



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

Dr. Lesook Moon, Associate Organist & Choirmaster

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From the Rector

The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham

Dear friends,

Recently, we celebrated Rally Day at Trinity. We had a delicious potluck lunch, we commissioned acolytes, we commissioned a new Welcome Committee and ministry team, and there was a lot of energy and enthusiasm on that day. We welcomed new and returning choir members. We also welcomed back Joseph Golden and look forward to an exciting and vibrant season of church music. We distributed a sign up sheet for participating in ministry areas.

Also, the Sunday before we blessed backpacks in worship and recognized that this is a new school year with new beginnings for many people. It seems to me that this season of the year between now and Christmas is the busiest time on the Church calendar. There are so many extra things going on, so many new activities, so many new programs and special events, and it is also a wonderful opportunity for people to engage in the life of the church at a deeper level. Rally Day is designed to invite people to explore the possibility of participating in a ministry area at church.



There are many ways to get involved at church like volunteering to be on the altar guild, flower guild, or serving in worship as usher or reader or Eucharistic minister. It might be reasonable to assume that the only reason we do this is to get volunteers to help make church life more vibrant and efficient. Many hands make light work. Of course, there is truth to that. But another and greater reality is that we as individual Christians need to engage in ministry activities outside of Sunday morning worship for our own faith to grow. Regular and faithful attendance at worship is vital to our spiritual life and faith. We need to be connected to others, serving others, and finding deeper meaning in the life of a community of faith. We need to be known and loved, and working and serving with others in the body of Christ helps us do that. As we grow in faith we also find our purpose. I invite and encourage you all to get reconnected to Trinity Church, to reengage or join a ministry group for the first time, and get to know each other here better, meet those you do not know, build friendships with the people in this congregation. We all need to serve and give and find our place in this wonderful community of faith. If you do this, you will be blessed in immeasurable ways.

God bless you all.

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

Claire Berry
Bruce & Gabe Clouser
Jack & Peggy Collins
Joyce Curry
Eliza Ewing
Sydney Flournoy
Joseph Golden
Glenn Haskell
Karyn Marra
Meta Rickard
Dorothy Faye Smith
Kevin Topping
George Wade
Johnny Walden

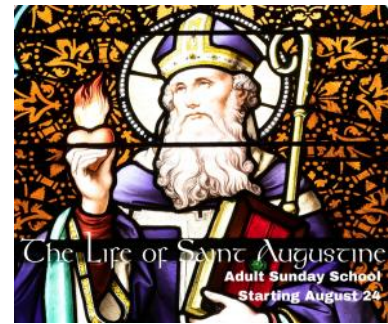
If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.

Friends

The Barria Escobar
Family
Bill Berry
Nathan Brown
Sarah Brown
Amanda Bryan
Jim Buntin
Leandra Burke
Wayne Cartledge
Dana Cason
Stephanie East
Jimmy Farr
Jack Fuller
Sherry Green
Tom Haskell
Milton Jones
Kim Kimbrough
Buford King
Chuck Lewis
Marty McGovern
Martha Bone Meeks
Tatum Norris
Ruth Pattison
Jay Pease
Andrew Pillar
Paul Rickard
Becky Rumer
Hadley Scott
Pete Scott
Bryan Waters
Sam Wells



The Life of Saint Augustine Sunday School with Father Andy



*You have made us yourself, and our heart is restless
until it comes to rest in you.*

-Saint Augustine

Beginning Sunday, August 24th, Trinity's Adult Sunday School will explore a timeless Christian masterpiece, the Confessions of Saint Augustine. In this book-long prayer to God, Augustine recounts his life and his conversion to Christianity. Outside reading is **not** required for the class.

Over the course of six Sundays, we will learn about the life and times of Saint Augustine, ponder our own journeys of faith, and look at key passages of the Confessions together. Adult Sunday School meets in the parlor between worship services, starting at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!



Security Reminder Regarding Phishing Messages

In the wake of recent fraudulent emails purporting to be from church leaders, all are reminded to be vigilant about email or text “phishing” scams. If you receive a suspicious message that appears to be from someone you know, contact that person via other means to confirm it is from them. Remember that Trinity staff, including Father Tim and Father Andy, will **never** solicit parishioners for sensitive information or money by email. The only way to financially support Trinity online is by using the ACS giving portal accessible via the church's website trinityepiscopalchurch.com. Never click any links or attachments in suspicious emails or texts. For more information, see the Federal Trade Commission's article [“How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams”](https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams) (<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>)

Music Corner



*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
(Psalm 96)*

You could be forgiven for not noticing that Trinity's choir gets a little smaller and a little quieter during the summer months. Each year, many of our student members return home or pursue other opportunities until the resumption of the academic year at CSU. This summer, things felt especially different with Trinity's longstanding organist & choirmaster, Joseph Golden, out on extended health leave.

And yet, by no means does the music stop during the summer. Dr. Aesook Moon, our talented associate organist, continued to play on Sundays and led the choir this year in Prof. Golden's absence. Under Dr. Moon's direction, the choir explored new territory in the hymn book and delivered some fabulous offertory anthems. Trinity is so grateful for Dr. Moon's dedication, for all the students who were able to continue to sing over the summer, and for the volunteer singers who are able to be a part of the choir year-round.

Nevertheless, on Rally Day the choir was once again in full swing. Days earlier, the choir celebrated with a cook-out at Trinity after their first practice of the academic year. Prof. Golden has resumed directing the choir in time for the Fall, and hopes to return to Sunday worship this month. And even as Trinity said goodbye to longtime student member Diana Piñeda on Rally Day, many new faces were seen in the chancel. The group is now preparing an outstanding Fall lineup of musical offerings you won't want to miss!

Trinity Welcomes New Sexton

Lenorris "Norris" Evans

Over the summer, Reggie Hill retired from his position as Trinity's sexton.

As we bade Reggie farewell, we knew whoever replaced him would have some big shoes to fill. That is why it has been so exciting to welcome Norris Evans, age 30, to the Trinity staff. Originally from Columbus, Tennessee for a number of years before returning home with his young daughter, Brielle. His



background is in Information Technology (IT), and while in Tennessee, he also spent time performing a similar role to sexton at his previous church. As a Christian, Norris says he's grateful for the chance to combine his faith and his day job: "I really want to see this church grow, and get to know the people who go here."

Norris comes to Trinity highly recommended. He is the nephew of Peter McBroom, who has served as the chief cook at Trinity for over a decade. But this is his first experience of an Episcopal church: "I'm still learning as I go," Norris said. "I like the flowers, the candles, the organ- all this beauty makes the experience of worship more real. It's intriguing."

In his spare time, Norris likes to relax with his daughter, which means lots of "playing Roblox, watching Spongebob, and going to the park... She's got me wrapped around her finger, because I can't stand to see her cry." If you see Norris (pictured above) on an upcoming Sunday, be sure to introduce yourself to him!



FALL AT TRINITY

AUGUST

31 - DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INSTALLATION - 10:30 SERVICE

SEPTEMBER

3 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - 6 PM

7 - FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY - FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

7 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

21 - POTLUCK LUNCH - FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

OCTOBER

1 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - 6 PM

5 - FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY - FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

5 - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

19 - FALL FESTIVAL & POTLUCK LUNCH - FOLLOWING THE 10:30
SERVICE

NOVEMBER

2 - FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY - FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

5 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - 6 PM

16 - ANGLICAN HERITAGE SUNDAY

16 - POTLUCK LUNCH - FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE