

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Tempo

FEBRUARY 2021

Seeking to **Love** with the heart of Christ, to **Think** with the mind of Christ and to **Act** in the world as the Body of Christ.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Note: Except as indicated below, services in February are:

- Outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at Trinity Place on Sundays at 2:00 pm.
- Online service of morning prayer Sundays at 10:30 am via Facebook or YouTube.

Tuesday, February 2

5 pm Evensong via Facebook

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 pm Ordination of Noah via Zoom

Sunday, February 14

10:30 am Fr. Noah celebrates Holy Eucharist—livestreamed service

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:30 pm Trinity Place

5 pm and 7 pm via Zoom

Coffee Hour is online after the 10:30 am service via Zoom (Password is sent in *HT Notes* & Sunday morning email.)

ONGOING EVENTS

Each Evening: Compline at 8:30 pm on Facebook

Sundays 4 pm (during Lent) starting Feb 23—Lenten program via Zoom

Mondays

9:00 am Facebook online prayer

Tuesdays

11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Canterbury

Thursdays

7:00 pm *What are Biblical Values?* via Zoom

KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

*Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished.
Amanda Gorman, "The Hill We Climb"*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

We have endured much in the year since the novel coronavirus emerged as a global threat. The very real existential danger posed by the pandemic exposed fault lines in the cohesion of our identity as Americans that were already there, but easy for many of us to ignore or dismiss as overwrought political rhetoric. Even our Christian identity has been tested and questioned. Some say we live in unfaithful fear as we take measures to protect members of our worshipping community and our neighbors. Some say it is too political to preach the Gospel as an urgent message to love God and love neighbor by holding ourselves, each other, and our society accountable for the degree to which our actions and words line up with the Great Commandment.

Accountability is an important ingredient in our common life—as Americans and as Christians. Impassioned dissent against the actions that violate the norms embedded in our worldview is part of our national and denominational heritage and have often moved us along an incremental path of social justice and common understanding. However, when accountability and dissent are replaced with shaming and dehumanizing the “other side,” constructive debate becomes destructive conflict. This is a trajectory that we have seen played out over the course of the election cycle that has just culminated in a peaceful transfer of authority that was shockingly uncertain until the end of the festivities.

I believe with all my heart that the Church has a role to play in healing the wounds of the extreme political division that we have all suffered. I believe that we are called specifically to the task of protecting the dignity of every single person. Have you ever wondered where we got the idea that each human being has dignity? In the first chapter of Genesis, we hear God make an astonishing claim: “And God created human beings in God’s image, in the image of God they were created.” Each person you encounter has inherent dignity because he, she, or they are created in the image and likeness of God. Bearing the fingerprints of God in our deepest being, we are responsible for human flourishing. Shaming and dehumanizing are antithetical to our identity as followers of Jesus. Holding thoughts in our hearts and speaking words that characterize “our side” as completely good and “their side” as utterly evil is the first step toward an ungodly hatred of one of God’s children.

Working with Braver Angels to heal political divisions and committing ourselves to Becoming Beloved Community are two of the tools that we can use as a parish to build bridges to a healthier future. We don’t have specific plans for continuing our work with Braver Angels at this time, but watch for announcements in the future. We do have specific plans for Becoming Beloved Community; our Lenten program this year will be a five-week curriculum developed for The Episcopal Church to “organize our many efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers.” You can read the specifics of this Lenten program on page 10 of this *Tempo*. I hope that you will take time this Lent to pray and meditate on ways that you—and we, the Church—might become better bearers of Christ’s healing light and love in the world.

Much love, Suz+

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soon be determined.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE ASTERISK (*) IN EACH VERSE OF THE PSALMS IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER?

An explanation of the asterisk in the verses of psalms is found on page 583 in the BCP, in a section "Concerning the Psalter." This section of two-pages-and-change contains a wealth of information about the use of psalms in worship, including the instruction that psalms should be read verse-by-verse (never by half-verse!). "An asterisk divides each verse into two parts for reading or chanting. *In reading, a distinct pause should be made at the asterisk.*" (The emphasis here is mine.)

This practice of the distinct pause at the asterisk seems to have been overlooked in most of the worshiping communities I've encountered. The first time I experienced it was at St. Mary's Convent in Sewanee a few years before I entered seminary on The Mountain. I was on a retreat at the Conference Center adjacent, and joined the nuns for Morning and Evening Prayer for a few days. The night I arrived, during Evening Prayer, when we started the Psalm appointed for that service, I blasted right through the distinct pause. Mine was the sole voice, disconcertingly loud in the distinct pause. The sisters were most tolerant and kind, so I didn't see a single side-eye thrown my way. I thought at the time that this must be a "Benedictine thing" and didn't ponder any further.

When I arrived at the School of Theology some time later, our incoming class was instructed in the ways of the Customary of the seminary's chapel (a Customary is a document that has all the instructions for worshiping according to the customs of the local community—or a bishop). One of the first things the Sub-Dean of the Chapel of the Apostles did was to rehearse us in observing the distinct pause at the asterisk. We were later quizzed on the various other instructions in "Concerning the Psalter."

