



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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From the Rector

The Rev. Timothy H. Graham

Dear friends,

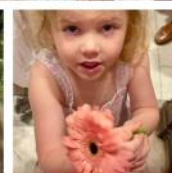
Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

These past few weeks have been amazing as we have gathered together in worship to celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter! The story of our faith has been such a gift in these days, and it has also been wonderful to be together as a community of faith. There is such joy when we come together to be the body of Christ. I give thanks for all of the many people who made our worship so meaningful. In this Easter season we also have so much to look forward to.

In this newsletter you'll find opportunities for worship, learning and fellowship in the coming weeks; Sunday worship, potluck lunches, VBS, and Wednesday night suppers and programs. Many of us will be traveling in the weeks ahead, but there will also be folks here at Trinity in downtown Columbus living our Easter faith and loving each other in the joy of Jesus Christ. I hope you'll join us when you can.

Timothy H. Graham

Father Tim



Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;" Psalm 88:2

In Our Prayers:

Parishioners

Bill Batastini
Jenny Lind Berry
Nancy Bloebaum
Jack Collins
Peggy Collins
Joyce Curry
Ginger Driver
Ken Followill
Becky Goldsmith
Deana Graham
Mary Johnson
Mary Dana Knight
Fred Korzan
Harriot Lippmann
Robert Marcus
Karyn Marra
Lally McGurk
Bob Miller
Jo Myers
Bill Perdue
Jacquie Rawls
Camilla Rich
Hazel Rust
Fleur Stearns
Kathryn Torres
George Trussell, Jr.
Walter Trussell
Bob Upchurch
George Wade
Libby Wells
Judy Wilkinson

Friends

Lisa Askew
Jim Buntin
Lisa Ellr
Angela Haskell
Mary Henderson
Joe Higdon
Tommy Holloway
Doug Irvine
Bob Kidd
Jennifer Kidd
Kim Kimbrough
Ricky Korzan
Devon Levy
Kendra Neal
Michael Owen
Kathy Renno
Paul Rickard
Martha Robert
Bob Scarborough
Hadley Scott
Hildred Shearer
Billy Steele

If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.

Lectors Needed



Interested in serving as a lector
during the 9 am or 10:30 am
services?

Email trinitycols@gmail.com with
your availability!



Celebrating Ascension Day

'I am with you always, to the end of the age'

The season of Easter lasts fifty days, stretching from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. At the tail end of Eastertide, there are three principal feasts observed by the church: Ascension Day (Thursday, May 26), Pentecost (June 5), and Trinity Sunday (June 12).

Of the seven principal feasts observed by the church, these three all fall within a few weeks of each other! The Sundays of Pentecost and Trinity are always observed with great fanfare. However, Ascension Day sometimes is overlooked: it always falls on a Thursday, because it is always observed on the fortieth day after Easter.

For centuries, however, the Feast of the Ascension was remembered in a big way by Christians around the world. Anglicans in particular have long celebrated the Ascension, not as Christ's departure from this world, but as his joining of heaven and earth in a new creation. Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams writes that, after the Ascension, *"the things and the persons of this world are seen in a new way, seen as charged with hope, with a future of glory and of healing... We are caught up in the eternal movement of God's commitment to his creation."*

This month, Trinity church will celebrate Ascension Day by walking the Stations of the Resurrection. This short service is analogous to the Stations of the Cross we walked on Good Friday. During the Stations of the Resurrection, we will remember fourteen major happenings reported in the New Testament, stretching from the Earthquake that shook the world after Jesus' crucifixion, all the way to the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We'll gather for Ascension Day in Trinity's courtyard, on Thursday, May 26 at 6pm. After the service, all are invited to walk over and enjoy the sunset at Banks Food Hall!

- Father Andy



TRINITY KIDS NEWS!

ANNOUNCING VBS 2022!

Once again we will partner with our great neighbors for a week of fun, craziness, and learning - June 6-10th. Make plans for your kids to be here and invite your friends! It's going to be great!!

Registration is live on our website for
LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS - A Feast For All

WE NEED AT LEAST 7 MORE ADULTS (and as many teens and tweens) to volunteer! Contact Mama D with questions or to add your name to the list. We promise a week that might make your feet tired but will definitely make you laugh and fill your soul with happiness!



My friends!

It is such a gift to this soul to be back amongst you! I'll admit that being at home for months left me a bit nervous about getting out, but I have been showered with so much love - and that has made all the difference!

Sitting in the pew at Easter with 13 little people I love so much was a balm, for sure! I was so proud of them for sitting through the whole service. (Hopefully, the folks around us felt the same!) We did great until after communion when I passed my phone down the row to keep them together just a few more minutes. They began taking photos, and what had been just the sounds of papers and crayons turned into a fraternity party gone bad! I'll share some of their interesting photos!



On a more serious note . . .

It is important to me that our time together helps to ensure a love of church in each of these wonderful kids. I'd like them to:

- feel the love of God every time they enter the doors of Trinity.
- learn parts of the service, one by one, until the words become ingrained in their hearts and readily available to pull out when needed.
- have fun at church . . . to WANT to be here!
- learn the stories of the Bible in engaging ways that help form a basis for their decision-making each day.
- truly know the other members of the Trinity family.

You can help me make these things happen by:

- bringing your children to church as often as possible.
- sharing with them how coming to church makes you feel or what the sermon made you think about, etc.
- practicing parts of the service with your children so they are part of what's happening in Big Church when we enter.
- introducing your child to friends at church - they love to know and be known by people of all ages and experiences. It makes their family feel bigger and happier!
- asking your child about Children's Chapel or wonder with them about things we learn at church. I always feel like it's a gift to our kids when we let them know that we don't understand everything about God, BUT we see God's grace all around us!

Covid kicked us, a bird scooter kicked Mama D - but we're back, the momentum is rising, and it's time to build up the kingdom of God through our Trinity Kids!

Let's do it! Love you all!
Mama D



SUMMER 2022 AT TRINITY

MAY

4 - CINCO DE MAYO DINNER &
BINGO - 6 PM

8 - GRADUATE RECOGNITION
SUNDAY

26 - ASCENSION DAY

30 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
FOR MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

1 - SUPPER & BIBLE TRIVIA
WITH FATHER ANDY - 6 PM

4 - BACK PEW CLUB AT THE
HELMICK'S - 5 PM

6-10 - VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL

12 - TRINITY SUNDAY
POTLUCK AFTER 10:30
WORSHIP

25 - FATHER ANDY'S
ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD

JULY

4 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

6 - GRILLED HOT DOGS,
HAMBURGERS, AND ICE
CREAM WITH SPRINKLERS IN
THE COURTYARD FOR KIDS -
6 PM

17 - POTLUCK LUNCH AFTER
10:30 WORSHIP

AUGUST

3 - SUPPER & KARAOKE -
6 PM

21 - RALLY DAY WITH
CATERED LUNCH AFTER THE
10:30 SERVICE

**WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE WITH
OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS OF
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT
BIBLE STUDY, AND WEDNESDAY
HEALING SERVICE THROUGH
THE SUMMER*