



# The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Timothy Graham, Rector

Joseph Golden, Organist & Choirmaster

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September 2021

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## From the Rector

*The Rev. Timothy H. Graham*

Dear friends,

We have lived through some unusual times in these past few months. The pandemic caused us to do some things differently at church. Even though many of our church activities are coming back to full swing, this is still a time of change for us. The format of this September newsletter is brief and different, as we remind you of some events that will be happening here soon. In October we plan to have a more extensive newsletter that will also include articles from staff members. In addition to monthly newsletters we also send out weekly emails to our members with more up to date information. If you would like to receive the weekly emails, please contact the church office.

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*

***We pray God's protection for those serving in battle.***

***In Our Prayers:***

**Parishioners**

Bill Batastini  
Jenny Lind Berry  
Nancy Bloebaum  
Jack Collins  
Peggy Collins  
Joyce Curry  
Ginger Driver  
Becky Goldsmith  
Mary Johnson  
Hariot Lippmann  
Karyn Marra  
Scott McGurk  
Bob Miller  
Carter Morris  
Lucius Morton  
Tracy Mourer  
Jo Myers  
Bill Perdue  
Jacquie Rawls  
Hazel Rust  
Fleur Stearns  
George Trussell, Jr.  
George Wade  
Trudy Wade  
Judy Wilkinson

**Friends**

Brandon Arrington  
Jennifer Bradford  
Chuck Bradshaw  
Margaret Brown  
Jim Buntin  
Julie Burrus  
Alton & Susan Coleman  
Barbara Cummings  
Lisa Dawson  
Dan Dykes  
Francisco Gall  
Mills Hecht  
Gary Helms  
Joe Higdon  
Becky Holloway  
Darlene Hughes  
Bob Kidd  
Marty Lester  
Devon Levy  
Bonnie Malley  
Teresa Mecham  
Eunice Oates  
Nora Ollman  
Michael Owen  
Paul Rickard  
Robbie Scott  
Tim Scrantom  
Billy Steele  
Clifford Swift  
Phillip Upchurch  
Shirley Welch

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.



## Serve in Worship!

We need:

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild Members
- Flower Guild Members
- Readers
- Volunteers to record the 10:30 service

For more information contact the church office at [trinitycols@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycols@gmail.com) or 706-322-5569



### Sunday Mornings at Trinity

Beginning September 12, we will have two Sunday School options each Sunday morning at 9:30!

Father Tim offers an "All Things Episcopal" class in the parlor. For members of Trinity and those interested in becoming Episcopalian, this class talks about our denominational leadership and structure, art, music, scripture, worship, liturgy, prayer, theology, historical events, current events, local history, and more! "All Things Episcopal" is a perfect way to learn more about our faith, whether you are a cradle Episcopalian or a newcomer. This class is open to all!

Bill Stahl offers an adult bible study in the upstairs library. Throughout Bill's study, you will learn what the Bible says, what it meant to the people of that day, and what it means to people today, and you will attempt to gain an understanding of the Bible from God's perspective. To catch up on over a year's worth of Bill's Bible Study, visit our website— under the worship tab, you will find an Adult Education section with nearly 60 recorded bible studies.

We are offering two different worship services each Sunday morning!

At 9 AM, we hold outdoor worship. This is a shorter, more casual service. You will enjoy hearing a choir soloist at each 9 AM service just before communion. Bring a chair, some sunglasses, and, when it gets chilly again, a blanket!

At 10:30 AM, we gather for indoor worship. At this time, Trinity Kids meet with Mama D for children's church. The indoor service is a more traditional service with a full choir and congregational singing. We require masks for those not yet vaccinated and recommend masks for all.



## Music

We are delighted to see the return of the full Trinity Choir at the 10:30 service! Because of the lockdown period, it has been 2 1/2 years since we had a funding campaign for our Choral Scholarship program. We are certainly in need of new funding for the future of this program. Your gift to the Choral Scholarship fund will be greatly appreciated by the students who will benefit from your support and generosity.

The funding can be at any level from \$10 to the sponsorship of an individual chorister for an entire season at \$3,000. Please prayerfully consider assisting this fine group of young musicians who add so much to our worship services each week.



## Wednesdays at Trinity

Each Wednesday at 9:30 AM and 6 PM, Father Tim holds a short outdoor prayer service in the courtyard.

