



THE TRIPOD

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TRUNK OR TREAT

What a wonderful evening we shared on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at our Trunk or Treat event! We saw a wonderful community turnout and another year of amazing trunk decorating! After some serious deliberation, Judge Laura Rectenwald awarded this year's Best Trunk Trophy to Danielle Bray for her Trinity's Candyland trunk, which truly was a hit all around! Thank you so much to everyone who came out on Saturday, donated candy, and volunteered to make this event possible!

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,

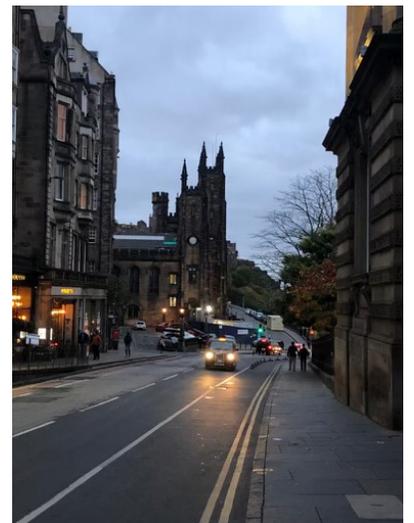
During the time this issue goes to print, I will be in Scotland. So I thought I would send some pictures! This trip to Scotland is part of my distance program with the University of Edinburgh. The degree program is 6 years at a part-time pace. Part of the requirement of the degree is to travel to the university once a year to meet with my doctoral supervisor, fellow post grad students and attend classes at the Divinity school. Here are some of pictures of the school and surrounding area. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you when I get back!



In Christ,
Rev. Sean



Edinburgh, Scotland | 2022



39 ARTICLES: COMMENTARY & REFLECTIONS

Article X. Of Free Will.

THE condition of man after the fall of Adam is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith and calling upon God. Wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us that we may have a good will, and working with us when we have that good will.

Today's Article continues our extended look on the salvation of humanity (IX–XVII) by discussion of the freedom of the will. It is important to say from the outset that the abstract concept of free will is not in view here. Questions of determinism and libertarian free will have only a tangential bearing on the meaning of the article; rather, the discussion in view is the ability of the will to choose God after the Fall.



This debate has raged within the Church since at least the time of Augustine's clash with Pelagius. Pelagius was a British monk who believed that humanity was utterly free to choose or not choose God, even without the enabling of God's grace upon the soul. His reasoning was that God would never command something of humanity that could not be freely done and so it follows that humanity is totally free to obey or disobey without stricture. Pelagius rejected belief in original sin for the same reason (see previous article for discussion on original sin). However, St. Augustine argued the inadequacy of this position on the basis of texts like Phil. 2:12–13: "Thus [Paul] did not say, 'God works in you to be able' as though they had willing and working of themselves and had no need of God's help for these two. Instead he said, 'It is God who works in you both to will and to accomplish'" (Augustine, *On the Grace of Christ*, V. 6; quoted in Holcomb, *J. Know the Heretics*, p. 116).

Even after the teaching of Pelagius was rejected at the Council of Ephesus, there remained an undercurrent of thought which maintained that humanity was only deprived of holiness at the Fall, not ability. Humanity was not dead in sin but without God's grace could turn to God (only could not persevere alone). There was still the ability to reach for God and prepare oneself for grace, even to merit the giving of grace by the good works done in a state of unbelief.

By contrast, Article X speaks of the prevenient grace of God. The word "prevenient" comes from the Latin *Prae-* ("before") *venire* ("to come"). The spiritual state of humanity before God's grace is helpless. God's grace always comes before to enliven our spirits and give us the ability to turn to Him in faith, "preventing us that we may have a good will." This is not to say that we cannot do good deeds in a human plane, but that we cannot do anything good in God's sight before faith: "For whatever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). As a result, we can never be the cause of our own salvation; instead, salvation will always belong to the LORD. We must pray with Augustine, "I have no hope at all but in your great mercy. Command what you will; give what you command."

