

The Trinity Light

Number 30 The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost, July 24, 2022

An official weekly publication of Trinity Episcopal Church, Wetumpka, Alabama



Rev. Ally Perry, Rector – perryally7777@gmail.com

Warren Jones, Parish Administrator - warren@trinitywetumpka.org

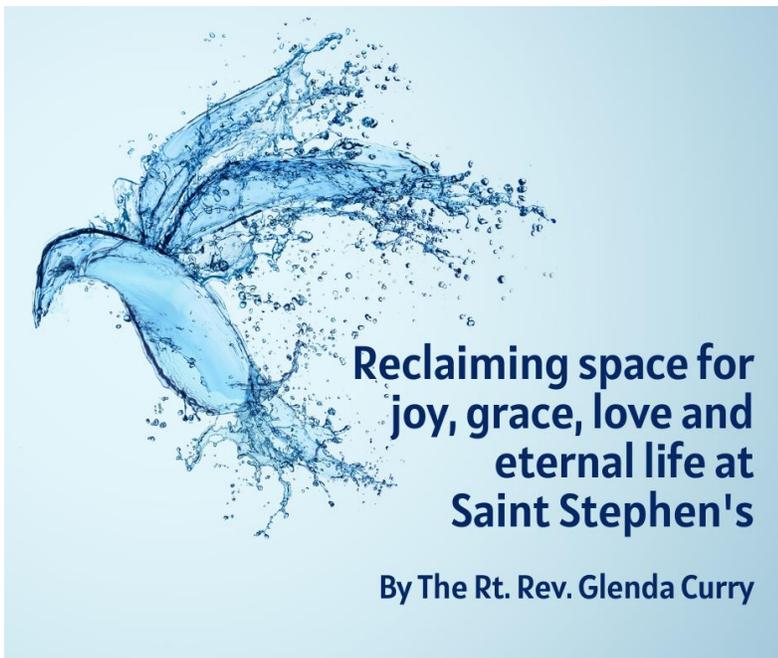
Christy Cooper, Parish Secretary - secretary@trinitywetumpka.org

On the Web: <http://www.trinitywetumpka.org>

On Facebook: Trinity Episcopal Church, Wetumpka, Alabama

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.*



Dear Friends:

This past Sunday, I was honored and blessed to worship with the parish family of Saint Stephen's, Vestavia Hills in a very special service as we reclaimed the parish hall for the glory of God. Our prayers lamented the sacrifice of Bart, Sharon and Jane while also giving thanks for the profound gift of their lives and ministry among us. As we continue to walk with and share the grief of their families, we also remember the joy of the blessings they gave. The blessings they gave live on in the lives of so many at Saint Stephen's and beyond.

I was joined by Saint Stephen's former rector, Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, as our preacher. He shared encouraging stories about building the parish hall, and thanked the parish for responding with love in the face of violence and death. He said, "That's the path Jesus used to save us all." He reminded us to offer the peace of God to the world, "but include yourselves in that peace" as a path to healing and hope.

We walked behind the cross from the sanctuary to the hall for communion, and everyone circled around the walls; the altar was set in the middle of the room. As we prayed that "anything stained or defiled through the craft of Satan or human malice may be purified and cleansed", we sprinkled baptismal water all around the altar, and also on the children gathered on the floor. We asked God to make the space a secure haven for those who gather there. With the power of God, we reclaimed the space for joy, grace, love and eternal life as we remembered that God has first claimed us. Let us continue to show the world that the love of Jesus is our hope now and forever.

Following the example of Saint Stephen's and Bart, Sharon, and Jane, may we follow Jesus so that all may see that love wins. And as Paul prays in Romans, "May the God of hope fill us with all peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit". Amen

Pre-service Clarinet Music this Sunday



Plan on gathering in the nave by 10:15 this Sunday, July 24. Blake Jones will be leaving for Basic Training soon, and this will be his last Sunday with us for a while. He will be playing several pieces as we gather for worship and will also provide the offertory music. During the last five and half years it has been a pleasure for me to watch Blake grow from a kind shy teenager into a kind confident young man. He is an accomplished pianist and a wonderful clarinetist – and he has so graciously used these talents to glorify God and deepen our worship at Trinity. Let's give one of our own a warm farewell for now, and assure him of our gratitude, our continued love, and our constant prayers.....Sarah

Special Acoustic Music

Sunday, July 31st, at the 10:30 morning Eucharist Service, the "Trinity Lights" will provide their special acoustic music. Following the service the Cursillo community will sponsor an informational meet and greet in Dunn Hall. There will be snacks and songs and some inspirational messages from those who have experienced the transformational experience of Cursillo. Make plans now to attend this special Day at Trinity.

