



# The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham, Rector

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## From the Rector

*The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham*

Dear friends,

Happy New Year!

Somewhere in my possession I have a treasured little book entitled “Always We Begin Again”. The book is about Benedictine Spirituality. St. Benedict lived in the sixth century and was the founder of the Christian monastic way of life. He taught and modeled for his community of religious a way of life marked by stability and rhythm in the midst of a chaotic and noisy world. Men and women who live in religious communities (monks and nuns) follow a rule of life, principles and guidelines that help them stay focused on the work that they are called to do, to live faithfully in community as a follower of Jesus. In our busy lives we also need structure to help us stay faithful—habits that shape us into being more like Christ. As we begin again this new year, I look forward to all of the rhythms and traditions of our common life together as Christians. Each week we worship together, sing together, confess sins together, break bread, and share the peace of Christ with one another.



As you begin again a new year, I urge you to show up here at Trinity often and let the motions of church life keep you grounded in this noisy and chaotic world.

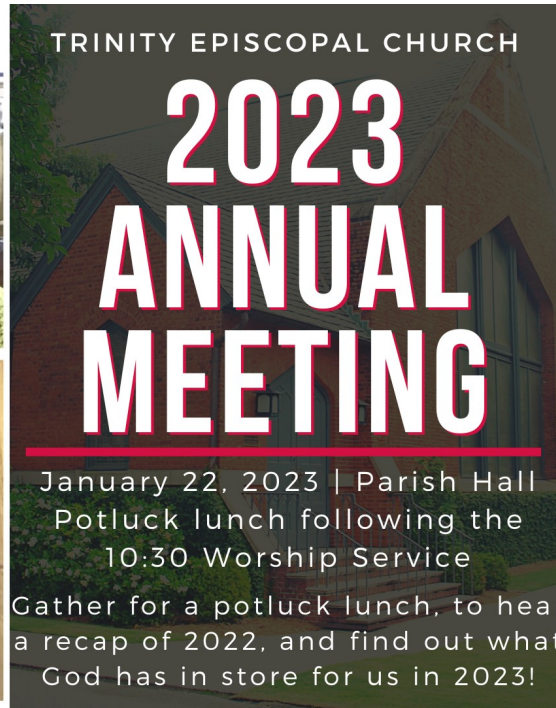
May the peace of Christ be with you all year long.

*Timothy H. Graham*

Father Tim

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***Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.***



Each year we meet to report on the mission and ministries of this parish, review financial affairs, and elect new Vestry representatives. Our brief Annual Parish Meeting will take place Sunday, January 22, 2023, following the 10:30 worship service.

We will hold a potluck lunch before the meeting. Trinity will provide fried chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share. During the meeting, childcare will be available at the indoor playground.

### **VESTRY ELECTION**

The elected members of the Vestry serve to administer all the temporal business of the parish. Our Vestry usually consists of twelve members. Each year four members will rotate off and four new members will be elected to serve a three year term.

This year Cameron Bean, Kit Duncan, John Page, and Elliott Waddell will be rotating off the Vestry. The remaining Vestry members are: Nora Garrard, Erin Harkey, Nell Hudson Scrantom, Patricia Lamson, Joseph Oelgoetz, Ginger Ollman, Mona Thorington, and Brooks Yancey.

The 2022 Vestry has submitted four nominations for the 2023 Vestry. They are Ashley Holt, John Johnston, Bill Perkins, and Linda Shinkle.

### **ELECTION QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS**

The Canons of the Diocese of Atlanta (31.6.c) outline the qualifications for a Vestry Member. A Vestry member must be 18 years of age. They must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. (This means they must be a confirmed Episcopalian, they must have made a financial pledge in the year prior to an election, their financial contributions must be paid up to date, their membership must be with our parish, and they must be faithful and regular in attendance.) We will elect four new vestry members to fill the vacant positions. Photos and biographical information on all nominees will be published and made available to the congregation.

