



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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From the Clergy

The Rev. Andrew T. Blakemore

*While we may, let us visit Christ, let us heal Christ,
let us feed Christ, let us clothe Christ,
let us welcome Christ, let us honor Christ.
- Saint Gregory of Nazianzus*

Dear friends,

Every so often, someone is waiting beyond the steps of Trinity when I leave the building at the end of the day. They might be looking up at the bell tower, reading the historical marker on the street, or taking a picture of the building's front façade. I've learned to always stop and have a conversation with these curious onlookers. While a few have belonged to Trinity in years past, many more are just visiting Columbus and were drawn to the church for some unknown reason. When I invite them into the nave so they can have a better look, invariably they always say yes.

While I'm sure they feel like I am doing them a favor, the reverse is closer to the truth. For as I watch them enter Trinity for the first time, or for the first time in a long time, I am suddenly able to really *see* the church's timeless beauty once again. The stained glass and the carved beams manage to say something new to me, even though I've been here just long enough to get used to them. Then I realize how blessed I've been to process in and out of those doors every Sunday, and to call this place home.

As the summer draws to a close, I imagine many of you are turning your attention to a new academic or program year. Surely, what lies ahead for Trinity is a chance to discover, in the shelter of the faith we already call our own, what fresh purpose God intends for us now. I like the words of Gregory of Nazianzus, quoted above, because they have a sense of urgency. There is much to be done, and only so many seasons remain while we may be the ones to act. The world is wide, and the hidden face of Christ waits for our recognition everywhere we turn.

Blessings,

+ Father Andy



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

Linen Guild Transition *Honoring Delores Berry*



There are many important guilds and groups at Trinity, but one of the quietest has to be the Linen Guild. Trinity has an extensive assortment of fair linens and sacramental cloths, which we use on a regular basis. All of these linens are blessed and dedicated solely for the purpose of worship. Time-honored practices around keeping, washing, and folding each individual kind of linen is a key, if unseen, aspect of our liturgical tradition's full expression of reverence and service. The Linen Guild helps maintain this tradition at Trinity and they do an amazing job!

In its typically quiet manner, this summer the Linen Guild experienced a major transition as its head, Delores Berry, retired from her station after over 21 years of service. If you know or see Delores, please take a moment to thank her for this amazing and longstanding offering of her time and talents for the good of the parish!

Stepping into the role of Linen Guild head is Anne Johnston, and we are grateful to her as well for making such a smooth transition. Without the dedication of the Linen Guild, which works closely alongside the men and women of the Altar Guild and the Flower Guild, worship at Trinity would not be possible in its current fullness.

You are invited to join one of these Guilds and experience life at Trinity in a new way! Every task, great or small, performed by the Linen Guild, the Altar Guild, and the Flower Guild opens the door to a spirituality of everyday holiness, a tactile connection with the most sacred traditions of the Episcopal church, and a shared purpose with fellow parishioners. Contact a Guild leader today for more information about how you can contribute to these vital ministries:

Linen Guild: Anne Johnston
(306nonnie@gmail.com)

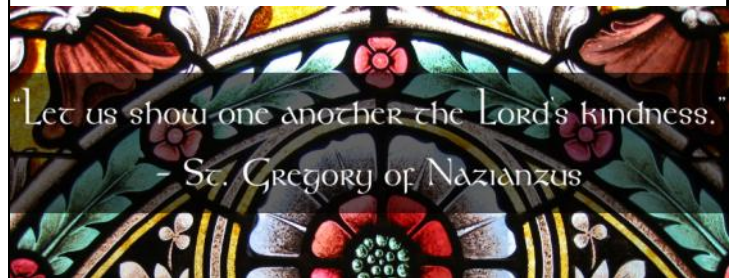
Altar Guild: Susan Perkins
(susan.perkins7700@gmail.com)

Flower Guild: Susan Adams
(susanmetcalf55@gmail.com)

Announcing Trinity Phone-a-Friend *Join a Ministry of Conversation*



Would you like to reach out and get to know someone at Trinity a little better? We are starting a phone-a-friend program to help connect people at Trinity and build up the Body of Christ. The idea is very simple: call the church office and let us know you want to participate in this program, and we will pair you with another Trinity parishioner so the two of you can bond over a **brief, weekly phone conversation**. Trinity will supply all phone-a-friend partners with guidelines, conversation starters, and encouragement along the way. Sign up and make a new friend this Fall!



