



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham, Rector

The Rev. Andrew C. Blakemore, Associate Rector

Joseph Golden, Organist & Choirmaster

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January 2024

From the Rector

The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham

Dear Friends,

Every year parishes are required to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is the time of year when we conduct “business”, which means that we usually share some information about the financial affairs of the parish and also elect vestry members. This year our annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 pm in our parish hall. A meal will be served before the meeting begins.

Let me first tell you a bit about our Trinity Church Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Vestry. We have a very talented treasurer in our parish, John Shinkle, and he has served faithfully in this role for years. We are very grateful for his wisdom and dedication in helping us manage our financial affairs. He meets regularly (weekly) with our parish administrator, Mary Hurley, and he signs checks, and gives much needed advice. We also have a very talented Finance Committee and they meet monthly to review financial statements and make recommendations to the vestry. Finance Committee members are: John Shinkle, Ruth Yancey, Elliott Waddell, Bill Scrantom, Bill Perkins, and David Young. We also have an elected body of parishioners (Vestry) who are charged with overseeing the temporal affairs of our congregation. There are 12 members of the vestry. Each year we elect 4 new members to serve a 3-year term. Each year 4 members rotate off. The outgoing members this year are: Erin Harkey, Patricia Lamson, Joe Oelgoetz, and Mona Thorington. The continuing 8 members are: Bill Perkins (Senior Warden), Ginger Ollman, Brooks Yancey, Nell Hudson, Nora Garrard, Ashely Holt, John Johnston, and Linda Shinkle. The four nominees this year (to be elected at annual meeting) are: Elizabeth Graham, Billy Kendall, Kendon Johnson, and Evelyn Stahl.



So, what will the annual meeting be like this year? In my years of serving as a priest I have attended some long and boring annual meetings. So, my promise to you is to make this upcoming meeting brief, inspiring, informative, and fun! We will hear a brief overview of our financial health from our treasurer. I will share a few remarks about how I understand the health of our parish and what I see as our challenges. I will also share some hopes, prayers, and dreams for our work together in the coming year. And we will elect our 4 new vestry members. With any luck, those who attend this meeting will enjoy a meaningful night together and be inspired to work together as the Body of Christ for the coming year.

Please join us for this important night of business and fellowship. I'm grateful for all of you and the opportunity to serve among you.

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**

Susan Batastini
Sammy Caves
Jack Collins
Peggy Collins
Joyce Curry
Philip Day
Kit Duncan
Sydney Flournoy
Becky Goldsmith
Mary Johnson
Harriot Lippmann
Robert Marcus
Karyn Marra
Jean Miller
Jo Myers
Nancy Palmer
Bill Perdue
Jacquie Rawls
Meta Rickard
Keith Slaney
Fleur Stearns
Mona Thorington
George Trussell, Jr.
George Wade
Johnny Walden
Libby Wells
Marg Williams
Kay Young

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.

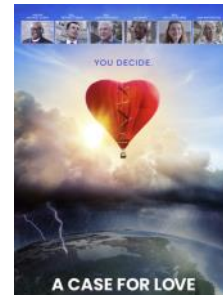


Friends

Scott Badcock
Nan Boyett
Jim Buntin
Leandra Burke
Garrett Tante Burns
Lorraine Callendar
Mike & Heather Cashwell
Carl Charest
James Cochran
Sara Coleman
Buddy Coulter
Stephanie East
Jimmy Farr
Sherry Green
Jeff Griffen
Lynn Hahn
Richard Hill
Terry Hurley
Ward & Betty Joines
Milton Jones
Christi Kernodle
Whitney Kiger
Kim Kimbrough
Devon Levy
Carol & J.W. Martin
Drew Norlock
Sue Phillips
Alta Ploeger
Julie Powell
Larry Ray
Dorothy Reese
Gerd Reno
Paul Rickard
Martha Robert
Price Robinson
Hadley Scott
Susi Seroni
David Twigg
Bob Upchurch
Ross Urso
The Williams Family

Movie Night: A Case for Love

Bishop Curry Documentary Screens January 23rd



On **Tuesday, January 23rd**, theatres in Columbus are participating in a special screening of **A CASE FOR LOVE**, a new documentary about the message brought to the world by Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal church.

A synopsis from the filmmakers: *Our society is more divided than ever. Many have moved into tribal corners, seeing the world from an "us versus them" point of view. The teachings and writings of Bishop Michael Curry, most well-known for his passionate sermon about "The Power of Love" at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, inspire A CASE FOR LOVE. This feature-length documentary examines the question of whether or not love, specifically—unselfish—love, is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the world.*

Members of Trinity are invited and encouraged to go to the theaters on January 23rd to see **A CASE FOR LOVE**. There are 4:00 and 7:00 showtimes at the AMC Classic Ritz 13, 1683 Whittlesey Rd. Trinity is also giving away a small number of pre-purchased tickets, available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you know you want to see the documentary on the 23rd, **call the church office ASAP** to get your ticket today!