### **VOTING**

In the event that there is to be a vote on Vestry candidates, all confirmed communicants in good standing not less than 16 years of age may vote. (This means you must be a confirmed Episcopalian, your financial contributions must be paid up to date, your membership must be with our parish, and you must be faithful and regular in attendance.) Please make every effort to attend Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting.

*"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;"*  
Psalm 88:2

### **In Our Prayers:**

#### **Parishioners**

Bill Batastini  
Sammy Caves  
Jack Collins  
Peggy Collins  
Joyce Curry  
Philip Day  
Ginger Driver  
Sydney Flournoy  
Ken Followill  
Becky Goldsmith  
Mary Johnson  
Hariat Lippmann  
Robert Marcus  
Karyn Marra  
Lally McGurk  
Bob Miller  
Lilah Morgan  
Jo Myers  
Bill Perdue  
Jacquie Rawls  
Fleur Stearns  
George Trussell, Jr.  
Walter Trussell  
George Wade  
Libby Wells  
Judy Wilkinson

#### **Friends**

Nan Boyett  
Jim Buntin  
Becky Cartledge  
Jimmy Farr  
Joe Higdon  
Milton Jones  
Jennifer Kidd  
Whitney Kiger  
Kim Kimbrough  
Ricky Korzan  
Devon Levy  
Coles McKagen  
Mary Anne Merryfield  
Sue Phillips  
Larry Ray  
Paul Rickard  
Martha Robert  
Molly Scarbrough  
Hadley Scott  
Susy Sironi

*If you know of a parishioner who  
is in the hospital, has had a child,  
or is facing some crisis, please let  
the Parish Office know so our  
Parish family can respond.*

## **FIRST Sunday FUNDAY!**

Beginning February 5, Trinity Kids will meet for fun and fellowship following the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of each month.



### **Korean Cuisine at the February 1st Parish Supper**



Our first Parish Family Supper of the New Year will be on **Wednesday, February 1st at 6pm**. The February Supper will be a special one, consisting of delicious traditional Korean dishes prepared by Evelyn Stahl and Dr Aesook Moon, our Assistant Organist & Choirmaster. Both Evelyn and Aesook are of Korean descent and, in addition to cooking for the congregation, they will share with Trinity some personal stories and information about Korean culture and cuisine. It's a special supper you won't want to miss!

#### **Candlemas at Trinity on February 1st**

*...they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (Luke 2:22)*



Trinity has a weekly Evening Prayer service every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The regular service— which lasts approximately thirty minutes— is a chance to lift up your own prayers, along with those of the ancient church, and find rest and renewal in the midst of the busy workweek.

**At 5:30 on February 1st**, Trinity will have a special Evening Prayer service that begins with the **Candlemas procession**. In the past, Candlemas was always observed on the Feast of the Presentation (Feb 2nd), which is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day, and recalls the story in the Gospel of Luke when Jesus was brought to the Temple by his parents, 40 days after his birth. In keeping with tradition, we will gather on the porch and light candles, then process into the nave for an abbreviated version of Evening Prayer. Trinity Kids are especially encouraged to come and join the procession, as we will have special treats for them at the end of the service!



## A Musical Travel Log at Trinity, 2022-2023



In our musical journey throughout the 2022-2023 season we will have covered a great deal of ground!

**The USA:** Standard American/Anglican anthems, plus Spirituals and Jazz

**Ireland:** Modern setting of an ancient chant, plus music from Wolf and Clover

**The UK:** Traditional anthems such as “Jerusalem” and the Handel “Hallelujah Chorus” and the choral works of

Britten, Oldroyd and Vaughan-Williams and the much-loved Christmas carols

**Scotland:** Bagpipers and Drum for Anglican Heritage Sunday

**Germany:** Major works of Johann Sebastian Bach

**Austria:** Masterworks of Mozart, Schubert and Brahms

**France:** Masterworks of Faure and Durufle and music from the Taize tradition

**Basque Country:** Beloved Noels of Christmas

**Republic of Ghana, West Africa:** traditional folk song

**Italy:** Instrumental music of Corelli, Praetorius and Vivaldi (Trinity Consort)

**Russia:** Choral settings of “Ave Maria” and “The Beatitudes”

The music of the Trinity Brass and Percussion Ensemble at Christmas Eve and Easter Day

Plus a long list of instrumental works for violin(s), viola, bassoon, tuba, Horn, and trumpet

The outstanding Preludes and Postludes offered by our highly talented Dr. Aesook Moon

What a travel itinerary, and you don’t even need a passport!

