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Trinity Christmas

Trinity Episcopal Church:

Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform

Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 164 years in Marshall, Texas

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Christmas events started a bit early for Trinity. If you weren't present, you missed a great evening. We began our celebration on the last Sunday of Advent with a Service of Lessons and Carols conducted by the Trinity Choir. Their service of Scripture and Hymns has set the spirit of the season flowing through the parish.

After the Service of Lessons and Carols a number of our children gave us a different perspective of the Christmas story that enable us to see it from the first hand witnesses to the birth of Christ, the farm animals present in the stable where Christ was born. Their performance was delightful and fun to watch.



Once the children's program wrapped up we gathered for food and fellowship for one and all. Merry Christmas to all and a Blessed New Year!



Left to right: Lily Price, Anika Kerr, Sagan Jameson-Hatch, Logan Jameson-Hatch, Aiden Kerr, Yuri Altnau.



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.

Bishop Fisher Visitation



The Right Reverend Jeff Fisher, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Texas will do his Annual Visitation to Trinity on Sunday, January 11th.

At the 10:30 AM Service Bishop Fisher will confirm Wesley Simmons, Gavin McAdam, Michelle Cutrer, Natasha Francios Martinez, James J. Craver, Candie Craver, James T. Craver, Tara Craver and Greg Gani.

Following the service Bishop Fisher will meet with the 2015 Vestry.

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Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

A Blessed New Year to All!

What would you like this New Year to be for you? Think about that for a moment. When it becomes December 31, 2015 what would you like to look back at over the year and be able to say, "This was a great year!"

Now, how many of us thought that we would like to look back over the year after it is over and be able to say that it had been a wonderful year because I have deepened my relationship and my commitment to God, through Christ?

Often people ask me how to grow in faith and relationship to God. How do we grow in any area of our lives? It takes several things; it takes determination and it takes a plan. Without the plan, a person doesn't know what road to take and with out determination a person lacks the where with all to follow through with the plan. If spiritual growth is something that a person is serious about I would like to offer some guidance on how to make it a reality.

First, worship. We cannot grow in our relationship with the Lord unless we first unless we first recognize that he is worthy. Worship comes from root of worthiness. We worship the Lord because He is worthy of our worship. A person does not worship alone. Worship by its very nature is communal. We gather as individuals to worship as a community of faith. We gather together because worshipping is about the growth of a faith community sharing a common desire to grow spiritually in relationship with God and one another. If a person doesn't make worship a priority in their lives then the other things that help us grow spiritual will not take place in our lives. Why? Because we haven't really deemed God worthy of our time. Worship is not an occasional practice, it must be a regular discipline.

Second, a person must pray daily. Our daily prayers bring us to the very Throne of Grace. A Place where we can bare our hearts before God and pour them out to him. Our prayer must include time to listen for God's response to our prayers. Once an individual came to me saying, "I pray all the time. Yet, I don't feel closer to God." I then asked if they listened all the time. We forget that prayer is about both going to God with our lives, and then listening to God guide our lives. When we commune with God we come to know Him a bit better each day and trust him more and more. This then becomes a foundation upon which we thrive spiritually.

Lastly, a person must read Scripture daily. Yes, I know, many a person has stated off a year promising to read the Bible daily then they hit the Book of Numbers and the names become an obstacle to great to push through. That's one of the reasons the first and second things are so important. They put you in a place spiritually where you are willing to endure the struggling with Scripture. It is in Scripture we encounter the heart and mind of God. We find in the texts the love and mercy of God for all His creation. We see that love made manifest in the gift of His Son and we come to know what walking with God looks like in our joys and in our hurts.

Worship, Prayer, and reading Scripture; three keys that will open the spiritual fount of the living waters available to us. I would challenge each of us to make just one New Year's Resolution this year and that is the dedicate yourself this year to growing in faith by practicing the spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer and Scripture study. I can promise you if you do that you will be able to look back on 2015 and say "This was a great year!"



Pax et Bonum.

Fr. John



Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church

includes

Growing a dynamic youth program.

Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.

Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

Women of Trinity

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR! from all your friends in Women of Trinity. We enter 2015 with gratitude to our heavenly Father for the opportunity to greet this clean slate with great intentions. We remember with affection and admiration, the past members of WOT who have passed on, especially at this time, Edna Gani. Women of Trinity has a tradition of serving Trinity Church through its members, who have contributed in countless ways to the welfare of this church. We extend a hearty invitation to all the women of Trinity Church, young or not-so-young, new parishioner or seasoned, to visit with us...no dues and few responsibilities. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in All Saints' Hall at 11 a.m., following the Wednesday 10 a.m. service. In January, we're going to learn all about our own Martha's Kitchen from Bonnie Strauss, the gal with stories to tell...there's a lot more to the "Kitchen" than you ever dreamed and she can't wait to "share." We'll have lunch at Noon and that's half the fun 'cause the fellowship is great and the food is always good. Let one of those New Year's resolutions be to mark your calendar for the Women of Trinity meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 11 a.m. in All Saints' Hall. See you there!

Men of Trinity

The Men of Trinity will meet on Monday, January 12th at 5:30 PM in All Saints' Hall. Come join us for food & fellowship!



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew will meet on Wednesday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 28th at 12:00 PM for lunch and Bible Study at Jucy's. The monthly meeting will be Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 AM at Golden Corral.

Birthdays

1 Bill Michaels	16 Larry D'Asto
2 Bud Spellings	16 Molly Hammond
3 Doyle Curry	17 Jean Taylor
3 Meagan Moseley	18 David Jones
3 Barbara Cobb	18 Michael DeSa
4 Yuri Altnau	19 Alice Furrh
5 Walton Truelove	23 Angela Williams
7 Ann Brannon	25 Rebecca Bockmon
8 Bill Abraham	27 Cassy Rhoades
8 David Cason	28 David Spellings
9 Sandra White	28 Brett Weeks
9 Jack Rectenwald	29 Janet Gullette
9 Ella Neal	30 Chris Cope
10 Jim Johnson	31 Dennis Rhoades
15 Mamie Lyons	
16 Cody Baldwin	
16 Nancy Haynes	

Anniversaries

1	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Martin
1	Mr. & Mrs. Erik Howard
3	Mr. & Mrs. Justin Briggie
5	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Haynes
16	Mr. & Mrs. Larry D'Asto
18	Mr. & Mrs. Cameron McElroy, III
23	Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Asaff

Church Financials and Attendance for November 2014

Budget Income for 2014	\$ 482,773						
Budget Expenses for 2014	\$ 484,854						
Budget Difference for 2014	(\$ 2,082)						
Income Received to Date	\$ 430,021						
Expenses to Date	\$ 419,306						
Income for the month	\$ 45,510						
Expenses for the month	\$ 28,664						
Difference for the month	\$ 16,847						
Difference to Date.....	\$ 10,716						
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	Previous Month	Present					
Average Sunday	163	161					
Attendance to date							
Average Sunday	155						
Attendance for November							
Sunday Attendance to date	7584						
Attendance all other Services	9554						

Garlic Shrimp Pasta

1 lb uncooked linguini (or pasta of choice)

1 tbs butter

3 tbs white wine

2 tbs grated parmesan cheese

3 gloves garlic minced

1 tsp chopped fresh parsley

Salt & pepper

1 lb medium shrimp peeled & deveined

1. Cook pasta & drain

2. In saucepan, melt butter, add wine, cheese, garlic, salt & pepper. Simmer 3 to 5 min.

3. Increase heat to medium & add shrimp, cook about 3 to 4 minutes until shrimp turn pink.

4. Serve over pasta

(8 servings)



Daughters of the King & JrDOK



December is a wonderful time for the Hannah Chapter of the Daughters of the King. Both The Daughters of the King and the Junior Daughters of the King installed new members into the Order.

The Daughter of the King Hannah Chapter's new members are Michelle Badeaux Cutrer and Natasha Francois Martinez.

The new Junior Daughters of the King installed are Anika Kerr, Sagan Jameson-Hatch, Ellis Baldwin, Zoe Baldwin and Sophie Daily. These young ladies had been studying to become Junior Daughters since September.