Sunday Prayer Breakfast *A Trinity Tradition Continues to Grow*

As pandemic restrictions waned late last year, Trinity was once again able to resume the Prayer Breakfast, opening our doors and inviting people off the streets to enjoy a hot meal and a cup of coffee on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Since then, the Breakfast has steadily grown, and we now serve about 30 guests each Sunday. Feeding the hungry is a timeless expression of the Gospel command to love one's neighbor, and the Prayer Breakfast is one way members of the parish can respond faithfully to the changing realities of our neighborhood, our city, and our country.

We anticipate that the demand for this ministry will continue to grow in the Fall, but right now the pool of volunteers who come at 7:30 on Sundays to fill trays and make coffee remains small. If you would like to become a regular or occasional volunteer at the Prayer Breakfast, now is a great time to get involved. You can show up on a Sunday to see how simple it is to help, but if you have any questions or want to schedule a particular time to volunteer, call the church office or contact Father Andy (blakemore.trinity@gmail.com).

Morning Prayer at Trinity

Get to know the Daily Office

¶ Then likewise he shall say,
O Lord, open thou our lips;
Answe. And our mouth shall shew forth thy
praise.
Prisft. O God, make speed to save us.
Answe. O Lord, make haste to help us.
¶ Here all standing up, the *Prisft* shall say,
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and
to the Holy Ghost;
Answe. As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Prisft. Praise ye the Lord.
Answe. The Lord's Name be praised.

This month, Trinity is trying out a new service of Morning Prayer on **Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.** Following the “Daily Office” reframes our hours and days, nurturing our faith and helping us on the spiritual journey. If you would like to start, resume, or deepen your habit of daily prayer, consider joining Father Andy for Morning Prayer on Thursdays this Fall.

What is the Daily Office? It’s a pattern of worship laid out in the Book of Common Prayer (pages 75-135). This pattern was established in the 1500’s by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, compiler of the first prayer book. Cranmer took the liturgy of the hours that had been prayed in monasteries for centuries, and compressed this tradition down to a form that could be learned and said by all faithful people in the midst of their busy lives. The Daily Office consists of two primary services, called Morning and Evening Prayer, and two shorter offices, called Noonday prayer and Compline (night prayer). We already hold an Evening Prayer service on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**; now there will be a time to say Morning Prayer at Trinity as well.

Why say Morning Prayer? Taking a few minutes to center, to offer familiar prayers, and to hear the Word in Scripture is a great way to start your day! Plus, the Daily Office is a *spiritual* discipline. By learning the rhythm of Morning Prayer, you will deepen your connection to Anglican tradition and soak up the very best wisdom our prayer book has to offer. Whether we say it alone or in a group, Morning Prayer joins our personal prayers to the prayer of the whole church in a special way. We pray on behalf of the whole Body of Christ, using prayers that have been offered up by that Body for centuries, sometimes millennia. As we grow accustomed to the Daily Office, we believe that through its words, the Spirit will guide and shape us into the people of faith we are called to be.

How can I participate? Anyone is welcome to join Father Andy for Morning Prayer in-person at Trinity on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. However, if you’re not an early bird, or if your time in the morning is too limited for a trek to church, we’re also trying out a simultaneous livestream of Morning Prayer via Zoom. At 7:30 on Thursdays, just [log onto Zoom using the special link](#), and enter the password **bcp1979**. You can listen in while getting ready for your day, or grab a prayer book to follow along at home!

Temporary Assistance Needed!

A message from Dr. Joseph Golden

A very fine and talented young woman, Rebecca Manseau, will soon arrive in Columbus to begin graduate work in the Schwob School of Music. She has been awarded a Choral Scholar position in the Trinity Choir. She recently graduated from the Free University in Berlin, Germany, having completed her undergraduate degree at the University of the South.

Rebecca is in need of temporary housing until she can make connections to arrange an apartment and roommate(s). The window in which she would be in need would be approximately August 12-September 5. If anyone at Trinity can assist this young artist, everyone would be most appreciative.

If you would be willing to provide temporary lodging for this Choral Scholar, Please contact the church office or Dr. Golden (golden_joseph@columbusstate.edu) today.

Wednesday Bible Study

Take and Read



Trinity’s Summer Bible study on the book of Genesis is winding down this month. For three weeks beginning **August 9th**, the class will dive into the “closing act” of Genesis, one of the most beautiful stories in the entire Bible: the story of Joseph and his brothers. The weekly Bible study meets over coffee **every Wednesday at 10 a.m.**, in the Parlor.

Come and see what it’s all about!