Don't miss next time, when we will discuss one of the touchstone articles of all our study: *Of the Justification of Man*.

INGATHERING

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your support of designated accounts such as major maintenance and Rev. Sean's scholarship fund this year. We asked, and you stepped up to help us take care of our church property and other non-budgeted but critical needs. The Martha's Kitchen and Thanksgiving ministries have community wide support, a real blessing in helping us provide community outreach.

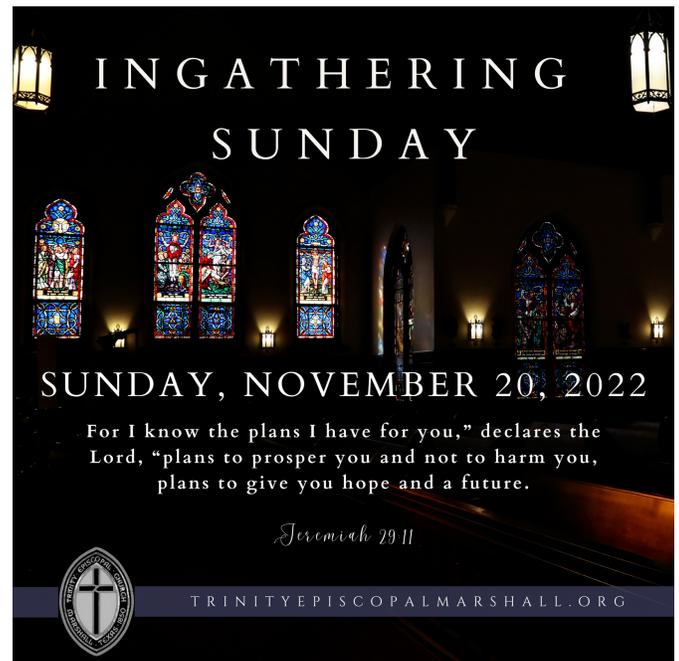
Our church operating budget (for utilities and salaries primarily) is set each year based on pledges and anticipated donations. There is a considerable fluctuation in contributions that makes it difficult to set a precise budget, but generally we try to use the prior year as a template. We always hope that our membership will grow and we seek to be optimistic in our stewardship of the church's financial resources. We try to respond to identified needs such as the recent minor adjustments to advertise in the newspaper and to provide a security officer. The purpose of the church is not to build a bank account, but to do ministry.

You probably notice that the monthly financial report in the Tripod most often shows a monthly revenue of about \$30,000 and expenses of about \$40,000, but occasionally, revenue exceeds expenses. The monthly deficits have become a concerning trend, as expenses have exceeded revenue in four of the past five years. In 2020, we experienced decreased operating expenses and received a payroll protection loan that was forgiven, finishing the year with a surplus of \$95,921.

Then, in 2021, our expenses again exceeded our revenue by \$65,528. The diocese has recently announced a \$10,000 reduction in our annual assessment for 2023, and that will certainly help in closing the distance between revenue and expenses.

On the heels of the pandemic and transition between rectors, we started 2022 faithfully, hopefully, prayerfully, and remaining in a strong position, with a similar budget to years past. The wonderful support of the Fry Hall and All Saint's Hall repairs certainly underscore the stability and continuing support of the parish for our church. I do want to be sure that our congregation is aware though, that as of mid-October, our operating expenses for the year exceed our revenue considerably.

Unless things change demonstrably in the near future, we will need to consider this trend when setting our budget for 2023.



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INGATHERING | WOMEN OF TRINITY

As a vestry, we are responsible for defining and articulating the mission of the congregation, supporting the mission by word and deed, selecting the rector, assuring effective organization and planning and lastly, managing resources and finances. We have worked very hard to fulfill these responsibilities. It is not clear that we could make cuts from our operating budget that would make a demonstrable difference in our operating expenses without major compromises in programming. Please pray that our parish will grow and that our parishioners will be blessed and generous in their support of the mission of our church.

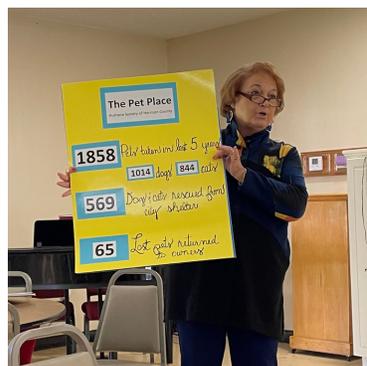
If you have not increased your pledge or donation in a while, please be mindful that the church is also experiencing the effects of inflation. We welcome your input regarding desired priorities and changes.

Faithfully,
Laura Rectenwald
Senior Warden

WOMEN OF TRINITY

Women of Trinity hosted The Pet Place at their October meeting and learned about their work in animal rescue, shelter, and adoption.

Join the ladies this month as they welcome the Trinity School Choir (November 16, 2022) and will be collecting toy donations for the Empty Stocking Fund!



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.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

**NOVEMBER 24, 2022
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

***MEALS ARE FREE*
TAKE OUT & DELIVERY**

CITYWIDE DELIVERY AVAILABLE
FOR THE HOMEBOUND
CALL 903.938.4246
TO ARRANGE DELIVERY



As we welcome November, we find ourselves once again gearing up to serve our community through our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch. The need for feeding the hungry, the homebound, those in our jails, our first responders, the homeless, and anyone else who might not be in a position to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal during this time of year remains as relevant as ever.

We are asking for donations towards the cost of our Turkeys this year as well and we hope that you will continue to partner with us to make 2022 another successful year. Checks should specify Thanksgiving Outreach and can be dropped off at the office, or in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for the amazing support this important ministry always receives and for continuing to help us fill this community need year after year.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Pre-Thanksgiving Day

Turkey Donations
All Saints Table Set Up

On Thanksgiving Day

Dessert cutters
Servers
To-go box Fillers
Delivery Drivers



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Turkey Donations



SUPPORT OUR
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Donations At Your
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Thanksgiving Collect

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

IN NOVEMBER



Join Us For
FRIENDSGIVING
Saturday, November 12, 2022
4:00 - 6:00 PM @ The Duncan's

**BRING YOUR BEST
THANKSGIVING
SIDES!**

With Musical Guests:



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THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
Hannah Chapter



November Meeting
Sunday, November 13, 2022
12:00 - 1:30 PM
All Saints Hall

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

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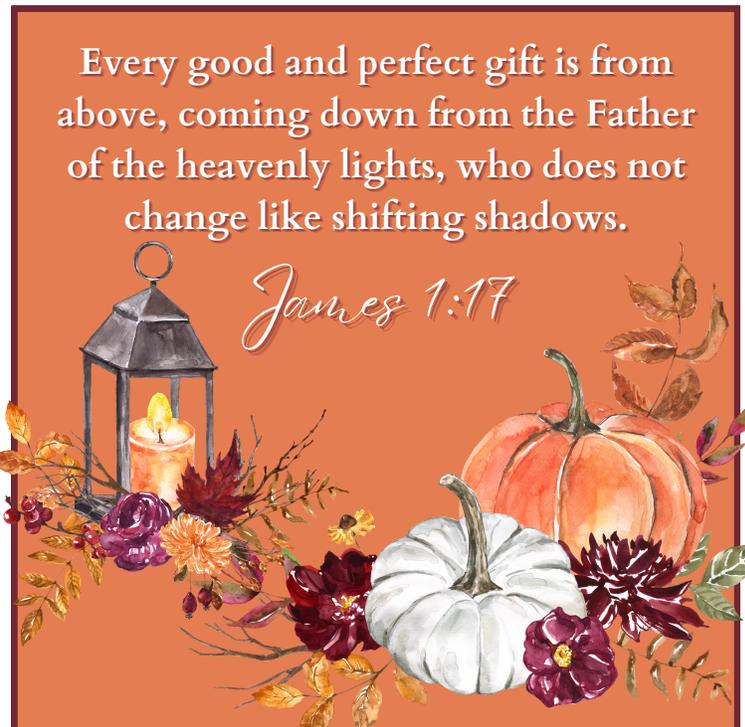
WOMEN OF TRINITY
November Meeting
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ALL SAINTS HALL

