



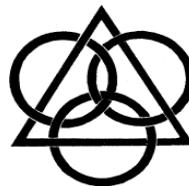
Trinity Topics

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**“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,
that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”**

Romans 1:8

As hard as it might be to believe, my first-year anniversary as your rector has already come and gone. As is often the case with calls to a new parish, the timing between Trinity's search for a new leader and my timeline for ordination was critical. As the Vestry will tell you, my application to this job was very last minute. Furthermore, I ended up connected with this diocese because I didn't quite understand the job-search process in the Diocese of Massachusetts and simply sent my ministry profile out to the four winds. Which is all to say that it can only have been the Lord's work that this community and I could become connected in the first place. This is why, I suppose, we say a priest is “called” to a new parish and not “hired.”

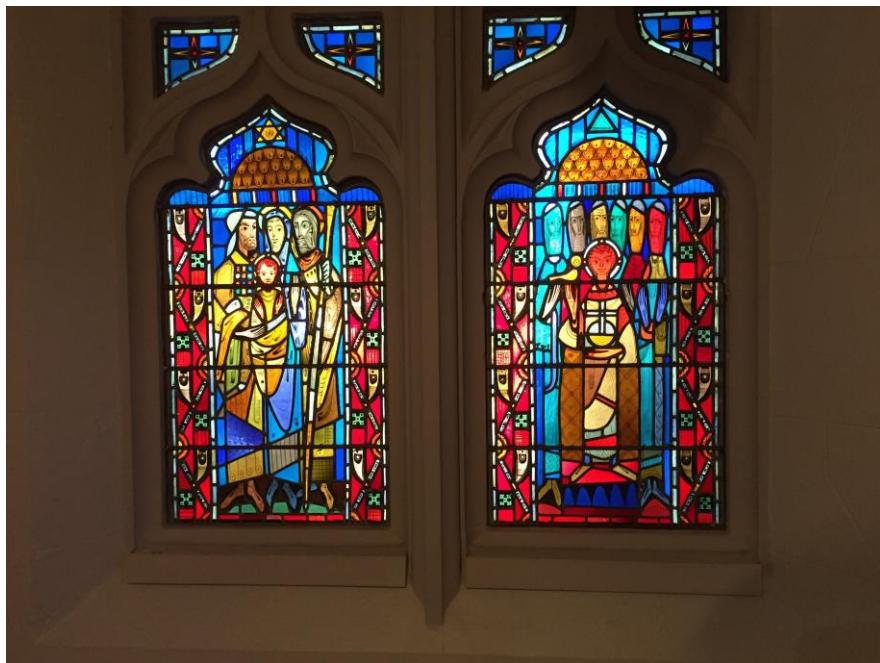
I would like to thank the many, many people who helped me “get my sea legs” here in Jacksonville. Jo Ann Nelson has exhibited a truly saintly amount of patience in me as I've learned to become a church leader, and continues to show that patience still as I take my own time proof reading (badly!) Sunday bulletins and writing columns for these newsletters. Bruce Evans has helped me conduct services nearly every Sunday, either by serving as acolyte himself or in taking the initiative to find someone to serve. Alice and Don Tracey did so much to help my family settle in Jacksonville. The whole parish supported Leah and me when Jude was born, by bringing us meals or giving us lovely gifts.

I speak for the whole community in thanking the people who have made our common life possible through my first “program year.” Skip Nelson (and so many others!) worked incredibly hard making my ordination happen in December. Our faithful Altar Guild crew makes sure our church is ready for every worship service. Rob and Maureen Vidakovich keep our building spotless. Hilda Radcliffe and Gayle Pollack do an enormous amount of work running Sunday School. Janet Mitchell sets up for coffee hour every week. Our Vestry, Landscaping Committee, Episcopal Church Women, Choir, Fellowship, Ushers and Lectors, Doorbell Dinners...

It's always perilous listing names in these pastoral gratitude letters in a community like Trinity Church because there are always far too many names to fit in a short newsletter column. To all the people who make Trinity Church happen, thank you!