During my time of worshiping in the Chapel of the Apostles, I came to appreciate the distinct pause at the asterisk for two reasons. First, this practice promotes attention to the text—you fall into a habit of reading carefully as you watch for the asterisk! Second, this practice promotes listening in community. There are many portions of all our liturgies that are prayed in unison. Paying attention to the pace and rhythm of the united voices is a spiritual practice of communion—not the Sacrament, but a union of breath, voice, and heartbeat as we pray together.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (2/17), Noah and I are going to model this way of reading the psalms in worship. There will be a rubric included in each bulletin to remind the congregation to pause at the asterisk. The pause will last for just a second or two. It may be awkward to catch the rhythm at first, but it quickly becomes natural. Just listen for the shared breath-timing and heartbeat of the congregation. When we worship together, a secret to that hearing is to pray at a volume that is audible to yourself and the person next to you, and no louder than that. It is enough to maintain the communal rhythm, and God can hear your prayer just fine! And please don't stress about getting it just right. The aim is not perfection; the aim is communion with God and one another as we pray.

Peace, y'all! Συζ+

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR

As I write this, my ordination to the priesthood is fast approaching! I look forward to sharing the day with you via the livestream that you will be able to find at edusc.org/live. Ordinations are a rare but joyful occasion in the life of many Episcopalians, when we celebrate God's faithfulness in raising up ordained leaders to carry on the work of sharing God's gifts and promises to us through the preaching of the Gospel and sharing of the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. An ordination is not a celebration of the person being ordained; it is a celebration of God's work through the Church and the way the community comes together to recognize and affirm the way God is working in the lives of the Church's caretakers.

The liturgy for the Ordination of a Priest can be found beginning on page 524 of your Prayer Book; taken together with the services of ordination for bishops and deacons, this section is known as "the ordinal." The fact that every cleric in the Episcopal Church is ordained with these liturgies points to the common ground that we share together, all ordained with the same words and actions. The service is similar to baptism and confirmation in that it is a rite that takes place in the context of the Eucharist, with some distinct differences. At an ordination, this happens in two places: before the readings of the day and after the sermon and Nicene Creed.

At the beginning of the service, the candidates for ordination are presented to the bishop by representatives of the diocese and the communities that care for the ordinand, certifying that they have met all the formal requirements. The bishop then asks the ordinands to confirm that they will abide by teaching and canon law of the Church, including the directions of the Book of Common Prayer, and the congregation (on behalf of the entire Church!) indicates their willingness to support the newly ordained. Think of it kind of like the declaration of intent at a wedding. Then the real work begins with the Litany for Ordinations (page 548), as the congregation begins to bathe the occasion in prayer for the Church's mission, the needs of the world, and the ordinands themselves.

The service continues, and after the sermon and Creed the ordinands come before the bishop again, this time on their own. The bishop delivers a charge to the ordinands, describing the work that is ahead of them and again asking if they are prepared to take on the responsibilities of ordination, before the ordinands take their formal vows (the analogy to marriage works here too!). After this the ordination proper begins. Following ancient Jewish practice, Christians have always set people aside for new ministry with intercessory prayer and the laying on of hands (see Chapters 6 and 13 of the book of Acts). This pattern has continued unbroken ever since, and this part of the liturgy begins with a hymn to the Holy Spirit (#405 in your Hymnal) that Christians have been singing for 1200 years. After calling on the Spirit, the bishop leads the congregation in a prolonged time of silent prayer, in a posture of listening and waiting that ought to characterize all our prayer. Then the Bishop on behalf of the congregation begins the prayer of consecration, including the climactic moment when the Bishop lays their hands on the head of the ordinands to invoke the power of the Holy Spirit on them. The other priests who are present join in this action to symbolize the induction of a new priest into the council of priests of the diocese. After this the new priest, who until now has been in a simple white robe, receives the vestments of a priest and a Bible from the bishop. For their first actions as priests, the newly ordained assist the Bishop in the celebration of the Eucharist and offer their blessing over the congregation at the end of the service.

In all of this, the laypeople who are present (both physically and virtually) actively participate on behalf of all Christians everywhere in affirming God's call on the lives of those being ordained and by joining their prayers together that the Spirit's movement in the lives of the new priests will be effective. The Methodist pastor Thomas Oden wrote about ordination: "Once the imposition of hands has occurred with sincere prayer of the church... the ordinand has good reason to rely upon that intercession, to credit it, to be reassured by its authenticity, and to recollect happily that his or her work is commissioned, not just by oneself through private inspiration, but rather by the whole historical church in the expectation of fruitful outcome." Your prayers are what makes this work! I ask for your prayers on the day of the ordination and in the many days to come, as we work together to build up God's realm here in Clemson and beyond.

Noah



*God Willing
and
The People of God Consenting
The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo
VIII Bishop of Upper South Carolina
on behalf of
The Right Reverend Samuel S. Rodman
XII Bishop of North Carolina
will ordain
Caitlyn Jordan Darnell
and, on behalf of
The Right Reverend Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez
XVI Bishop of Pennsylvania
will ordain
Noah Bryce Stansbury
to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church
Wednesday, the Tenth of February
in the year of Our Lord
Two Thousand and Twenty-One
at six thirty in the evening
Trinity Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina
To view, go to: edusc.org/live*



CARE OF PEOPLE

Love with the Heart of Christ

EVENSONG: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

Mtr. Suz and Deacon Noah will offer a simple service of Evensong to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 2. We will livestream the service from Holy Trinity on our Facebook page. Please join us as we celebrate the occasion upon which Jesus was presented at the Temple and recognized by two prophets, Anna and Simeon.