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew



August 10, 2023

6 PM

B. Merrell's on Veteran's Pkwy

RSVP to Rick Sneddon at

flw.sneddon@gmail.com

Open to all men of Trinity

Acolyte Commissioning & Training

Sunday, August 20th



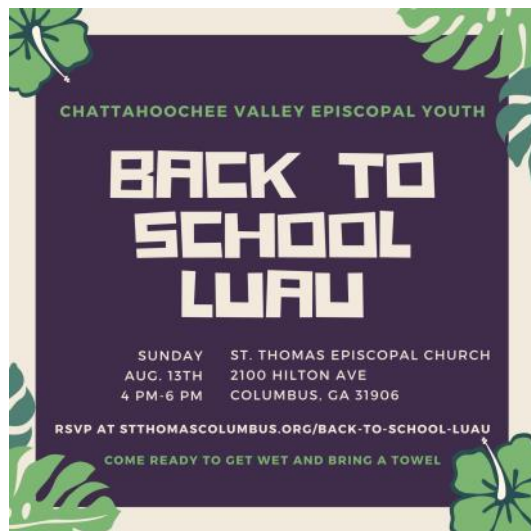
On **Sunday, August 20th** during the 10:30 service, Trinity will offer a special liturgy to commission our amazing Acolytes for a new year of service. All current and new acolytes will be invited to come forward at the Peace to be commissioned for this special ministry and receive a prayer bead bracelet as a special sign of their service. If you (or your child in Grade 4 and above) would like to join a team of acolytes, please contact Father Andy before August 20th to be a part of this commissioning and training!

Also, after the 10:30 worship service, Father Andy will lead a brief Acolyte training & refresher. **All current and new acolytes are strongly encouraged to attend the training.** We will learn together about the sacred flow of the Sunday liturgy, and the different roles that torchbearers, Gospel bearers, crucifers, and first servers play in our worship.

If you have questions, or you are interested in serving as an acolyte but cannot make the commissioning and training on the 20th, please reach out to Father Andy ASAP (blakemore.trinity@gmail.com).

Back-to-School Luau

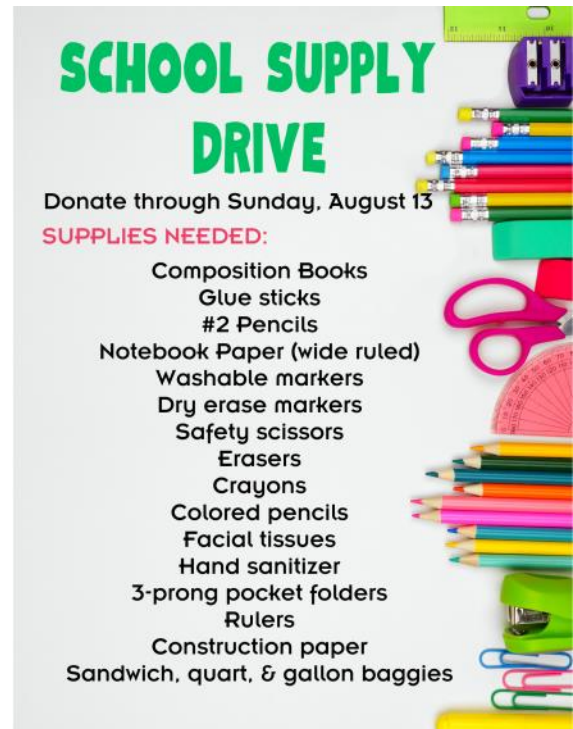
Youth Gathering to Wrap Up the Summer



Calling all Middle and High Schoolers! On Sunday, **August 13th at 4pm**, Episcopal youth from around the Chattahoochee Valley will gather at St Thomas for a Back-to-School Luau party. Hang out and reflect a little on summer's end as we enjoy a cookout, games, and an inflatable waterslide! RSVP today at stthomascolumbus.org/back-to-school-luau.

School Supply Drive & Blessing of the Backpacks

Students, Bring your Backpacks August 13th



This year, Trinity is once again proud to partner with South Columbus Elementary in providing much-needed school supplies for the many students there. Please prayerfully consider purchasing any of the supplies listed above and dropping them off in the church office between now and **Sunday, August 13th**. Thank you for your donations!!

On August 13th, students and backpack-wearers of all ages, please **bring your backpacks** with you to church—Father Andy will bless them, along with our donations to SCE, during the 10:30 worship service. Trinity looks forward to celebrating the beginning of a new school year and giving thanks for the gifts of learning and of belonging a school community!

Diocesan Youth Retreat Schedule

Spiritual Formation Opportunities



•OCTOBER 13-15 | New Beginnings 46 Middle School Retreat at Camp Mikell

•OCTOBER 20-22 | Happening 78 High School Retreat at Camp Mikell

•NOVEMBER 10-11 | Overnight Lock-in @ Annual Council

For more information, visit eycdioatl.org or talk to Father Andy (blakemore.trinity@gmail.com)!