Fr. Zach Brooks

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Our Stained Glass Windows

Most of us walk by these two windows twice on Sunday, if we enter the church from the hallway.

The ***Presentation in the Temple*** window is one of two depicting events in the childhood of Christ. The Presentation in the Temple is represented with the Christ Child in the arms of the High Priest. The High Priest is identified by his breastplate adorned with twelve jewels, symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel. The figures of Mary and Joseph are witnessing the event. The Temple is symbolized by the dome and the Star of David.

In the ***Jesus and the Doctors*** window is portrayed Jesus' coming of age, showing the young Christ in dialogue with the doctors of the Temple at Jerusalem. He is shown in an attitude of awareness of His commission, which is signified by the orb with the cross and the dove of the Holy Spirit.

Take a closer look the next time you enter the church from the hallway!

Trinity Fellowship

All are welcome to attend Trinity Fellowship. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May. From 7 until 7:30 p.m., dessert is served. Then from 7:30 until 8:30, there is a short video followed by lecture and discussion. This year's study will follow Adam Hamilton's book, *Moses*.

It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text.

(From the publisher)

Although not necessary, it is helpful to read a chapter of the book each month. Orders will be taken at the first meeting.

News & Announcements

Ministers Needed!

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Oblationers, and Ushers are needed. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please talk to Fr. Zach or contact the Parish Office.

Choir

Choir has resumed rehearsals on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome to join. Talk with Mary Wilson for more details.

Altar Flowers

Trinity Church is blessed to have so many generous members who regularly donate Sunday's altar flowers. There are always a few weeks on which we do not have donors. If you are interested in donating flowers, contact Jo Ann in the Parish Office.

Doorbell Dinners

Members of Trinity Church delivered dinners the week of July 31 – August 4. Thanks to all who helped: Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, Chuck Crim, Mia DeGroot, Bruce Evans, Charley Frank, Carole Hack, Lisa Haley, Paula Herget, Helen Keaton, Newton & Adah Mitchell, Jo Ann Nelson, Gayle Pollock, Hilda Radcliffe, Alice Tracey, and Ginda Woodruff.

Jacksonville Area Council of Churches

Please consider supporting the project of the JACC. They are collecting items for the Personal Needs Pantry during the months of August, September, and October 2017. The Personal Needs Pantry helps low income families in our community obtain basic hygiene and household cleaning items during difficult times. The list of items needed and a box to deposit the items is in the upper hallway.

Prayer Lists

It has been a long tradition at Trinity Church to mention by name people who need and/or request our prayers. We have two prayer lists: a short one on Sundays and an extensive one on Wednesdays. First of all, it makes it easier for us if you submit a name in writing. It has been customary to leave names on the Sunday list for six weeks, unless a special request is made. There has been no designated length of time to have a name on the Wednesday list; however, if you request prayers for a person, we hope that you would keep us updated on his condition or situation.

Death

The Burial Office for Phyllis Masters Newcomb will be on Wednesday, September 20. Many may remember her family members who were long-time members of Trinity Church.

Congratulations!

Layla Grace, daughter of Megan and Jason Scott, and granddaughter of Jim and Janet Cisne, was born on August 15, 2017. Welcome to world, Layla!

***If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.**

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Trinity Fellowship

This year we will study *Moses*, using the DVD and book by Adam Hamilton.

Tuesday, September 5
7:00 pm

**Church School & Choir
will resume on**

Sunday, September 10

ECW

Build Your Own Salad Supper

Monday, September 11
5:30 pm

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, September 19
7:00 pm

There will be **no 8 o'clock service on Sunday, September 24.**

Father Zach will be out of town from **September 25 – 30.**

In case of emergency, contact
The Rector's Warden, Mary Watts
217-370-1195

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAYS:

September 3:

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 10:

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 17:

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

September 24:

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAYS AT 10:00 am

Wednesday, September 6

Wednesday, September 13

Thursday, September 14:

Holy Cross Day

Wednesday, September 20

Thursday, September 21:

St. Matthew

Wednesday, September 27

