and where our gifts are received with joy. The Church is called to be that kind of place—a community shaped by Christ’s love, where everyone has a seat at the table. At Trinity, our life together is made real not only in Sunday worship but also in the simple, regular practices that help us connect, grow, and serve.

This fall, we invite you to join in these practices of belonging:

Tuesday September 9th at 11am - Community Table gathers us each month around food and fellowship. It’s not just a meal—it’s a chance to meet neighbors, make friends, and enjoy the company of others who are “young at heart.” Bring a friend, pull up a chair, and belong.

Starting September 14th at 9:15am, Sunday School invites all adults into *Words We Live By*, a study of the Church’s most beloved prayers and creeds—

including the chance to learn a few in Spanish!

Saturday September 20th from 6-8pm - Women’s Plus Size Clothing Swap will give women living in larger bodies a chance to donate their gently used clothing and “shop” from the pieces others add to the mix.

Starting Tuesday September 23rd at 6pm Women’s Bible Study begins its new season. After exploring the women of the Bible last year, we now turn to Jesus’ parables—short, powerful stories that open our eyes to God’s kingdom. Bring a friend from any tradition (or none at all) and come share in conversation.

On Thursday September 25th at 7pm - Yappy Hour is another way to gather with joy. Bring your dogs, meet others in the community, and celebrate the gift of creation and companionship.

On third Sundays after worship, we put our faith into action by

packing lunch bags for neighbors in need.

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30, our Eucharist & Healing offers a midweek pause—a space to bring your burdens, rest in God’s presence, and be renewed.

Every Monday at 10:30am, a lectionary study of the Psalms offers a dedicated hour to dive deep into the psalm for the upcoming Sunday.

Looking ahead, we’ll be offering an Inquirer’s Class beginning in October during the Sunday school hour. This class is for anyone preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation when the bishop joins us on January 4th for our 175th anniversary service—but it’s also open to anyone who simply wants to learn more about the Episcopal tradition and deepen their connection to faith and community.

Come and take part in these practices of belonging, and let them be ways to deepen your walk with God and grow as disciples of Jesus. See you there!

Introducing “Notes from”

This fall we are adding two new columns to the Tripod: Notes from Trinity School and Notes from the Choir. Our hope is that these regular reflections will strengthen the ties between our parish, our school, and our music ministry—two vital parts of Trinity’s life. Each month, you’ll hear directly from Carrie Hammack, our Head of School at Trinity School, and from Jim Johnson, our Music Director and Organist. We believe these “notes” will help us see more clearly how God is at work among us, both in the classroom and through the gift of music, and will invite us into deeper connection as one community of faith. (See next page)





Notes from Trinity School

What a joy it was to begin the school year with our Back-to-School activities! From the laughter of children reconnecting with friends to the prayers spoken over our classrooms and teachers, we could feel God's presence guiding us as we entered a new year of learning and growth.

Our theme for this school year, Matthew 6:10—"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"—has already been at the heart of our school. We saw it reflected in the ways our staff gathered in prayer the day before our students came, in the excitement of our students as they stepped into new classrooms, and in the dedication of our faculty who begin each day committed to both academic excellence and spiritual formation.

As we move into the fall, we ask for your continued prayers for our students, teachers, and families. May we all strive daily to live out Christ's words, seeking God's will in our lives and supporting one another as a faithful community.

In Christ's love, Carrie Hammack, Head of School

Notes from the Choir

This year, we're introducing a new practice: the gradual (or sequence hymn, sung before the Gospel) will remain the same throughout each month. Repeating one hymn gives us the chance to learn songs more fully, to sing with greater confidence, and to let the words and melody shape our prayer together. Each month, Jim will share background on the chosen hymn and why it was selected. This month, Jim tells us:

Our hymn for the month is *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, written by Kathleen Thomerson in 1966. It's a popular hymn in many Christian denominations, often sung in services that focus on themes of guidance, discipleship, and spiritual light. It is loved for its gentle melody and profound expression of spiritual longing and trust in Christ as the light.



Oblations at Trinity

Starting September 14th, Trinity is bringing back the practice of oblations—the offering of bread and wine at the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving, just before the Offertory. This tradition will feel familiar to some longtime members of the parish, as it has been part of our worship life before, and now we look forward to reclaiming it together.

Here's how it will work: at each service, the ushers will invite two people to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. They will prompt you when it's time, and a chalice bearer will meet you at the steps to receive the gifts and place them on the altar. This way, no one has to worry about navigating the steps. If you would like to take part, you don't have to wait to be asked—simply let an usher know, and they will be glad to include you.



In the Episcopal tradition, the word oblation comes from the Latin *oblatio*, meaning “offering.” The presentation of bread and wine reminds us that the Eucharist is not only Christ’s gift to us, but also our offering back to God of the fruits of creation and of our own labor. During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest gives thanks “for these your gifts, which we offer unto you”—a line of oblation that echoes what we do

together when the gifts are carried forward.

This simple act makes visible what is always true in the Eucharist: we bring the work of our hands, our lives, and our world to the altar, and God transforms them into holy food and drink. We hope you will consider participating in this meaningful tradition as we offer ourselves, along with bread and wine, in thanksgiving to God.



Rally Day Success!

