

The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: *Trust in the Lord and Do Good.*

Our Vision: *become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good
by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*

Tribute to Veterans



The annual Elmore County's Tribute to Veterans Concert and Gallery of Honor was held last Friday, November 11, Veterans Day in the Nave of Trinity Episcopal Church. The event was well attended with everyone honoring all who served in the U.S. military past, present and future. Directing the event was Gardner Perdue, CW4, US Army (ret) and Barbara Davis. Sarah Cater coordinated all of the musical events and Sally Blackwell directed the Community Choir. Recognized for their military service was SGM Beverly Roberts and SSG Williams R. Brooks, Sr.

EYC this Sunday

Our EYC families will meet at 1 p.m. at Skate Zone in Wetumpka. Regular skates are \$6, inline skates are \$8 and laser tag is \$4. You can participate in any activities you please. We will not be sharing a meal so eat before you arrive! This isn't a drop off activity – families are included.

Christ the King

We have very little experience with kings. In our time Queen Elizabeth was a figurehead, rather than a ruler. This last Sunday in Pentecost is Christ the King Sunday. When the people of Israel demanded a king (like all the other countries) God tried to dissuade them saying that He was their king and that an earthly King would only bring taxes and take their sons into the army to fight wars and their daughters into the court to serve him. They wanted a king. They got King Saul, who later went insane, and then he was succeeded by King David, who united the country and was faithful to God. David, of course, had Jesus as his descendant. After David the kingship alternated between followers of God and those who allowed pagan worship to return to the country. The Apostle's Creed says that when Jesus ascended into heaven he is seated at the right hand of the Father. We assume that he is seated on a throne. The presumption is that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are actively ruling the world. Jesus did not ascend into heaven to play a harp and relax. On Christ the King Sunday we acknowledge that Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, is next to the Father interceding on behalf of the world until the time that He returns.

Ally +

Guest Priest



Ally will be on vacation next week and The Reverend Canon Massey Gentry will be our guest priest at the 10:30 Eucharist on November 20th. Massey was rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Wetumpka from 1978 to 1986. He then served as rector of Church of the Holy Spirit in Alabaster. Massey worked several years with the Alabama Diocesan staff and served as Canon to the Ordinary supporting Bishop Bob Miller. Later he became rector of Christ Church, Episcopal in Las Vegas, Nevada followed by Associate Rector of Saint Martians Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, home church of President George W. Bush. The 8:00 service will be Morning Prayer conducted by Jack McDaniel.

Christmas Angels 2022

Christmas is just around the corner and to date we have been assigned four families with a combined number of fifteen children, ranging from 2 to 16 years old, including one special needs child. We invite members of the Parish to "adopt" one or more of these children for the purpose of providing each one with a good Christmas. We anticipate families picking up their gifts around December 10, so there is plenty of time to shop. As usual, you are also welcome to donate money towards this project, we will also be collecting food items to provide each family with a holiday meal. We also anticipate receiving direct requests from families in the community so the number of children could increase. For further information contact Kathy Atchison (334-567-1013).



Weekly Offering Envelopes

As part of Trinity's new Consecration Sunday program, Weekly Offering envelopes are now available to anyone wishing to use them. Envelope boxes are located in the Narthex and are available to everyone at no charge.



Carter House



Renovations at Carter House continue and the next step is to remove unneeded furniture so interior work can be accomplished. If you are interested in any of the upholstered chairs, couches, coffee tables and end tables, TV hutches, table lamps, or other "living room" type furniture, please contact Jr. Warden, Calvin Chappelle, at 334-746-3775. Furniture is "first come, first serve" and must be picked up before Thanksgiving.

Parish Retreat

We hope this message finds you all ready to commit to Trinity's Parish Retreat! We have our official quote from Camp McDowell and are so excited about the discount being offered to us.

Retreat Dates

December 30th -January 1st

There are two options for lodging.

1. Hotel style rooms with two Queen beds & private bathroom

2. Dormitory style accommodations with shared bathroom.

EVERY price listed *includes* your 4 dining hall meals with the exception of the Friday night meal where we ask that everyone bring an hors d'oeuvres to share!

Hotel Style Pricing is as follows:

Family of 1: \$215.50

Family of 2: \$243.50

Family of 3: \$271.50

Family of 4: \$299.50

Family of 5: \$327.50

Family of 6: \$355.50

These prices are based on your family group sharing 1 room. If your family would like more than 1 room, add \$187.50 which is the cost of 1 room for 2 nights. Dormitory Style Pricing is: \$73 per person. To secure your reservation, please send in a \$50 check & let us know what style lodging you prefer & how many people will be in your group. For any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact anyone on the Parish Retreat Committee or Ally! We will be sharing more information about Retreat plans & various activity options available. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks!