ASH WEDNESDAY



We will have an in-person service at Trinity Place at **12:30 pm on Wednesday, February 17**. Rather than the usual Imposition of Ashes by the priests, we will arrange for each congregant to pick up a small container of ashes as they arrive. At the appointed time, we will all impose ashes on ourselves, or household groups may impose ashes on each other. The Liturgy will otherwise proceed as normal. Masks are required for participation.

We will also make arrangements for each household to participate in the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday in their own homes. We will send a small packet of ashes with instructions and an Order of Worship that can be used in a couple of ways. You can say the prayers and impose ashes as a family when it is convenient for you. You can join a Zoom service at **5:00 pm** (the Zoom link will be provided in a special email that day). Or you may join Canterbury's live-streamed liturgy at **7:00 pm**. Each of these ways to participate in the Liturgy include the invitation to observe a holy Lent—all are invited!

RITE ONE FOR 5 SUNDAYS IN LENT

Our Sunday worship will use Rite One for the Season of Lent. Some of you have expressed a desire to worship using the traditional language of Rite One, which is shared by the clergy of the parish. Therefore, for the five Sundays in Lent, we will worship using those lovely old words.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

We are pre-recording The Great Litany and Stations of the Cross, which will feature a variety of familiar faces and voices. These recordings will be available on our website for your devotional use as part of your Lenten observance.

You may wish to pray The Great Litany one or more times each week. You might set a time each Friday for Stations of the Cross. You choose the time and frequency for your devotions. We pray that these offerings will help you to observe a holy Lent.





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LENT IN A BAG



The Family Ministry Team and Pastoral Care Teams are joining forces to provide "Lent in a Bag" for parishioners the weekend before Ash Wednesday. Families with children and youth will receive a home delivery of a bag full of Lenten practices and activities. Parishioners who received a Christmas goodie bag from the Pastoral Care team will also receive a home delivery of Lent in a Bag.

We will provide Lent in a Bag for pick up at the 2:00 pm service on Sunday, 2/14, and at the 12:30 Ash Wednesday service on 2/17. We will also have a number of the bags available in the Chapel for pickup beginning 2/14. You may also call Sheryl in the church office to arrange for pick up or delivery if you haven't received one by Ash Wednesday. Our goal is to support each household in observing a holy Lent.

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and to **act** in the world as the Body of Christ.*

Mtr. Suz Cate, Rector

EUCCHARISTIC VISITS

Knowing that there will be quite a few parishioners who do not feel comfortable or safe coming to church yet, Deacon Noah and Mtr. Suz will be available to bring Holy Communion to your homes. We will share the Body and the Blood from Holy Trinity's outdoor altar, observing careful distancing and masking. The preference is to conduct these Eucharistic Visits outdoors, as much as possible.

Please call Sheryl at the church office to request a visit. She will inform the clergy, and one of us will be in touch to schedule an appointment.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-person Sunday school will take place on the **3rd Sunday of every month**, during the 2 pm in-person church service outside, using social distancing, masks and hygienic practices. The lessons will be about 30 minutes. Our meetings will be located at Trinity Place. We are committed to being flexible, safe and communicative under the constraints of the ongoing pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mary Beth Johnstone (864-506-5570; mbjohnstone69@gmail.com).

Please arrive a few minutes ahead of 2 pm, so that we can gather into our respective groups. Each leader will have a sign indicating where each group will meet. The groups are: pre-K (3 and 4 years), Godly Play (K—2nd grade), Faith Travelers (3rd—5th grades), Middle School (6th—8th grades) and High school (9th—12th grade).



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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



Now more than ever, it is an act of Christian love to wear a face covering when you are away from your home. Please love your neighbor by wearing a mask, including whenever you come to our church buildings! We have masks available in the church office and at our outside worship services, just in case you get out the door without one. Please take care of yourselves and those you love by staying home if you feel unwell or have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine for 14 days or obtain a negative test result before resuming contact.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMED JANUARY 5TH

If you would like to take part in the online Bible study which takes place on Tuesdays at 11:00 am, use the link below. We take a deep dive into the readings appointed for the following Sunday, finding ways to connect them to our lives each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789678685?pwd=QWcwMUQwUXZsUSt3cTNWOU15V1FjZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8967 8685

Passcode: 927305

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Holy Trinity is working hard to stay connected and provide support through the trials of pandemic restrictions. The Vestry and Neighborhood Group Leaders continue to reach out to parishioners in their areas regularly. Please contact your Neighborhood Group Leaders or the church office if you have any need, and we will do our best to help you out. The office staff are not necessarily in the office at all times, but we are all checking email and phone messages regularly.



