

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.*



Veteran's Day at Trinity



Trinity's outreach ministry to veterans and patriotic citizens in our community continued this year by hosting a "Tribute to Veterans" program which started at 2:00 pm Veterans Day afternoon. Because of the current virus situation, this year's event was not the usual and popular Veterans Day Concert. The Wetumpka Fire Department parked their ladder truck in front of the church where throughout the day it displayed a large American Flag over Highway 231. At 1:30, the BSA Troop 50 Scouts and Patriot Guard assembled to prepare for the Veterans Day Program and to wave to passing cars. This tribute event was begun by Trinity Episcopal Church in 2009. It continues as an annual event held on Veterans Day and endorsed by the Elmore County Commissioners as the county's only official Veterans Day Tribute.



Fruits of the Earth

This Sunday, November 21st Trinity is celebrating Fruits of the Earth. The Flower Guild and Women Who Care request everyone to bring shelf stable items they would like to donate and decorate the windows of the Nave. Plans are to decorate during Sunday School Sunday morning beginning at 9:15. At the end of the day all items will be donated to the Food Pantry.

Handbell Choir

Sue Beumer wants Trinity to know all are welcome to participate in our Handbell Choir. There will be a practice session after the service this Sunday, November 21st in the Nave.



Advent Wreaths



Sunday, November 28, The First Sunday of Advent, we will be making Advent Wreaths in Dunn Hall during the Sunday School session. Everyone, adults and children are invited to join us to make the wreaths, then, take them home and use them throughout Advent. Advent Calendars for the children will also be available.

Search Committee Update

Since our last update two names were given to us as possibilities. Each candidate was contacted and neither were interested. One felt called to serve a larger parish and the other's husband had taken a new job and they were committed to their current location for several years. If you have any suggestions, we will pursue them. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to one of us: Belyn Richardson, Rhonda Baughman, Tonya Ayers, Melanie Ruppert, Matt Rogers, Susan Powers, Richie Bailey, Hannah Beumer, Gardner Perdue.

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

Christ the King

This Sunday, the last in the Christian year, we celebrate Christ the King. A musician friend of mine sent me a reflection on the Kingship of Christ written by Sarah Hart. It found it to be enlightening, so I am sharing parts of it with you:

“When Christ arrived on this earth, there was a historical expectation of what a king should be: a mighty warrior, a strong leader to be feared, a commander of armies, a great protector of his kingdom, ever ready and willing for battle with the enemy. When the chosen people were waiting for the Messiah, this was their expectation: a fighter, not a lover. The concept of Jesus - the poor son of a carpenter, who healed and lifted the lowly, kept company with the most outcast members of society, and chose for his followers the least wealthy and least educated people – as “King” must have been extremely difficult for so many. It is why, even in the midst of Jesus’ time on earth – while he was performing miracles and teaching, and leading hearts ever closer to the Kingdom of God - it was nearly impossible for most to perceive Jesus as “King.” He was not what the people expected, not the king they believed had been promised. And for most, not the king they wanted. What is so incredible about the Kingship of Christ is that he is an unexpected King, a leader like no other. He was born into the world not into glory and wealth, but into obscurity and poverty. He leads his people not with fear or intimidation, but with patience and mercy. He commands us not to go into battle, but to sow peace. He chooses the weaponry of Love to conquer hate, violence, and apathy. Jesus is a kind, good, peace-seeking ruler. who turns the very concept of “king” upside-down, in the most beautiful way. On Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate the King who chose not a battle, but a people. A king who fought the enemy of sin with his mighty Love, even unto death. A king who seeks not vain glory, but a place in our hearts. Perhaps not the king we once expected, but most assuredly the king who exceeds our every expectation.”

Sarah Cater

This Week at Trinity

Nov 21: **The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King - Fruits of the Earth**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Facebook Live Stream

11:30 a.m. – Handbell Practice

11:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet, Dunn Hall

Nov 25-26: Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 28: **The First Sunday of Advent**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – Make Advent Wreaths

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Facebook Live Stream

11:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet, Dunn Hall

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Greta Beumer, Blake Jones, Chip Searcy, Dennis Kizziah, Richard Pinckard & Susan Powers who celebrate their Birthday this week;

And to Keith & Susan Powers who celebrate their Anniversary this week;

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Hazel Jones, Christian Larsen, J.V. McLain, Catherine Hart, Lydia Till, Lloyd Kett, Robin Chadderdon, Johan Beumer

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

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

Sunday Ministers

<u>Christ the King Sunday Nov. 21, 2021</u>	<u>Advent I November 28, 2021</u>
LEM – Tonia Ayers	LEM – Tim Bailey
Acolytes – Jack Pinckard, Rutledge Rogers	Acolytes – Phillip & Tyler Baughman
Lector – Charlotte Lackey	Lector – Jenny Bailey
Epistoler – Suellen Young	Epistoler – Rhonda Baughman
Intercessor – Andy Hayes	Intercessor – Beverly Roberts
Altar Guild – Sandy Hallmark, Anna Chappelle	Altar Guild – Susan Hayes, Beverly Roberts
Flower Guild – Erin Rogers	Flower Guild – Carrie Pinckard
Vestry of the Week – Calvin Chappelle	Vestry of the Week – Charlotte Lackey
Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark	Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark
Flowers –	Flowers – GREENERY
Meet & Greet –	Meet & Greet – Charlotte Lackey
Women Who Care – Carol Wright	Women Who Care – Carol Wright
A/V – Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip	A/V – Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip

Supply Priest Schedule

November 21 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

November 28 – The Rev. John Bagby

December 5 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

December 12 – The Rev. John Bagby

December 19 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

Christmas Eve – The Rev. Donna Gerold

December 26 – No Service

January 2 – The Rev. Donna Gerold

Pledge Offering

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income	\$ 3,354
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income	\$ 154,284
Received Sunday, Nov 14.....	\$ 2,775
Received Year to Date	\$ 160,250
Over/(under) Budget.....	\$ 5,966

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn #397

This week's Hymn Notes is a repeat because this story moves and challenges me. The writer of this hymn penned a prayer of thanksgiving to God in the worst imaginable circumstances. Let his act of gratitude be an example to each of us.

Many of our great hymns have risen out of trying times. This one is no exception. The writer of the hymn, Martin Rinkart, was a pastor at Eilenberg, Saxony, during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). The city of Eilenberg was walled, so people thought it would be safe from warring soldiers. Thus, the city became a severely over-crowded refuge for political and military fugitives from far and near. However, the walls did not offer the hoped-for protections, and the city was overrun by Swedes, Austrians, and Swedes again. The overcrowding led to hunger and disease. In 1637 a great pestilence swept the area and resulted in the death of over eight thousand persons, including Rinkart's wife. During that time Rinkart was Eilenberg's only minister; the others had either died or fled. Rinkart alone conducted burial services for as many as 40 to 50 people a day – a total of 4480!

Rinkart was a man of prayer and a believer that God's providence is always good, even when we are tempted to doubt it. When he prays, "Guide us when perplexed," he is not talking about minor inconveniences. Yet from these experiences comes this song of thanksgiving, first written to be used as a table blessing.

The tune by Johann Cruger was introduced with the text in 1644 while the war was still raging. It has a majesty and pure resolve. It was a reminder to those in past years as well as it is to us in these uncertain days that we can praise God even during the most trying times, assured that God is with us "in this world and the next."

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
- 2. O may this bounteous God in all our life be near us!
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

SARAH