Annual Parish Meeting

Trinity's Annual Parish meeting will be held Sunday, November 27th after the 10:30 service with a Potluck lunch immediately following.

This Week at Trinity

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| Nov 20: | | Christ the King Sunday |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Christian Education |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Massey Gentry |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Meet & Greet |
| | 1:00 p.m. | EYC, Skate Zone, Wetumpka |
| Nov 23-25 | | Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving |
| Nov 27: | | The First Sunday of Advent |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Christian Education |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Annual Parish Meeting |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Potluck Lunch |

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Keith Powers & Tim Bailey who celebrate their birthdays this week;

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Becky Wilkinson, Jasper Roberts, Carolyn Keesee, Kelley Wright, Lakeisha Ray, Glenda Driver, Jordan Alexander & Bill Dunn.

Continuing Concerns: Laci Swaney, Jasmine Presley, Johan Beumer, Crawford Kennedy, Robin Chadderdon, Avery White, Ray Howell, Carol Wright, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Linda Summey and Steve Bingham

Pledge Offering

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| Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income | \$ | 3,462 |
| Received Sunday, Nov 13 | \$ | 2,460 |
| Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income | \$ | 159,252 |
| Received Year to Date | \$ | 156,391 |
| Over/(under) Budget..... | \$ | (2,321) |

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have questions about the budget or financial situation

Hymn Notes

This week's Hymn Notes should probably be renamed "HIM" notes. Yesterday – the day after Veterans Day – I was all set to write the hymn history of "We Gather Together" or "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.," but I was too tired last night to get to the computer. Then several things that have happened during the past week jelled today when I was having lunch with Dan and Paulina Gilliland after our morning worship service. Dan is the baritone who shared his musical gifts with us today. Many of you asked how Dan and I met; he and I reminisced about that. I knew that I had to change the direction of this article and write about a man who influenced both our lives. If you had been living in Selma during the last half of the twentieth century, you would have seen a man in a wheelchair sitting on the corner of Broad Street and Dallas Avenue and waving to the passersby. That man was our friend Clifford Morrison. Clifford was born in 1938 with cerebral palsy and related congenital defects. His body was terribly twisted and one could understand his speech sometimes by looking away from him. He never ceased trying to communicate. During a time when many with disabilities were put away in institutions, Clifford was encouraged to learn and to become a part of the church. With the advent of computers, he had a vehicle with which to research, communicate, and even create. Clifford and I became dear friends while I served as Organist-Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church. It was Clifford who taught me to love the stories behind the hymns. He wrote a monthly hymn article for our church's newsletter. Because he couldn't always type what he meant, I proofed each article. Clifford loved the pipe organ at the church. Whenever I played Widor's "Toccata," he would sit in open doorway to the choir loft and literally jump out of his wheelchair with delight. He loved to swim, for there he felt free. It was while he was attending Camp ASCCA that he met Dan Gilliland. At Clifford's insistence I invited Dan to sing at First Pres. We became fast friends. Over the years Clifford wrote a Camp Meeting service for the church and a Hymn Festival based on American hymnody. He spear-headed campaigns to install a carillon in the church's clock tower, urged a family to gift the church with a grand piano for the choir room, and led the charge to get a new console costing \$125,000 for the pipe organ there. He served as an Elder, a member of the Session. On Christmas Eve he was able to balance the plate with the Host in his lap. He was a man who graciously accepted his condition in life and NEVER used it as an excuse to avoid service. He loved His Lord and the Church; his life was a witness to so many.

During last Wednesday's Bible Study at Holy Trinity in Auburn we discussed singing praises to God. (We were studying the Psalms.) Someone said they didn't sing in church because they could not carry a tune. I and Karen Porter (another transplanted Selman) said, "The scriptures just say "make a joyful noise." I told the story of Clifford. When we sang hymns, Clifford gave his all. His words were usually not understandable and the pitches were questionable, but I know that his singing thrilled the heart of God. It was straight from the soul of one who loved God with his entire being! During the coming days when you are feeling overwhelmed, follow Clifford's example. Don't dwell on what you do not have. Instead count your blessings, give thanks to God, and use what you have to serve Him - our Creator, our Sustainer, our resurrected Savior. As Dan and I were talking today, we were both reminded of a verse of one of Clifford's favorite hymns, "O for a thousand tongues to sing." I loved this verse the moment I first sang it, but it took on special meaning when I got to know Clifford:

Hear Him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior comes;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

To God be the glory.....Sarah