BON VOYAGE for the second half of our journey for this year!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

- 2– Kay Young
- 4– Doug McLeod, Ford Rowell, Laura Wilkinson
- 6– Gunby Garrard, Jr., James Helmick, Jarrell Schley, Steve Thomas
- 7– Lauren Blanchard, Nicholas Caligaris, Cathy Kirkland, Mulford Waldrop
- 8– Griffin Heider
- 9– Fleur Stearns, Jennifer Yancey
- 11– Justus Armstrong, Gary Johnson
- 13– Robert Howard
- 14– Craig Wilson
- 15– Bettye Cheves
- 16– Lynn Grogan, Joanne Hecht, Ford Waldrop
- 17– Jane Williams-Smith, Jeff Ollman
- 20– Don Morgan, Wright Waddell
- 21– Willie Perry
- 23– William Myers
- 25– Darby Miller, Hugh Page, Betsy Staples
- 26– Chris Stephens
- 27– Mary Weston
- 28– Tim Flournoy, Chris Henson, Margie Myers, Shannon Quick
- 29– Russ Buice, Ryan Lynch, Melinda Strickland, Mary Lou Swift
- 30– Bill Whilden

### Anniversaries

- 30– Tim & Deana Graham

# TRINITY KIDS NEWS!

Dear Parents of Trinity Kids:

Happy New Year! At the end of 2022, my wife Deana formally stepped down as director of children's ministries at Trinity. Your children are vital members of our congregation, and Mama D's retirement means that the all-important role of children's ministry coordinator is currently unfilled. As we actively search for right person to fill this role, **please spread the word** about the vacancy and remember Trinity in your prayers. Even before this new person is found, as Trinity enters a new year I am excited by the steps we are already are taking to rethink and renew our children's programming.

After a brief break for the holidays, **Children's Chapel** resumes this Sunday, January 8th. In January, Children's Chapel is being led by parent volunteers, for whom we are very grateful. If you might also be willing to help shepherd our kids for the first half hour of an upcoming 10:30 worship service, please contact the church office and let us know. Starting this month, you may also see your child coming home after Children's Chapel with a copy of the **Sunday Paper Junior**, a hand-crafted Episcopal resource designed to connect kids with the Bible readings we hear in church each week.

We are also excited to announce that **First Sunday Fun-Day** is returning to Trinity. Beginning Sunday, February 5th, we welcome all children in grades K-5 to gather in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of every month. These Sundays are a time for us to eat lunch together, play games, and learn about our faith through songs, stories, and creative activities. Parents are also welcome to join us on February 5th and future Fun-Days, or else feel free to take a lunch break or a quiet moment downtown, and return to pick up your children between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. Father Andy, with his wife, Nicole, and I are all taking an active role in leading these Fun-Days. Great things are in store for February 5th, and I hope your children can make it!

Trinity Episcopal Church is abundantly blessed by the presence of your children among us, and my sincerest hope is that the church continues to be a blessing to them, in this new year and all throughout their life.

Sincerely,



Father Tim Graham  
*Rector*



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

# *An Evening of Orchestra*

*Special Performances By*

THE BLUE-MORPH ORCHESTRA

ENLUIS MONTES OLIVAR, CONDUCTOR  
ROMÁN RODRÍGUEZ, TUBA

FEATURING STUDENTS OF THE  
SCHWOB SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Date: 10 February, 2023

**Time: 7:30pm**

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church

**Free Admission!**