Rally Day was a joyful kickoff to our program year! The parish hall was full of energy as we reconnected after summer and explored the many ways to serve and grow at Trinity. Many ministries welcomed new participants—a true sign of vitality as more hands and hearts share their gifts.

We still need acolytes (yes, adults too! In fact, adults make excellent crucifers!) and audio/visual support volunteers. Training is provided, and both roles are vital to our worship life. Thank you to everyone who made Rally Day such a success!



Children's Sermons

This fall we're beginning a Children's Sermon at the start of worship. My belief—shared by many clergy—is that if we don't offer something for children, we'll never see families with kids. This short message is one small way to start creating space for them in our parish life.

On Sundays when no children are present, I'll still offer a children's sermon—so anyone willing to join me on the step gets bonus points! It's a lighthearted way to keep the practice going while we prepare to welcome more young families into our community.

And don't worry—we're not lengthening the service! I'll be trimming my own sermon by a couple of minutes so the overall time stays the same.

Words We Live By

This fall, our adult Sunday school series is *Words We Live By: Exploring the Prayers and Creeds That Shape Our Faith*. The words we pray week after week aren't just routine; they form us, teach us, and ground us in what we believe. Sometimes we say them by heart without realizing how much depth they carry.

Together, we'll take a closer look at some of the most beloved prayers and creeds of the Church — from the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed to the Confession, the Gloria, and the Collects. Along the way, we'll learn where these prayers came from, how they've been understood across the centuries, and what they can mean for us today. Each week we'll also trace the Scripture behind these prayers and creeds, seeing how they rise directly from the Bible's witness. We'll also have the chance to learn a few in Spanish, giving us new ways to pray alongside the wider Church.

This isn't a lecture series so much as an invitation: bring your questions, your insights, and your curiosity. Whether you've been praying these words for a lifetime or are encountering them for the first time, you'll find fresh meaning and connection.

Join us on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall, September 14 through October 12. Come discover how these ancient words still shape our faith and our daily lives today.



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Plus Size Clothing Swap

Bring your gently used, good-quality plus-size clothing (sizes 14+) and swap for FREE new-to-you pieces—declutter, refresh your closet, and make new friends!

No registration needed. Bring size-14+ items (including accessories/shoes) to exchange in a welcoming, no-judgment space.

This is a Girls' Night Out: light refreshments provided—feel free to bring a snack to share. Dressing areas will be available to try things on. All are welcome, so bring a friend and enjoy an evening of style, community, and joy!

Questions? Text Mallory Waugh Brown at (903) 926-0575.

Fall Dinner Groups

This fall we're launching Dinner Groups—a simple, meaningful way to get to know one another better. Groups of parishioners will gather once a month for 3–4 months, usually over dinner in someone's home, though each group can choose what works best: brunch, picnic, or even dessert night. After a season, groups will be re-mixed so you'll have the chance to meet new faces.

Dinner Groups are about more than food—they're about fellowship, faith, and belonging. Gathering around a table gives us the chance to share stories, pray together, and build relationships that last. Hosts will help organize, but everyone participates by bringing food and conversation. Email Rev. Dana at revdanaj@gmail.com to get connected with a group!

September Ministry Schedule

Sunday, September 7: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun, 10:30 AM (Sunday Worship)

Alaina Jones	Lectors - Lector 1
Cindy McGeorge	Lectors - Lector 2
Alaina Jones	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Cindy McGeorge	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Larry D'Asto	Usher
Tony Pierce	Usher
Griffin Jones	Crucifer
Steve Lewis	Video

Sunday, September 14: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun, 10:30 AM (Sunday Worship)

Matt Hatch	Lectors - Lector 1
Jeff Henderson	Lectors - Lector 2
Matt Hatch	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Jeff Henderson	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Steve Lewis	Usher
Doug Lewis	Usher
Kirkley Lewis	Crucifer
Logan Jameson-Hatch	Video

Sunday, September 21: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun, 10:30 AM (Sunday Worship)

Michael Campbell	Lectors - Lector 1
Margaret Dodson	Lectors - Lector 2
Michael Campbell	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Margaret Dodson	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Robbey Simmons	Usher
Joel Truelove	Usher
Emma Eppley	Crucifer
Tony Pierce	Video

Sunday, September 28: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun, 10:30 AM (Sunday Worship)

Alaina Jones	Lectors - Lector 1
Mallory Brown	Lectors - Lector 2
Alaina Jones	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Mallory Brown	Eucharistic Ministers - Eucharistic Mini
Keaton Henderson	Usher
Henry Henderson	Usher
Griffin Jones	Crucifer
Logan Jameson-Hatch	Video

SERVANT LEADERS WANTED

We're always looking for new faces to serve on Sundays—lectors, ushers, acolytes, chalice bearers, and more. We especially need a few strong folks to help carry the cross in procession. And yes—adults can do that too! Whether you're brand new or have served before, there's a place for you. Interested? Let us know and we'll get you trained!



Visit www.trinityepiscopalmarshall.com to volunteer for coffee hour or sponsor altar flowers!

	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
Sept 7	Isabel Lewis	Buddy & Emilie Dugan
Sept 14	Margaret Lee	John & Keely Barbe
Sept 21	Carol Hicks	Sue Boyd
Sept 28	OPEN	Susan Bogue