The office number is 864-654-5071. To reach Lynne Farmer, Parish Administrator select ext. 3, for Sheryl Shankles, Parish Secretary, select ext. 0. You can reach Mtr. Suz at 864-364-1952 to call or text. Deacon Noah Stansbury's cell number is 864-723-0391.

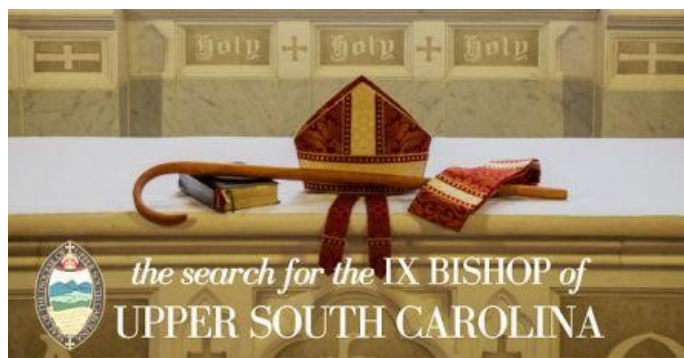


CARE OF PEOPLE

THE ORDINATION OF NOAH STANSBURY TO THE HOLY ORDER OF PRIESTS

Deacon Noah will be made a priest in the church at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 10. The Ordination will take place at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia and will be streamed live. Please plan to join us virtually for this joyful occasion for Holy Trinity.

Fr. Noah will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on February 14 in a livestreamed service in the Nave (altar party and worship support personnel only in attendance due to COVID restrictions). A virtual reception will follow during our regular Zoom Coffee Hour, and an in-person, socially distanced reception will follow our 2:00 Holy Eucharist on the Lawn at Trinity Place. Please plan to bring your own beverage for a toast, other refreshments provided by our Engagement Team.



BISHOP SEARCH

The timeline for the search is as follows:

2021

January 29

Deadline to submit a nomination form

February 26

Candidate applications close

March 1 - August 13

Nominating Committee reviews candidates

June 19-20

Nominating Committee retreat with potential candidates

August 14

Nominating Committee presents a slate of finalists.

September 11-12

Candidate walkabouts are conducted

September 25

Electing Convention at Trinity Cathedral, Columbia

September 27

Period for Certification of Election and receipt of Diocesan Consents begins

November 5-6

Diocesan Convention to include a celebration of Bishop Waldo's Episcopate

2022

January 1

Bishop Waldo retires, and Standing Committee becomes interim Ecclesiastical Authority

February 26

Consecration of the IX Bishop of Upper South Carolina



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Think with the Mind of Christ

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

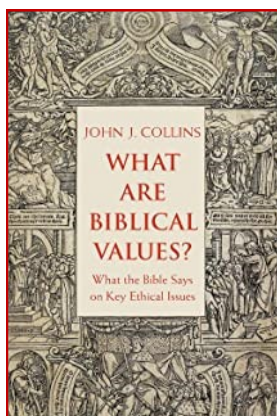


In February, Mtr. Suz will offer a 2-part presentation resulting from her research project, completed this fall, looking into more obscure aspects of the history of St. Paul's. The presentation is titled, "Making Room for Every Body: The Stories We Tell About St. Paul's."

The focus is on the presence of enslaved persons as members of the Body of Christ at St. Paul's in the ante-bellum period, with an emphasis on how the slaves came to be part of the "cure of souls" to whom the first three rectors ministered.

Both sessions will last about an hour, with some presentation of historical data and narrative, with time for reflections and questions. The presentation will take place via Zoom on February 7 and 14 at 4:00 pm. Zoom links will be provided in *HT Notes* and the Sunday morning email each week.

ADULT FORMATION IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY



Adult Formation continues online in 2021, beginning with a fabulous book study led by members of Holy Trinity's Education for Ministry (E/M) group: Chesley Rowe, Bob Green, Anna McKenna, Kathy Nixon, Jim Beddow, and Mtr. Suz.

We will be reading and discussing *What Are Biblical Values?: What the Bible Says on Key Ethical Issues*, by John Collins. This thought-provoking book was written by a very well-regarded biblical scholar and is one of the texts that was read by 2nd-year E/M participants. It was so intriguing to the 2nd-years that they wanted to read it again and take more time with it!

You are invited to join us for this book study on Thursday nights, beginning 1/7/2021. The book is available from Amazon or can be ordered by your favorite book store. Zoom links and password available in *HT Notes* each week.



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LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Program this year will follow the “Becoming Beloved Community” curriculum provided by The Episcopal Church. Becoming Beloved Community is an ongoing commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

Becoming Beloved Community represents not so much a set of programs as a journey, a set of interrelated commitments around which Episcopalians may organize our many efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers. The labyrinth may be an even more useful image for engaging the vision. On the road toward reconciliation and healing, we move around corners and double back into quadrants we have visited before, each time discovering new revelation and challenge.—TEC website

Becoming Beloved Community will be offered via Zoom on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm in Lent, beginning February 23 and concluding on March 25. Each session will last about an hour. Information about the curriculum can be found at: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/11/bbc_Lent_intro.pdf Zoom links will be provided in *HT Notes* and the Sunday morning email each week.

