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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S HOLY VISION:

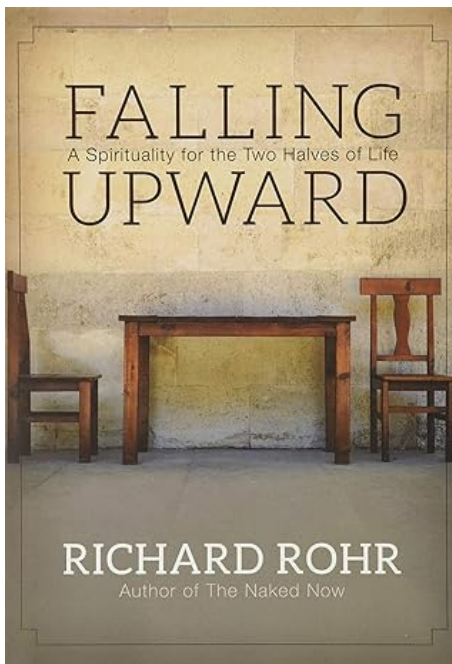
In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:30am - Advent 4 Service
7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

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Pizza and Book Study

Starting January 10th @ 6:00 PM



In **Falling Upward**, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness.



OUR CORE VALUES:

Commitment to Jesus Christ

Authority of Scripture

Evangelism
Relational

Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

The True Miracle of Christmas

It has been said that different branches of God’s Church focus on different aspects of the Gospel. While all the branches of the Church proclaim the sundry facets of the Gospel, there are aspects of the Gospel that each are drawn to in particular. Those of the Eastern Orthodox branch focus on Easter Sunday. Churches in the charismatic mold focus on the the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. Lutherans and evangelical churches focus on the centrality of the cross and Jesus’ death for us. People have suggested that the focus for Episcopalians/Anglicans is Christmas, or the doctrine of the incarnation.

It has been said that the Prologue of John’s Gospel (1: 1-18) is so beautiful that it was dictated by angels. The fourteenth verse from the Prologue of John quoted above is the perfect summation of incarnational theology. The Greek word that we translate dwelt is *eskenosen*. The definition of its root word *skénoó* taken from Strong’s Concordance is as follows. “*Skénoó* – properly, to pitch or live in a tent, denoting much more than the mere general notion of dwelling, dwelling in intimate communion.”

You have probably seen the above image in the hallway outside our church offices. I recently had a t-shirt made with the same image. This image communicates to me the true miracle of Christmas, that God in the person of Jesus chose to come live among us, but not just us, also “them.” We often want to divide the world up into the categories of us and them. The words written on this image reminds me to be cautious about self-righteously and simplistically dividing the world into camps of us and them. For the moment we do, God reminds “us” that Jesus is with “them.”

St. Teresa of Avila has written “Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” That is incarnational theology. That is Christmas lived out 365 days a year. If we walk with “them,” then we can be assured we walk with Jesus.

Fr. Kevin+

Harvest Dinner



Join Fr. Kevin and others at Trinity in a discipline of prayer for our church during the season of Advent. If you don't have a prayer partner to pray with in your home try this podcast of the Daily Office which can be found on many streaming services like Apple Podcast or Spotify. This commitment to prayer is an excellent way to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christmas season. It is also a time to invite God to be made powerfully present in the midst of your life and our shared life at Trinity. Let's pray together and discover what it is that God wants to do in our corner of God's Kingdom.



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.

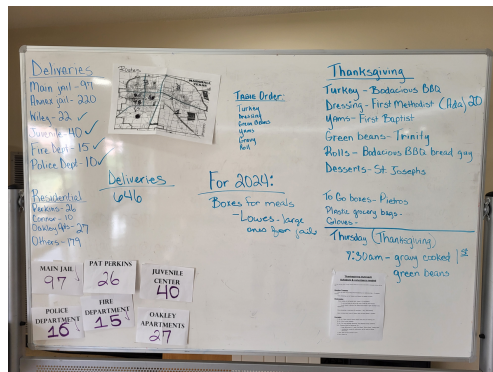
Ministry Schedule December 2023

Ministry	Sunday, December 3, 2023	Sunday, December 10, 2023	Sunday, December 17, 2023	Sunday, December 24, 2023	Sunday, December 31, 2023
10:30 AM Lector 1	Jeff Henderson	Alaina Jones	Roy Jack McCarroll	Ann Brannon	Clarissa Martin
10:30 AM Lector 2	Clarissa Martin	Griffin Jones	Matt Hatch	Margot Lingold	Ann Brannon
10:30 AM LEM	Jeff Henderson Clarissa Martin	Alaina Jones Griffin Jones	Roy Jack McCarroll Matt Hatch	Ann Brannon Margot Lingold	Clarissa Martin Ann Brannon
10:30 AM Ushers	Henry Henderson Joel Truelove	Gary & Mieko Hathaway	Tony Pierce Henry Henderson	Joel Truelove Robbey Simmons	Tony Pierce Henry Henderson
Acolyte: Crucifer	Kirkley/Charlotte Lewis	Sagan Jameson-Hatch	Emma Eppley	Ellis/Isaac Baldwin	Griffin Jones
Camera / Audio	Steve Lewis	Tony Pierce	Steve Lewis	Tony Pierce	Steve Lewis
Altar Flowers	Margaret & Drake Lee	Keely & John Barbe	Jackie & Terry Weeks	Susan & John Bogue	Christmas Poinsettias
Coffee & Cookie Hr.	Vicke and Larry D'Asto	Margaret & Drake Lee	Mieko & Gary Hathaway	No Coffee Hour	Host Needed
Altar Guild	Monday, December 4, 2023	Monday, December 11, 2023	Monday, December 18, 2023	Monday, December 25, 2023	Monday, January 1, 2024
	Team 4	Team 3	Team 2	Team 4	Team 3

If you aren't able to serve on a Sunday you are scheduled for please contact someone else in you ministry and switch Sundays. Please notify the office of your schedule change.

Thanksgiving Outreach

Another successful Thanksgiving in the books! It wouldn't be possible without all the awesome volunteers that show up!



JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR

OUR CLERGY:

Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, and our Interim Rector Fr. Kevin

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN:

Jason Woodley, Christopher Love, Audrey Dobbs, Aubrey Toussaint, Andy Albright, Lake Brannon

OUR PARISHIONERS:

Kay Kemp, Terry Weeks, Michael Cason, Joe Weinberg, Dick Boyd

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Tommy Hicks, Roger & Tina Neal

HOMEBOUND:

Mary Jane McElroy – Marshall Manor, Patty Whaley – Home, Ron Denney, Sr. – Home, Glenda Lane – Home, Yank Terrell – Home, David Jones – Marshall Manor, Albert McPhail – Reunion Inn

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays

7	Keaton Henderson	21	Alaina Jones
8	Jennifer Truelove	21	Tony Pierce
13	Bill Lewis	28	Kay Kemp
17	Griffin Jones	31	Logan Jameson-Hatch

If we missed your birthday let the office know so we can update our records and be sure to include it next year in the Tripod.

Happy Anniversary

4	Barbara & Joel Truelove
10	Alaina & Michael Jones
16	Keely & John Barbe

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

Luke 22:27

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Kevin Wittmayer
Interim Rector

Jim Johnson
*Music Director
and Organist*

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

VESTRY

Ann Brannon
Senior Warden

Joel Truelove
Junior Warden

Tony Pierce
Clerk

Henry Henderson

Jackie Weeks

Judy Asaff

Margot Lingold
Parish Treasurer



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