Special Guests:
TRINITY SCHOOL CHOIR

*BRING AN UNWRAPPED NEW TOY
FOR EMPTY STOCKING FUND*

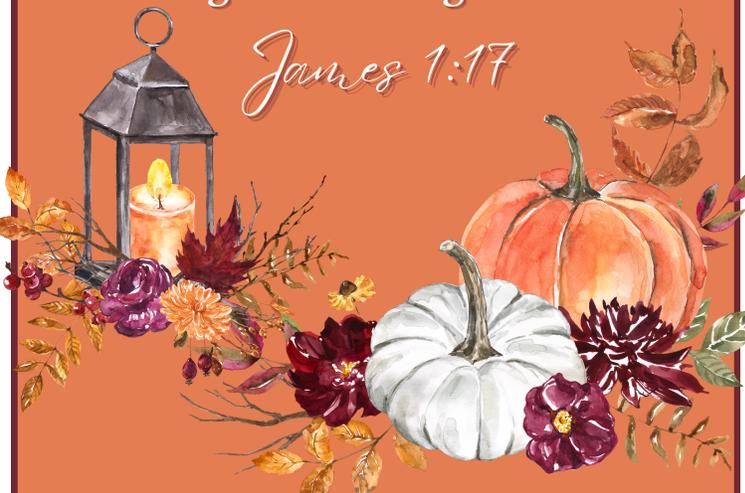


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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17



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, November 6	Sunday, November 13	Sunday, November 20	Sunday, November 27
8am Lectors	Ann Brannon	David Thomas	Ken Kerr	Ann Brannon
8am Ushers	Ron Denney, Jr.	Mac Abney	Ken Haynes	Ron Denney, Jr.
10:30am Lectors	Roy McCarroll Lyn Carmony	Brad Graff Sally Graff	David Jones Jessica Lang	Roy McCarroll Lyn Carmony
10:30am Ushers	Gary Hathaway Meiko Hathaway	Henry Henderson Robbey Simmons	Mark Trexler Tony Pierce	Gary Hathaway Meiko Hathaway
Acolyte	Aiden Kerr	Anika Kerr	Yuri Altnau	Aiden Kerr
Verger	Frank Strauss	Mark Trexler	Mark Traxler	Mark Trexler
Camera	Austin Oden	Tony Pierce	Austin Oden	Tony Pierce
Altar Flowers	Bogue	Altnau	Trexler	Ivy
Coffee/Cookie Hour	Helen Beckwith	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed
Breakfast	Scouts	No Breakfast	No Breakfast	No Breakfast
Altar Guild	Monday, Nov 7	Monday, Nov 14	Monday, Nov 21	Monday, Nov 28
<i>Polish Day Nov 17</i>	<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, L. Terrell, 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.

September Financials

REVENUE \$ 17,490.00

EXPENSES \$ 31,153.98

DIFFERENCE \$ {13,663.98}

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



November Birthdays

3 Susan Bogue	17 Allan Lang
5 Betty Oden	18 Magdalena Altnau
8 Amber Duncan	18 Benjamin Duncan
11 Bill Pool	22 Laura Rectenwald
15 Patty Whaley	25 Gail Furrh
16 Nora Brown	27 Mary Clark



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. Brad Graff
{ *November 14* }

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Bray
{ *November 21* }



NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS

ALL SAINTS DAY | NOVEMBER 1

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



CHRIST THE KING | NOVEMBER 20

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING | NOVEMBER 24

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



ST. ANDREW {APOSTLE} | NOVEMBER 30

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and 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

Dinner - 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Children's Program - 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Rector's Forum - 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Compline - 7:15 - 7:30 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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