Wednesday Service

It seems that many people at Trinity travel on weekends, especially during the summer. If 10 people are interested in a midweek service at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings we would like to offer one. We could have a light meal and music from Alleluia III. Or...it could be like an 8 am service, short and sweet I think the time would allow most people who work to attend, but if people would like it later, we can do that as well. I am here to bring healing and spirituality to Trinity at this time. Please let me know how to best serve you.

School Supplies

We are collecting #2 pencils, paper and earbuds for the coming school year. You may either donate needed supplies or money to help kids whose parents find it difficult to provide the needed things for the classroom. Erin Rogers has volunteered to get them to the children who need them. Please bring supplies to the church office or leave them in the narthex.

Holyland Tour

We will be taking 25 people on a bus tour of Israel from April 18-27, 2023. This is a few weeks after Easter next year. Please tell your friends. This will be the 5th tour that Ally has arranged and we have reserved a GREAT guide. It will be a spiritual pilgrimage, really changing how you hear the Bible and making the life of Jesus come alive. The cost is \$3868. For the 10-day trip. This includes airfare from Atlanta, first class hotels, a full breakfast and dinner each day, all luggage transport and transportation on a private bus. To reserve a place please make a deposit of \$500. And fill out the reservation form. The balance will be due on January 10, 2023. See the bulletin board for details.

This Week at Trinity

July 24:		The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 a.m.	Bonnors Point Lake Service
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 a.m.	Family Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet
July 25:	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study, Dunn Hall
July 31:		The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 a.m.	Bonnors Point Lake Service
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 a.m.	Family Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet – Sponsored by Cursillo Community

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Cindy Brown, Cathy Saylor, Shelby Bullen and Erin Rogers who celebrate their Birthday this week;

And to Chip & Janice Searcy, Warren & Hazel Jones and Lane & Suellen Young who celebrated their Anniversary this past week.

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Sandy Hollon, April Langford, Phyllis Kennedy, Lakeisha Ray, Crawford Kennedy, Johan Beumer, Carolyn Keese, Trey Gunter, Shauna Montgomery, Jasmine Presley.

Shut-Ins: Louise Lambert, Maxine Compton

Continuing Concerns: Robin Chadderdon, Avery White, Sheila Rigby, Bill Dunn, June Ward, Ray Howell, Carol Wright, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Kelley Wright, Linda Summey and Steve Bingham.

Pledge Offering

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income	\$ 3,462
Received Sunday, July 24.....	\$ 1,510
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income	\$ 100,398
Received Year to Date	\$ 96,072
Over/(under) Budget.....	\$ (4,326)

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Hymn # 518

Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes in Him will by no means be put to shame. - 1 Peter 2:6

This week's article is a repeat of a previous one. We are singing this hymn as the recessional this Sunday, and I thought it would be good to remind you of its origin.

This strong hymn is drawn from a Latin monastic hymn, "Urbs beata Jerusalem," dating from the sixth or seventh centuries. The original hymn, written for the dedication of a new church, was a meditation on the New Jerusalem. It was translated by John Mason Neale and first appeared in his *Mediaeval Hymns and Sequences* (1851). Neale divided the original into two parts for his *Hymnal Noted Part I* (1852) – the first part becoming "Blessed City, heavenly Salem," and the second part being our hymn. The first hymn was to be sung at the Vigil in the monastic offices, and the second section to be sung at dawn at Lauds. The original music was plainsong chant. Now we sing it to the stately tune, *WESTMINSTER ABBEY*, composed by English composer Henry Purcell (1659-1695).

John Mason Neale (1818-1866) has no peer when it comes to translating hymns written originally in Latin or Greek. Neale's father was a clergyman. Hymnologist Leon Litvack writes, "Neale entered Cambridge as an Evangelical, but emerged an Anglo-Catholic." He became interested in the Oxford Movement, resulting in an interest in "high church" and the liturgy of the medieval church. He was so interested in the hymns of the medieval church that he urged the omission of Protestant hymns from the Anglican service in favor of translations of hymns from the earlier era.

Neale was an ordained Anglican priest, but ill health and his having offended some of the Anglican hierarchy with some of his beliefs rendered him unable to serve a parish. Instead, he ran colleges and charities, most notably a home for indigent old men. His minimal duties gave him much time for his scholarly pursuits. His greatest contribution to us is the hymns that he translated - "All Glory Laud, and Honor," "Of the Father's Love Begotten," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," etc.

In Neale's translation of this hymn the "temple" is not a place, but it is the **people** of the church. This is where Christ lives, not in walls of stone, but in the hearts of people whose lives belong to Him.

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody:
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Sarah