WHAT ARE BIBLICAL VALUES BOOK STUDY

This discussion group, led by several Education for Ministry participants, will continue on **Thursday nights at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. John Collins’ book exploring what the Bible has to say about moral and ethical issues has prompted robust conversations and reflection. Each session covers one chapter of the book, and the study is scheduled to conclude on March 4. Details are available each week in *HT Notes*.

CANTERBURY MEALS

Please continue to sign up to provide Canterbury meals. Openings are February 3rd and 24th as well as several more further down the line.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA8AE2EA0F94-canterbury7>



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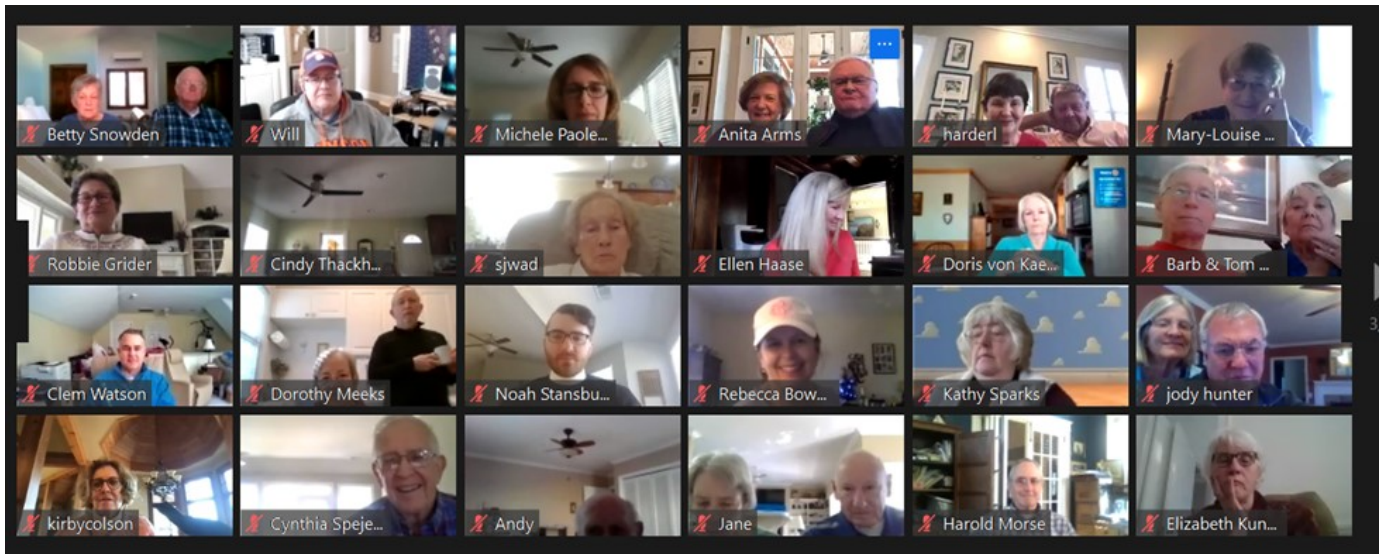
As we begin the new year and you contemplate your charitable giving, keep in mind that if you are taking distributions from an IRA or 401K plan, you can donate part (or all) of your distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Holy Trinity, on a tax-free basis. Importantly, you do not need to itemize your taxes to take advantage of this benefit. If you are taking distributions but haven't made a Qualified Charitable Distribution before, consult with your tax advisor or financial institution to find out how to do so. Many institutions allow you to do this easily online.



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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held on January 24, 2021, beginning at 11:15 am. There were more than 50 parishioners who attended the meeting, via Zoom. Please refer to the [2020 Annual Reports](#) for further information.



After an opening prayer by Fr. Noah and the approval of the minutes of last year's annual meeting, Mtr. Suz thanked the retiring members of the Vestry: Bob Green, Cary Kaye, Sarah Maiberger, and Joe Yanes. Also recognized were Bill Hurst, outgoing Jr. Warden and Bob Taylor, outgoing Treasurer.

Next was the validation of election results and commissioning of new Vestry members: Jan Cribb, Harry Morse, Doris von Kaenel, and Marge Edie. Also now serving on the Vestry in the two positions vacated by Clem Watson and Shannon Quattlebaum (who are serving in other positions) are Peter Sparks and Beth Kunkle. Clem Watson, the new Junior Warden, and Jack McKenna, our new treasurer were also commissioned.

Bill Hurst showed some photos of Holy Trinity from past years when giving the 2020 Junior Warden's report.

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Bob Taylor gave the Treasurer's report and was thanked for his 3 years of service. He asked that anyone with questions on his report contact him at rtaylor2@clemson.edu or 864-882-6542 (H), 864-650-5790 (M). Then, Jack McKenna, Holy Trinity's new treasurer, gave the 2021 Statement of Mission. Questions should be directed to Jack at clemson@me.com or 320-761-0654 (M). Jack began with this tribute:

"Let me begin by thanking Bob Taylor for his leadership as Treasurer for the past 3 years. Without his leadership and encouragement, I would not have accepted the nomination for the position of Treasurer of Holy Trinity. I am confident that with his continued support and that of the Finance Committee Members, Holy Trinity will emerge from the coronavirus pandemic stronger than before."

