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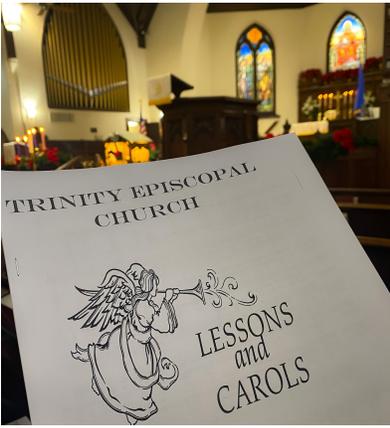
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Christmas At Trinity: In Pictures

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S HOLY VISION:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.



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OUR CORE VALUES:

Commitment to
Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism
Relational

Ministry

Worship

Servant
Ministry

Sacrificial
Giving

Biblical
Leadership

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Trinity Family,

My son Ben is a year old now and has discovered the fascinating reality that doors have hinges. Kitchen doors, front doors, cabinet doors, bathroom doors- no doors are safe from Ben's empirical investigation. He has endless fun with swinging a door open and closed, each time surprised and delighted that it swings the same way and that he is the one who makes it happen.

This is all fine and dandy as long as the doors stay open! The other day I heard a wail escape from the bathroom. As I walked from the living room, I found that the door was shut and the light was off. Where was Ben? Then I heard the fearful cry from inside- he had shut himself in and was now sitting in the dark! As I went to open the door, Ben kept pushing against the door, crying all the while for me to come get him. I knew what needed to happen though Ben would not like it. I had to push the door open and softly knock Ben over in order to get in and rescue him. Needless to say, he was not pleased with any part of this situation. We eventually remedied the situation with a hug and some Cheez-its, but in the meantime I thought to myself, "There's a sermon in there somewhere."

Situations in our lives can seem to be a certain way to us. It may be for reasons out of our control, or it may be our own fault that we are in the pitch back bathroom. But when God is showing us a new way out, it can be tempting to say, "No, God, I know the way out and I will keep pushing on this door until it opens, thank you very much. Will you please assist me in pushing harder my way?" That will give us more of the same frustration. We've got to be willing to change when God wants to take us in a different direction. We can't keep pushing the door closed because we've decided this is the way it must be.



What is a place in your life that you keep pushing and pushing without getting anywhere? Are you crying out to God to help you? Try stepping back for a moment, releasing your way of doing it, and asking God what He wants to do with the situation. What are His purposes, and what would He want to come out of it? It's scary at first because you don't know what the answer is anymore. But He wants you to trust Him. Even though we might not know the way, we know the One who is the Way- He will bring us safely through to the other side.

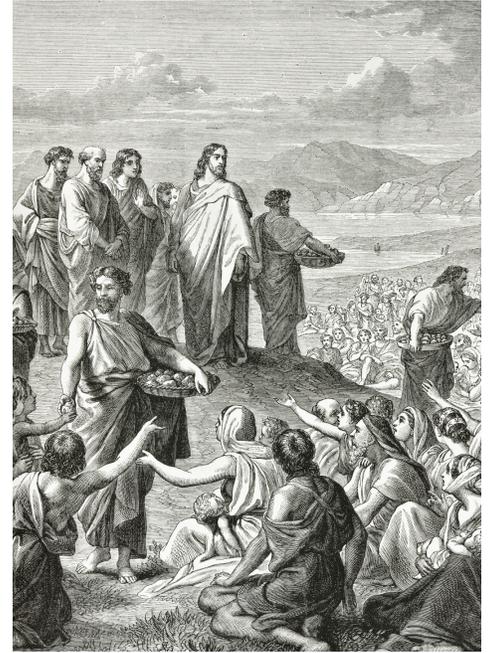
In Christ,
Rev. Sean

39 ARTICLES: COMMENTARY & REFLECTIONS

Article XII. Of Good Works.

ALBEIT that good works, which are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins and endure the severity of God's judgement, yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and do spring out necessarily of a true and lively faith, insomuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree discerned by the fruit.

As we pass on from Article XI on Justification, it becomes clear that the following 3 articles are meant to be taken as a piece, giving greater substance to the meaning of good works in our tradition. The person who has followed the argument closely so far has many questions about the place of good works in the Christian life. "If it really is true that we are right before God because of Christ's righteousness given to us and not because our good deeds merit God's favor, why do good works at all? It seems as though they don't matter and have no bearing on our relationship with God." Scripture texts like Matthew 25:34-36 are often presented as evidence against this view: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'"



So what is the real role of good works in the Christian life? The analogy of the Article may be summarized like this: Good works are to the Christian life as good fruit is to a healthy tree. Good works are the evidence of a life rooted in Christ. As Jesus says at the Sermon on the Mount, a tree is known by its fruit. Think about it. Let's say you go out into a peach orchard in the summer and take a look at one of the trees, laden with ripe peaches. Is it the presence of the peaches that cause the tree to be healthy? Surely no one would think that. Actually, the reverse is true. A healthy peach tree bears good peaches; the good fruit is the evidence that the tree is a healthy one. So it is with our good works. They do not cause our right status before God. They are the fruit of a life already connected to God.