Blue Morpho Orchestra Returns

Concert February 1st at 7:30 p.m.



On **Thursday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m.**, Trinity will host the Blue Morpho Orchestra in a special one-night-only concert. Made up of students at the Schwob School of music and conducted by Trinity's own Enluis Montez, Blue Morpho dazzled the audience at its debut concert last year, also held at Trinity. Many of the Orchestra's members also sing for the Trinity choir, and this year's concert will be a wonderful way to see them showcase their instrumental music skills. The concert on February 1st will be held in the nave, with a light reception following.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Sunday, December 24, was a busy day for our parish musicians:

8:30 a.m. Advent IV service in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve service with Children's Pageant and Eucharist

10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude followed by Christmas Eve Eucharist

A total of 32 separate pieces of music were prepared and offered that day.

The Trinity Choir was at 98% for the late service, and our wonderful Trinity Brass and Percussion group was in fine form throughout.

For Dr. Moon and me, it was thrilling to manage the multiple details that began in October.

All of us in the Music Area are so very grateful for the continuing support and inspiration that we receive from our wonderful clergy and from YOU the members of this great parish.

With many plans waiting in the wings for Epiphany, Lent and Easter,

Joseph Golden

Soli Deo Gloria

Announcing Trinity 101

Explore the meaning of the liturgy



Is there something that happens in church that has always made you wonder: *why do we do this the way we do it?* Immediately following 10:30 worship, **Sunday, January 28th** both newcomers and longtime Trinity parishioners are invited to gather near the baptismal font for **Trinity 101**. In this short, 25-minute open forum, Trinity's clergy will facilitate a conversation and do their best to answer any and all questions related to the Episcopal church, the meaning of the liturgy, and the significance of the art and architecture that surrounds us on Sunday mornings.

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!*
(Psalm 29:2)

Trinity Kids & Youth News

Happy New Year, Trinity Family! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are already enjoying 2024. I am very grateful and blessed to be joining the Trinity Staff once again. The children and youth of our parish are wonderful members of our church community and I am eager to work with them and their families in my new role.

As we begin this new year, there will be special events planned and communicated to you all, but I want to reiterate all of the weekly & monthly events that are provided to our parish families.

Weekly:

- Children's Chapel - every Sunday during the 10:30 service
- Nursery is available during the 10:30am Sunday service

Monthly:

- First Sunday Funday - every first Sunday of the month (except for January)
- Parish Potluck - every third Sunday of the month
- Wednesday night youth Bible study at Iron Bank (begins back on January 24th, 6-7pm)
- Wednesday Night Supper - every first Wednesday of the month

As Fr. Tim mentioned in his weekly email, Rickeya Ware will continue leading Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings. She will be assisted by Harry Graham and Harper Maxey. We are grateful for all that they do for our children. We are also thankful for our nursery workers, Mackinze Stephens and Maggie Yancey. Thank you for the care that you provide to the youngest members of our church family.

Here's to a wonderful new year and many blessings to come!

Lauren Blanchard

Program Coordinator



Congratulations, Rebecca!

Trinity Choral Scholar, Rebecca Manseau, has won the Gold First Prize at the recent International Europe Competition.

Rebecca had earlier won a preliminary round and represented the United States in the final round, where she won the Gold Medal.

She is scheduled to present solo and trio sacred works during the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter at Trinity.

Adult Bible Study in Epiphanytide *Take and Read*



Starting on **January 10th**, Trinity's Adult Bible study will begin a five-week reading of the Old Testament book of Proverbs. We will dive into the questions at the heart of this treasured collection of sayings: What is wisdom? And how can we receive and pass on wisdom? The weekly Bible study meets over coffee **every Wednesday at 10 a.m.**, in the Parlor. Come and see what it's all about!

*Just as water reflects the face,
so one human heart reflects another.*
(Proverbs 27:19)

*Trinity Youth -
we will start
again our
weekly Wednesday
Bible Study at
Iron Bank Coffee
on January 24.
See you there!*



Youth Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00
Iron Bank Coffee

*Father Andy +
Father Tim*



Healing Eucharist *Wednesdays at 11:30*



Did you know that Trinity has a mid-week Eucharist service? **Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.**, we gather in the chapel for this brief and beautiful liturgy, which includes special prayers for healing and the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The readings during this service are drawn from the cycle of "lesser feasts and fasts," retelling over time the many stories of the saints. If you find a moment in the middle of your week, come and join this restful service of word and sacrament.

Snapshots from the Bishop's Visit to Trinity *Sunday January 7, 2024*



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Gather for supper, to hear financial & Rector's reports,
and elect 4 new Vestry members!