Jack summarized the Statement of Mission for 2021 with the following:

Salaries and Benefits	\$332,844
Diocesan Assessment	85,574
Maintenance Contracts	20,000
Property and Liability Insurance	17,500
Utilities	22,500
Telephone and Internet Access	<u>6,500</u>
Total	\$484,918

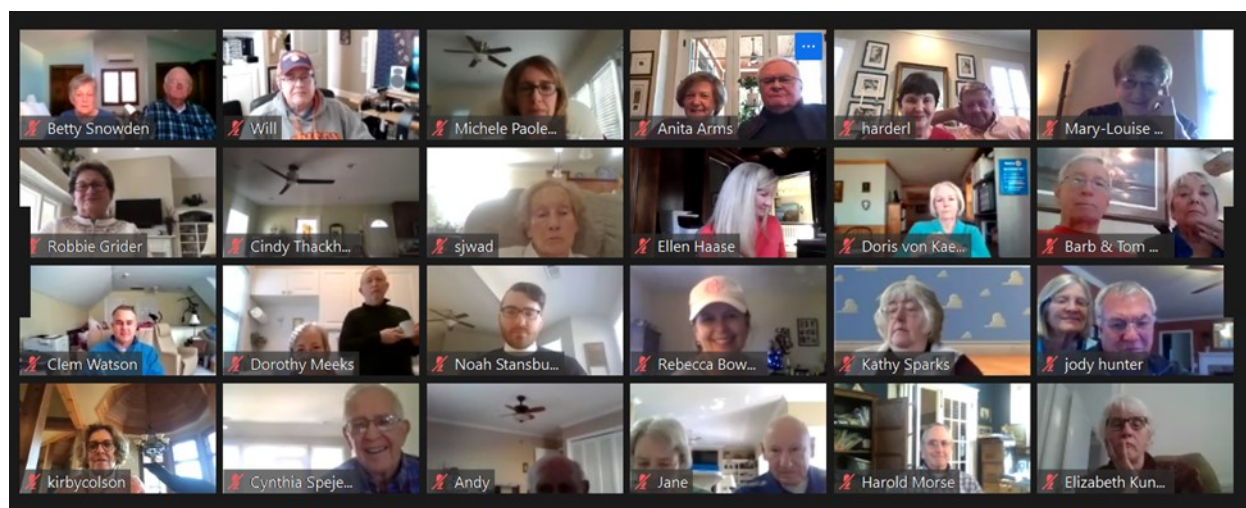
The total proposed budget is \$572, 918, so personnel and 'fixed' costs are 84.6% of the budget.

Jack stated that it should be realized that none of these costs can be cut—in fact, they will likely rise—for the next year and your pledge is so important to fund these and other things in our budget.

Bill McDaniel gave the Senior Warden report, highlighting items of interest from 2020.

Mtr. Suz gave her remarks – a look back and forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.





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The Daughters of the King are still taking prayer requests. All prayer requests will be kept confidential. All prayer concerns will be lifted up daily for 2 or more weeks. There is an online prayer request on the Holy Trinity website, which you can find under the "Parish" tab in the "Forms" section.

You can also go directly to the form by typing

<http://holytrinityclemsontn.org/daughters-of-the-king-prayer-request/>

into the URL bar on your web browser. The Daughters of the King are committed to the service of praying for all our concerns, a true blessing in this difficult and troubling time!

REMEMBER...



Check your email Sunday mornings after 7:00 am to see the day's events and if there are any last-minute changes for that day's services.

WORSHIP INFORMATION



All the information you need for joining our worship services, as well as bulletins and videos of recent Morning Prayer and Compline services, can be found on the HTV page on our Holy Trinity website: www.holytrinityclemsontn.org

PARISH PRAYER LIST (PUBLIC)

The current list is in *HT Notes* and in the online Sunday *Bulletin*. You can ask to have prayers of thanksgiving included.

Email Serena DuBose at

daffydubose@gmail.com

to add a name to the list.

Consider if you need to speak to someone before adding a name to the list.

WHO TO CALL?



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ONLINE COFFEE HOUR



Bring your favorite mug of coffee and join us on Sundays following Morning Prayer for an online coffee hour through Zoom.

(The Zoom link and password are in *HT Notes* each week.)

FORWARD DAY BY DAY Daily Devotions for Disciples

You can pick up your February *Forward Day by Day* devotional in the church office or the chapel (just don't go past the rope or you will set off the alarm!) These booklets are also available as you enter our in-person worship services at Trinity Place.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Act in the World as the Body of Christ

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE

Clemson Community Care's most needed food items are: soup, juice, pork and beans, mixed vegetables. and a desperate need for all assorted toiletries (shampoo, lotion, soap, tooth paste, etc.), and any other items you wish.

Donations may be dropped off to the purple bin on the Purkerson's front porch (at 111 Dogwood Terrace Lane, Clemson) or taken directly to CCC (105 Anderson Hwy, Clemson) around back of the building before 11:00am any morning Monday through Thursday.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to enable CCC to buy food or help the community in other ways you can send a check to CCC, PO Box 271, Clemson SC 29633 or make an online donation via PayPal or credit card at clemsoncommunitycare.org. Donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.



