

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.*

Something for Us All to Know & Remember

Dear Parents with Young Children in Church

You are doing something really, really important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them. And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you beg your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way. I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to sit quietly and behave in worship. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important. I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of "Amens" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even

on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of those mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know it matters. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people . . . and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children. It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that their worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are enough right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters those children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines are a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family -- with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy -- are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

Blogger, 'I Am Totally *That* Mom'
Jamie Bruesehoff, 09/14/2013

Sunday School

Plan on joining us in Dunn Hall this Sunday morning at 9:15 as we discuss the Baptism of Our Lord and our own baptisms. We will be singing the hymn "Baptized in Water" to the tune of "Morning Has Broken" and use the stanzas of the hymn to help us better understand the significance of baptism. Then Mr. Andy will lead us in the lesson from the Sunday School Paper. Sunday School is multi-generational, so come whether you are two years old or ninety-two years young. Let's learn together and share what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Social Distance

The recurrence of Covid in our community has increased over the past week, with that being said The Vestry suggests we do not approach other parishioners during the Peace, and we should be reminded of the Bishop's guidance to utilize intinction (dip) of the bread in the common cup during the Eucharist. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible during our Sunday service.

This Week at Trinity

Jan 09: **The First Sunday after Epiphany**

9:15 a.m. – Family Sunday School, Dunn Hall

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Nave

11:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet, Dunn Hall

Jan 11: 6:00 p.m. – Scouts, Dunn Hall

Jan 16: **The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

9:15 a.m. – Family Sunday School, Dunn Hall

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Nave

11:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet, Dunn Hall

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Gaines Rogers, Townsend Bullen, Rhonda Baughman, Johan Beumer, Joe Hare and Pearson Rogers who celebrate their Birthday this week;

And to Johan & Sue Beumer who celebrate their Anniversary;

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Avery White, Kenzie Ray, Leon Winborn, June Ward, Ray Howell, Mary Hanby, Christian Larsen, J.V. McLain, Catherine Hart, Robin Chadderdon, Johan Beumer

Shut-Ins: Mary Smith, Voncille Lankford, Louise Lambert, Maxine Compton

Continuing Concerns: Hazel Jones, Carol Wright, Crawford Kennedy, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Kelley Wright, Rilla Keith, Linda Summey and Steve Bingham.

Prayer for New Priest

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN NOTES

Baptized in Water

This Sunday we will celebrate The Baptism of Our Lord and remember our baptisms. There are two newer baptismal hymns that are not in our hymnal, but are widely used. They are “Baptized in Water” and “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry.” This week we will learn about the history of the former. Next week’s article will discuss the latter.

“Baptized in Water” was written by Canon Michael Saward, a leader in the revival of English-language hymnody for almost half a century. He has made a significant contribution to recent hymnody through Jubilate Hymns, an organization devoted to revising older hymns and composing newer texts that reflect the language and concerns of contemporary life. The group was formed in the early 1960s by Michael Baughen (rector of All Soul’s in London and later Anglican Bishop of Chester) and his friends who

worked closely with young people and devoted their talents to meeting the challenges of a new generation in the church in the UK.

Canon Saward was born in South East London in 1932, grew up in Petts Wood, and was educated at Eltham. He was ordained a priest at Canterbury Cathedral and then served as curate and rector at several churches in the London suburbs. His last post was as canon treasurer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, where he actually announced the passing of Princess Diana from the pulpit within hours of her passing.

Saward has authored a dozen books, written over 100 hymns, and has been editor of three hymnbooks. His hymns appear in over 80 hymnals worldwide.

"Baptized in Water" is rich in scriptural allusions and baptismal images. The first stanza's "heirs of salvation" comes from Hebrews 1:14. The second verse draws upon the imagery of Romans 6:3-5: "Therefore we are buried with him in baptism unto death.....we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection." The basis for stanza three is Ephesians 4:4-6: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of us all."

We sing this text to the beloved tune *BUNESSAN*, better known to most of us as the tune for "Morning Has Broken."

1. *Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.*
2. *Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.*
3. *Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

Sarah