The installations took place at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 7th. Following the service there was a reception for the new Daughters in All Saints Hall for the parish to welcome the Hannah Chapter's newest members.





Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

This is a portion of an Article by Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University. He hits the nail on the head when it comes to liturgy.

Liturgy, What Does it Do?

1. Liturgy takes us out and it puts us in

Liturgy takes us out of the regular world and returns us to a sacred moment or sacred time. It is a way of putting us in touch with a particular reality, of converging and conforming our world with the supernatural. Liturgy thus explains why we are here, but at the same time, also places us somewhere else. Paths cross here.

2. Liturgy unites, making many one

The liturgy organizes and moves people through a common sense of participation, of shared action. It unites us and makes us a common body. We say and do things in the same way, we speak the same words and hear the same things, and express agreement to them. It is communal action. To use the Anglican phrase, we all share in Common (ie communal) Prayer.

3. That unity crosses boundaries of time and space

The fact that liturgy is fixed means that anywhere you go in the world, you will hear the same words and the same patterns. Services are not “dealer’s choice” in which any words or forms are permissible, and they don’t depend on the whims of particular leaders. That is also why we use the formal language appropriate to solemn things. Historic form and language are used to consecrate time.

When we share in a liturgy today, we are doing essentially the same thing that countless others were doing a hundred or a thousand years ago. Liturgy thus creates community and continuity with past and present, proclaiming a link with past and future. We see this for example when we repeat ancient Greek terms like *Kyrie Eleison*.

Language speaks us.

4. Liturgy uses action to declare and reinforce common belief

The old phrase says *lex orandi, lex credendi*, “the law of prayer is the law of belief”—roughly, show me how you worship and I’ll know what you believe. Not just in its verbal statements, a Eucharist proclaims the Church’s basic teachings through what the participants say and do. Every moment, it teaches the idea of Incarnation.

5. Liturgy tells stories in ways that make us live them

People make sense of the world through story-telling, which allow us to build and shape memory. We tell stories in different ways, sometimes through words but also through action. Ritual and behavior are singularly effective ways of telling a story. A liturgy like the Christian Eucharist also tells a story, in order to preserve and pass on the church’s memory.

6. Liturgy uses performance to tell stories

Without embarrassment, I use the theatrical word “performance.” As in any theatrical performance, liturgy uses cues to move to different phases—some moments and events signify beginnings and endings, calling you to be on stage. Like any play, too, there are ups and downs, an ascent to a climax, and then a return to something like normal. In a Eucharist particularly, we share different actions and experiences appropriate to different phases of the event. And there are clearly distinct portions, different “acts.”

7. Liturgy unites and binds things that otherwise are wholly separate

Liturgy is sacramental, in that it uses many different kinds of material symbol and object to carry spiritual truths. It also unites the mind and the bodily senses. It is not just rational and book-centered. It uses physical beauty as a means of presenting and reinforcing truth. Readings and texts are integrated into the larger “performance,” with its changing moods and lessons.

8. Liturgy consecrates time – or else, time consecrates liturgy

Stories and performances all have their appropriate times and settings. Liturgical actions, likewise, depend wholly on the cycles of the church year. Participating in liturgy means we share in this cycle, we join its beginnings and share the route to its end. Much of this journey involves non-literate means, including seasonally appropriate colors and lights.

Finally, and shockingly:

9. Liturgy allows Earth to become Heaven, however briefly

The Bible repeatedly describes liturgical actions, on earth and in heaven, at God’s court. We see this especially in books like Isaiah and Revelation. In turn, those scriptural passages have had a huge impact on the actual practice and language of earthly churches. In a prayer like the *Sanctus*, the “Holy,” humans celebrate with angels, breaking down divisions between natural and supernatural, Earth and Heaven. That is the central theme of the Eucharist.



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

Luke 22:27

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The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

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*Children's Christian
Formation*

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Paul Palmer

Randy Reeves

Clarence Brown

Cathy Cope

Matt Hatch

Jim Kutner

Bonnie Strauss

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM

Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM

Holy Communion - 10:30 AM

After 10:30 Service
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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