THERE IS A NEED FOR GIFT CARDS

The Coronavirus has impacted all of us and has implications for the families supported at Family Promise. At the moment JoAnn Brink, Case Manager for Family Promise, is working with a few families. JoAnn said there is a need for Gift cards to local grocery stores, gift cards for gas, and gift cards to local restaurants are needed. FYI the Easley Walmart does not have a gas station connected to the store. Gift cards can be mailed directly to Family Promise of Pickens County, c/o JoAnn Brink, 104 Stewart Drive, Easley, SC 29640. We will keep everyone informed.

We hope to count on your support for Family Promise of Pickens County. Our churches are not open for hosting families. We are also reaching out to you as there is a need for a fund for keep keeping vehicles that belong to families in our program on the road. Families must have a vehicle to be in our program. A car is needed to transport children to day care and afterschool care. Checks can be made payable to Family Promise of Pickens County in the memo line Car Fund. If you have any questions please contact me Liz Halpin (864) 903-6340 or ehalpin59@gmail.com. Families are our neighbors. A check made out to Family Promise of Pickens County is always acceptable and welcome. Family Promise of Pickens is a United Way Agency and a 501©3. Thank you and stay safe.



OUR DAILY REST

Our Daily Rest homeless shelter in Seneca sends their thank yous to Holy Trinity for all your generous donations. At this time during COVID-19, especially needed are your prayers, and donations of Men's pants sizes 32 and 34, twin sheets, flat and fitted, fresh clothes for the folks at Our Daily Bread who come to the portable shower van, and cash donations are always good too. Many thanks again from Our Daily Rest. There is a basket in the chapel marked "Our Daily Rest" where you can leave your donations.

Phone: 864-482-2040
Address: PO Box 1246
525 East Main St.
Seneca, SC 29679

www.ourdailyrest.org/give



CHURCH AND THE WORLD



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL ALUMNI

Calling all former Red Birds, Yellow Birds and Blue Birds! The Episcopal Day School is putting together an alumni directory of Day School attendees since 1959. If anyone reading this attended the Day School or knows of anyone else who is an alumna/alumnus, please help us. We would like to include as many as possible in this, our first directory. Please provide your name, address, email address and the years that you attended the Day School.

Parents or grandparents, if you have names of Day School alumni, please pass this on to them. Help us reach out and find as many as possible.

Please send all information to the email address: hcoordinator@holytrinityclemson.org

Thank you all for helping with this project.

Sally Morrell, on behalf of the Day School
Board Member

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



Due to Covid-19 the ECW Bazaar and Artisan Market was not held in 2020 in the normal way; however, we did have great success in raising money for ECW outreach. This year we used word of mouth advertising and posted in *HT Notes* and *Tempo* to let folks know about the various non-perishable items we had to sell: Stained Glass Church Window ornaments, Church Mice, American Girl doll clothes, Christmas Stockings, marmalade, and other fine one-of-a-kind items.

Many thanks go to Eunice Waddington for making her marmalade and the mouseketeer group: Anita Arms, Carol Yardley, Carolyn Wheeler, Dorothy Meeks, Fiona Neil, Jane Hamilton, Judy Eidson, Martha Green, Priscilla Munson, Robbie Grider, and Sally Morrell for doing the adorable church mice and various other crafts. A very special THANK YOU goes to Sally Morrell and Carolyn Wheeler for heading up all the crafts and all their hard work.

The Holy Trinity Crafters and Stocking Brigade all contributed to raising \$3,324.90 during a pandemic with no Bazaar! These funds will be disbursed in 2021.

Hoping that we will have a 2021 Bazaar, we do need some volunteers to serve as Chairperson, Vice- Chair, and Publicity Chair. This group would be tasked with how we might be able to hold an event either indoors, virtually, or possibly outdoors on the new Green space or via some other means when things are safer. These are worthwhile positions to help your community and your church!

If you have ideas or would like to share your talents in anyway, please contact me! (cdjpt@att.net or 864-280-0539)

Cindy Thackham
Holy Trinity ECW Treasurer



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

SPECIAL ORDER SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE BARS



FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!!

Cange Kupps for Keurig also available in Vienna & Decaf!

Superb gourmet chocolate bars also available in festive Peppermint and Cranberry!

Contact Harry Morse by text or phone (864-314-9996), or email (hgmorse@gmail.com) to place an order and arrange for contact free pickup!

Prices are \$10 PER BAG Coffee; \$4 PER BAR Gourmet Chocolate

(Please make checks payable to: Holy Trinity Outreach)

Order please by Sunday December 3 to ensure delivery by Sunday December 10.

Thanks for your support of our work in Haiti!!

NB—An increasing body of scientific data suggest that coffee and organic chocolate consumption is linked to increased quantity and improved quality of life. Though data for chocolate consumption is less robust, some would hold this truth to be self evident!!