We can see now how the previous objection to this article cannot hold water. Jesus speaks in Matthew 25 of good works, true enough. But what is the nature of these works? Are they the basis of God's acceptance or rather the evidence of someone already made right with God? It must be the latter. The question of faith has never been about whether Christians ought to do good deeds (they should), or even if they are necessary to a true and lively faith (they are). The question is whether the good deeds are the reason for God making someone right before Him. If it were the case that God judges by our deeds alone, they would never be able to endure the purifying fire of Judgment Day (1 Cor. 3). Yet because we are now in Christ through faith, even our meager good works are pleasing and acceptable to God. The reason we are right before God is not because our good works make us so. Our good works come because Christ has already done the work to make us right before Him.

AROUND TRINITY



The Trinity Ladies Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 11, 2022 was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and building community. Teresea Whaley hosted this event at her beautiful home and we shared an array of delicious dishes and desserts.

As we ended the year with this lovely get together, it was a wonderful time to get to know new faces, reconnect with old friends, reflect on how to continue to grow community at Trinity, and to continue to extend hospitality and friendship to all those whom we encounter.

We look forward to more gatherings and outings in 2023 for all the ladies of Trinity!



Women of Trinity hosted the Trinity School Choir at their November meeting and were treated to a wonderful selection of music from the Choir's Christmas program.

The ladies also collected toys for the Empty Stocking Fund.



OYANI : MARY WASIKE'S VISIT



We had the joy of praying over Mary Wasike before she left on her trip to Kenya and in turn an opportunity to visit our sister parish, Oyani church.

Here are some of the wonderful photos that Mary has shared from her visit.



OUR MISSION:

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.

Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.

Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Choir had a wonderful time at The Ginocchio for their annual Christmas party in December. A little reprieve before they went back to work preparing for the beautiful Choir Prelude before the Christmas Eve Family Service and Lessons & Carols on New Years Day.

We are so grateful for our choir and the ways in which they enrich our worship.



IN JANUARY

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Hannah Chapter



January Meeting

Sunday, January 15, 2023

12:00-1:30 PM

All Saints Hall

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

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WOMEN OF TRINITY

January Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

11:00 AM-1:00PM

ALL SAINTS HALL

Guest Speaker:

DR. WARREN JOHNSON

PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY @ ETBU



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Annual Parish Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

9:00-10:00 AM | ALL SAINTS HALL



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Bishop's Visit



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

10:30 AM SERVICE

Bishop Jeff Fisher

COFFEE & COOKIE RECEPTION IN ALL SAINTS HALL
FOLLOWING SERVICE



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Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR

OUR CLERGY:

Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, and our Rector Rev. Sean Duncan

OUR STAFF:

Jim Johnson - Organist; Melissa Hammers - Choir Director; Stacey Shaw - Parish Administrator; Danielle Bray - Nursery Director; Magdalena Altnau - Children's Minister & Communications Director; Christiaan Goldberg - Martha Kitchen's Assistant Director

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Our President, Joe; our Governor, Greg; our County Judge, Chad; our Mayor, Amy

OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN:

Zachary Vernon Walker, Jason Woodley, Michael Walsh, Lisa Sperhake, Christopher Love, Audrey Dobbs, Aubrey Toussaint, Kenny Welch, Ryan Allgood, Wil Moseley, Chase Tondee, Cole Cathey, Andy Albright

OUR PARISHIONERS:

Kay Kemp, Yank Terrell, Wanda Fugler, Dick Toussaint, Sandy Toussaint, David Cope, Terry Weeks, Michael Cason

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Rhonda Way, Tommy Hicks, Maria Mangieri, Brad Thomas, Vanessa White, Cathy Lazansky Horeu, Phil Thomas, Scott Gorges

HOMEBOUND:

Bill & Carolyn Sullivan - Home, Mary Jane McElroy - Marshall Manor, Jo Ann Cason - Home, Peggy Tracy - Home, Patty Whaley - Home, Mary Lou Barkett - Home, Ron Denney, Sr. - Home

SISTER PARISH:

Oyani Church - Kenya



MINISTRY ROSTER

| | Sunday, January 1 | Sunday, January 8 | Sunday, January 15 | Saturday, January 22 | Sunday, January 29 |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| 8am Lectors | N/A | Ann Brannon | Ken Kerr | David Thomas | Scott Rectenwald |
| 8am Ushers | N/A | Mac Abney | Ken Haynes | Ron Denny Jr | Mac Abney |
| 10:30am Lectors | David Jones | Sally Graff Brad Graff | Jessica Lang Lyn Carmony | Roy McCarroll David Jones | Brad Graff Sally Graff |
| 10:30am Ushers | N/A | Henry Henderson Robbey Simmons | Joel Truelove Brad Graff | Gary Hathaway Meiko Hathaway | Mark Trexler Tony Pierce |
| Acolyte | N/A | Kerr | Kerr | Kerr | Kerr |
| Verger | No Verger | Chris Altnau | Frank Strauss | Frank Strauss | Frank Strauss |
| Camera | No Camera | Tony Pierce | Austin Oden | Tony Pierce | Austin Oden |
| Altar Flowers | Poinsettias | Nancy Haynes | Flowers Needed | Flowers Needed | Flowers Needed |
| Coffee/Cookie Hour | N/A | Host Needed | Host Needed | Host Needed | Host Needed |
| Breakfast | Godinich | No Breakfast | No Breakfast | No Breakfast | No Breakfast |
| Altar Guild | Monday, January 2 | Monday, January 9 | Monday, January 16 | Monday, January 23 | Monday, January 30 |
| Polish Day January 16 | <i>Team 2</i> Angela Bray, K. Abraham, K. DeSa, S. Heim, B. Strauss | <i>Team 3</i> Susan Bogue, C. Martin, J. Trexler, T. Whaley, J. Weeks, G. Weinberg | <i>Team 4</i> Sue Boyd, C. Abney, G. Knutson, N. Haynes, L. Rectenwald | <i>Team 2</i> Angela Bray, K. Abraham, K. DeSa, S. Heim, B. Strauss | <i>Team 3</i> Susan Bogue, C. Martin, J. Trexler, T. Whaley, J. Weeks, G. Weinberg |

Ushers : Remember to count attendance, record it on card & hand it to the Verger during the Peace.

Is it not amazing: though we know the power of the Holy Spirit can be ours, we still ape the world's wisdom, trust its forms of publicity and its noise, and imitate its way of manipulating men! If we try to influence the world by using its methods, we are doing the Lord's work in the flesh. If we put activity, even good activity, at the center rather than trusting God, then there may be the power of the world, but we will lack the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Work in the Lord's Way | Francis A. Schaeffer

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



January Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Yuri Altnau | 24 Jeanette Shelton |
| 7 Ann Brannon | 25 Rebecca Bockmon |
| 8 Bill Abraham | 26 Jessica Lang |
| 9 Jack Rectenwald | 27 Jordan Weeks |
| 10 Jim Johnson | 28 Brett Weeks |
| 16 Nancy Haynes | 28 David Spellings |
| 18 David Jones | 29 Janet Gullette |
| 18 Michael DeSa | 30 Chris Cope |



Watch over thine children,
O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever
they may be. Strengthen them
when they stand; comfort them
when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise them up if they fall; and
in their hearts may thy peace
which passeth understanding
abide all the days of their life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Remo Mastrogiacomo
{ January 1 }

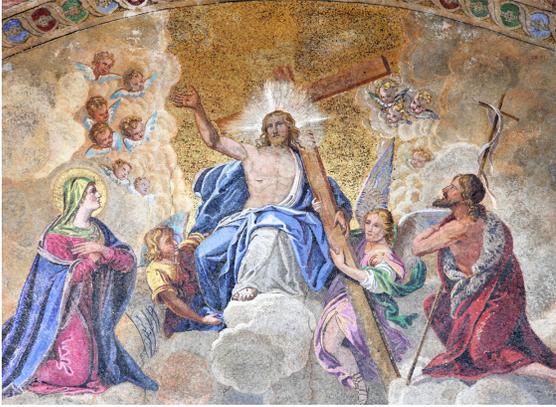
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Haynes
{ January 5 }

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pool
{ January 25 }



JANUARY FEAST DAYS

HOLY NAME | JANUARY 1



Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY | JANUARY 6

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



CONFESSION OF ST. PETER {APOSTLE} | JANUARY 18



Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL {APOSTLE} | JANUARY 25

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.





*Behold, I
come among
you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Sean D. Duncan
Rector

Magdalena Altnau
*Children's Christian
Formation Director/Minister
& Communications Director*

Danielle Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
*Music Director
and Organist*

Melissa Hammers
Choir Director

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Christiaan Goldberg
Martha's Kitchen - Asst. Director

VESTRY

Laura Rectenwald
Senior Warden

Juli Jameson
Clerk of the Vestry

Bud Bray

Katie DeSa

Tony Pierce

Edwina Thomas

Julie Trexler

Joel Truelove

Teresea Whaley

Parish Treasurer
Ken Kerr

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning

Holy Communion Rite I - 8 :00 am

Nursery - 9:15-11:45 am

Children's Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:15 am

Youth Christian Formation 9:30 - 10:15 am

Adult Christian Formation 9:30 - 10:15 am

Holy Communion Rite II - 10:30 am

In Person & Facebook Live

Wednesday Evening

Choir - 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening

Martha's Kitchen

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



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