Then, at 10:00 AM, the Rector's Midweek Bible Study meets in the parlor. This bible study follows the book, *Paul for Everyone*. You may join the bible study at any point you wish. The book is available in the church office for \$10.

On the first Wednesday of every month at 6 PM, we gather for supper and a program. So far this year we have enjoyed bingo, trivia, and instructed Eucharist together. The program changes each month, with gatherings including more artistic and game based events, as well as educational and informative evenings. These gatherings are intergenerational—bring your family! Be sure to mark your calendar for October 6th so you can join us for the next Wednesday Night Supper and Program—Trivia!



## September Birthdays



## Anniversaries



### Birthdays

- 1– Bess Dedwylder, Susan Prather
- 3– Alexander Caves, Murphey Pound
- 5– Leo Berard, Reed Rambo, McKay Sheftall Jr., Frances Quick
- 6– Susan Batastini, Kayleigh Clark, Gabby Gurrola, Evelyn Stahl
- 7– Kate Mullen
- 9– Kimberly McElveen
- 10– Kathleen Bishop, Pat Newton
- 11– Gabe Clouser, Griffin Morgan, Helen Morgan
- 12– Shirley Cargill, Sam Knepper
- 13– James Dudley, Clara Parker
- 15– Kevin Topping
- 16– Delores Berry, Andy Prather
- 17– Don Dakin, Nora Garrard
- 18– Rickeya Ware
- 19– Elliott Waddell
- 20– Melissa Buice, Barbara Rivers
- 21– Christopher Shadburn, Teena Swift, Bonnie Topping, Jose Torres
- 22– Caroline Rothschild, Nicholas Woods
- 23– Terry Hurley, Lally McGurk
- 24– Carol Johnston, Patricia Poston
- 25– Jean Berry, Gene Kemp, Faye Kirkpatrick, Bob Newton
- 26– Carson Cummings Jr.
- 27– Trip Parker
- 28– Debby Kemp
- 29– Barbara Houser, Michelle Price, Ruth Yancey
- 30– Leslie Fedde, Dexter Followill

### Anniversaries

- 16– Patti & Mark Simkins
- 21– Courtney & Michael Twigg
- 22– Jewett & Alan Rothschild, Melissa & Philip Schley

## Thank you, Lauren!



In late August, Lauren Blanchard stepped down from her role as Director of Youth Ministry in order to devote more time to her graduate studies and her young children at home.

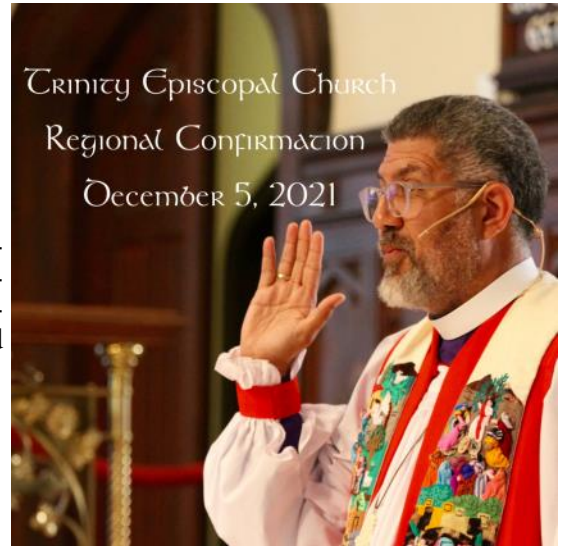
While we will miss Lauren dearly, we are so thankful for the love, care, and guidance she shared with our youth and for the many ways she enriched the life of this parish.

Please keep Lauren in your prayers as she finishes her graduate program in preparation for becoming a school counselor.

Father Tim is planning youth activities for the coming months. A letter will be sent to parents soon.

## Are you interested in becoming an Episcopalian?

The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright will be visiting Trinity on December 5, 2021, to hold a region-wide confirmation service. This is an especially exciting opportunity, as we get to join with our neighboring Episcopal parishes to welcome new members into the church. If you or your child is interested in becoming an Episcopalian, contact the church office.



## Vacation Bible School

In late July we joined together with our neighbors at First Presbyterian Church for “Love Your Neighbor” Vacation Bible School. Mama D and Vickie D, from First Pres, led a fun filled week where kids from both churches and the community learned about being the hands and feet of God and how we can better love our neighbors. The kids learned about Mercy Med and their farm, Home For Good, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Trinity House, and Safehouse Ministries. They even built their own neighborhood in the gym of First Presbyterian!