HELP IS NEEDED IN THE THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop has two openings: the 1st Monday of the month and the 5th Monday of the month from 10 am to 12:30 pm. (There are only 4 of these 5th Mondays per year.) You will work with other great people and have a chance to know our regular customers. Join us in a very relaxed environment! If interested, please call Diana Manly at 722-5112 or 903-1658.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

**ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2021–2022 EDS
SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN TO CURRENTLY
ENROLLED FAMILIES AND HOLY
TRINITY CHURCH MEMBERS!**

**PLEASE SEE THE EDS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
[HTTPS://WWW.HOLYTRINITYCLEMSON.ORG/EPISCOPAL-DAY-
SCHOOL/ADMISSIONS/](https://www.holytrinityclemson.org/episcopal-day-school/admissions/)**

**PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A VIRUTAL TOUR:
LRUSSELL@HOLYTRINITYCLEMSON.ORG, 864–654–0298**





ADMINISTRATIVE

CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS

Dear Ones,

It has been a while since I've written a mid-week letter to you all. It is on behalf of the office staff that I am writing to you now. The stark fact is that the spread of the virus in the Upstate has increased rapidly through November and into December, with no sign of slowing down. At the same time, the number of visitors to the church office has increased significantly over the course of the fall. Two of our staff members are caregivers for medically fragile family members. I am asking you all to refrain from coming to the church office to conduct business unless it is absolutely necessary until the transmission rates improve significantly. Most business can be conducted by phone or by email. If you need to drop off or pick up items from church, please call ahead to make arrangements for a no-contact or low-contact exchange.

Once the community "opened up" to some degree, and the virus still seemed far off, the sense of urgency eased up a bit. Then the life of the parish picked back up to some degree. Your church staff returned to the church office, although we've maintained strict adherence to masking and distancing requirements. Most of our interactions with each other occur by phone or by Zoom, even though we are just down the hall from one another. We recently cancelled our plans for a distanced Christmas lunch because of our concerns for each other.

We love you all, and we miss you very much. Not a day goes by that we don't mourn the loss of our face-to-face contact with you. All of us in the church office, as well as the Wardens, Vestry, and ministry leaders, continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments, as necessary. Our primary concern is to keep each of us safe, to the best of our ability. Our secondary concern is to maintain our connection with each of you. We will continue to seek creative and life-giving ways to do both.

It is of utmost importance that we protect one another for a while longer. Hope is on the horizon, and we will get through this awful pandemic. I believe that it will be several more months before we can claim a return to some sense of normalcy. Please, *please* follow the recommendations of health-care professionals and scientists for a while longer: stay home as much as possible, maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others who are not part of your household, wear a mask, and wash your hands often. Take care, and stay well.

Much love, Suz+

COVID-19 VACCINATION



Let us know once you are vaccinated! Please email Sheryl at

Sheryl Shankles <htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org>

to let us know once you have received the vaccine (or if you already have) and whether you have had one dose and if you need to also have a second dose.

By letting us know once you are fully vaccinated, you help us to be able to evaluate when we have enough parishioners vaccinated that we can return to more regular worship. (This will be months away, I expect — but we can all do our part to help us get there as soon as possible.)

Suz+



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Diana Manly	2/1
Ken and Barbara Weaver	2/7
Bob and Martha Green	2/13
Tah-Teh and Jeffery Yang	2/24

This page of *Tempo* lists the wedding anniversaries and birthdays of parishioners. If you would like to have your anniversary or birthday included, email

htchurch@holytrinityclmson.org

FLOWER LIST



If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of a loved one during 2021, you may do so by sending Sheryl an email with the date, the name of the person to be remembered/honored and any specific directions you may want (example: type or color of flowers). I will get it in the book and you will be billed directly by Tiger Lilly Florist. Please use the email

htchurch@holytrinityclmson.org

Each week, these flowers are divided up and delivered to a parishioner. If you know of someone who needs some sunshine in their life, please let Mtr. Suz know.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carmen Purkerson	2/1
Katie Campbell-Smith	2/3
Anna McKenna	2/3
Donna Davis	2/4
Stan Nicholas	2/4
Jacqui Dunn	2/5
Louise Kaye	2/5
Frances Gorsuch	2/6
Anna Tollison	2/6
Ryan McMullan	2/7
Davy Hammatt	2/9
Lucy Rollin	2/9
Grayson Tindal	2/9
Eunice Waddington	2/9
Mellie Warner	2/9
Drake Bishop	2/11
Claiborne Linnell	2/14
Brandon Evans	2/15
Brandon Evans	2/15
Greg Vaughn	2/16
Tina Robbins	2/18
Michael Walker	2/21
Nell Hacker	2/23
Jeffery Ann Yang	2/24
Sylvia Titus	2/26
Betty Carter	2/27
Amelia McMullan	2/28



February Birth Flower
Violet Primrose



February Birthstone
Amethyst

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of January 31, 2021

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$44,122.00	\$46,988.89	\$44,122.00	\$46,988.89
Expenses	\$47,743.00	\$44,115.35	\$47,743.00	\$44,115.35
Income +/-Expense	(\$3,621.00)	\$ 2,873.54	(\$3,621.00)	\$ 2,873.54

First Citizens Bank Note Payables as of January 31, 2021
\$1,592,008.49