

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.*

Search Committee

The search committee has had some activity lately. We received a potential candidate from the diocese. We met with the candidate via Zoom and based on that call we are pleased and are reaching out to references. We will be meeting with the candidate in person by the end of the month. Prayers please for discernment.

Belyn Richardson, Committee Chair

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.

The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior joins the Diocese as Assisting Bishop

After receiving advice and consent of the Standing Committee, I am pleased to announce that the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior joined us as Assisting Bishop on January 1, 2022. His responsibilities will include working closely with me and the staff, including assisting with visitations, working with parishes, and leadership development in the Diocese. Bishop Prior's extensive experience with camp and youth ministry makes him well suited to assist the Department of Camp McDowell in planning for the future, including searching for the next executive director.

Bishop Prior will be serving in a part-time appointment, dividing his time between responsibilities and residence in Alabama and working with us in activities outside the Diocese in other capacities with the larger church, House of Bishops, and Province IV. Bishop Prior's appointment will also allow us to again make episcopal visits on an annual basis to all our parishes.

Bishop Prior comes equipped with experience as Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota from 2010 to 2020 and Assisting Bishop of Diocese of Olympia. He is a gifted leader, consultant, and leadership coach and has worked successfully with both secular and church organizations.

Currently, Bishop Prior serves as Vice Chair of the Episcopal Church Pension Board, Chair of the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center's Visionary Council, as a board member of the Absalom

Jones Center for Racial Healing, the HUB Sports Center, and has helped start two non-profits for education and recreation. Brian and his wonderful wife Staci have two sons and enjoy exploring the United States in their Sprinter van. We are fortunate to have him, and I look forward to working with him. Please join me in welcoming Brian and Staci to our Diocese.

Blessings,

The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama

This Week at Trinity

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

Jan 18: 6:00 p.m. – Scouts, Dunn Hall

Jan 23: **The Third 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:

Wayne Turner and Walter Lynch who celebrate their Birthday this week;

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Joni Thomas, Avery White, Kenzie Ray, Leon Winborn, June Ward, Ray Howell, Mary Hanby, Christian Larsen, Catherine Hart, Robin Chadderdon, Johan Beumer

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

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

Sunday Ministers

Epiphany II January 16, 2022

LEM – Charlotte Lackey
Acolytes – Phillip & Tyler Baughman
Lector – Tim Bailey
Epistoler – Susan Powers
Intercessor – Jack McDaniel
Altar Guild – Susan Hayes, Sue Beumer
Flower Guild – Erin Rogers
Vestry of the Week – Wayne Turner
Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark
Flowers –
Meet & Greet –
Women Who Care – Tina Perdue
A/V – Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip

Epiphany III January 23, 2022

LEM – Tim Bailey
Acolytes – Rutledge & Gaines Rogers
Lector – Richie Bailey
Epistoler – Kathy Atchison
Intercessor – Charlotte Lackey
Altar Guild – Carol Wright, Sandy Hallmark
Flower Guild – Lucie Wadsworth
Vestry of the Week – Lucie Wadsworth
Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark
Flowers –
Meet & Greet –
Women Who Care – Tina Perdue
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HYMN NOTES

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

“Borning Cry” has been a most popular song in recent hymnals. Its ballad style lends itself to the feeling of a love song. A love song it is – between God and the singer. To quote Dr. Michael Hawn, professor of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology: “Most hymns address God from the human perspective, but few address humanity from God’s point of view. The spirit of “Borning Cry” is one of a God who loved us from the beginning of time and continues to love us throughout the seasons of our life.” (That should remind you of John Bagby’s sermon last Sunday.)

The author and composer of this hymn is John Carl Ylvisaker (1937-2017), a native of Fargo, North Dakota. He studied at Concordia College in Minnesota, Luther Seminary in St. Paul, the University of Minnesota, and St. Cloud State College. He taught voice and from 1973 until 1986 served as the music director for the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He also worked in the communications division of the American Lutheran Church and was president of New Generation Publishers, while continuing to compose original music for the Lutheran Vespers radio broadcasts and videos for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mr. Ylvisaker’s copyright covers over 1,000 songs. This one was written in 1985 in response to an invitation to prepare a series on baptism called “Reflections” for the ALC. It was intended as music for a video. When he first presented the song, the words were perfect, but the music did not fit the video. He went back to the drawing board and adapted it into a new style – the fusion of the traditional folk song with hymnody, (Remember, the original hymns of the Lutheran Reformation were sung to folk tunes so that they would be accessible to the people.)

This hymn gives us a sense of the timelessness of God. Dr. Hawn says, “When we think of ourselves as finite beings, God re-creates us and gives us new life in the baptismal waters, a spiritual regeneration that lasts for eternity.”

1. *“I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”*
2. *“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”*
3. *“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”*
4. *“I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”*

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