THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

8:00 A.M.

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Associate Rector
The Reverend Marcia Sadberry, Priest Assisting

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love

Welcome to Trinity Church

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed. You can also access the bulletin electronically on your devices.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card-page/

For more information, please visit our website:
www.trinitymidtown.org

For questions about how to connect with us, please email
connections@trinitymidtown.org

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed.

To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.

If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.

Vestry

Elisabeth Tsubai, *Senior Warden*
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

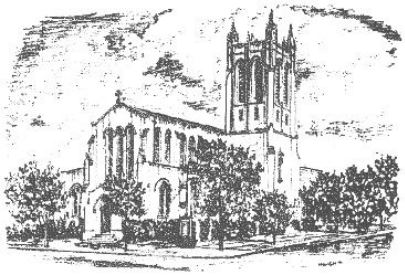
Ben Blanding
Shelby Bradley
Catherine Guthrie
Tony Huffman
Patrick Humphreys
Tim Lawson
Andréa Shiloh
Jeanne Sommerfeld
Amanda Talaat
Ben Tallcott

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Lector: Edgar Marston
LEM: Samantha Rainman
Music: Wendy Wentland
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport
Vestry Person of the Day: Jeanne Sommerfeld

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in gratitude for all the educators who have dedicated their lives to helping others,
and pray for a wonderful year of learning and growth for all the students!
by Samantha Rainman



Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:00 a.m. Morrow Chapel

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, page 323

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP, page 324

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

CANTICLE *Gloria in excelsis* BCP, page 324

Read in unison.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 45: 1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!* BCP, page 787

Read responsively by whole verse.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15: 10-28

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of

Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION Wendy Wentland, piano

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED BCP, page 326

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; for Hannah, Maria Teresa, and Marcia, our clergy; for Barrett, our seminarian; and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Cherry Vann and the Church in Wales. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Holy Spirit, Waco; St. Alban's, Waco; and St. Christopher's, Killeen. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Mary Cloud, David Villarreal, and the Acolytes Ministry.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, the president; Greg, the governor, Lina, the county judge, John, the mayor, and the legislatures and courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Jimmie, Arthur, Christina, Garrett, Dave, Linda, Alejandra, Joanne, Ron, Kathy, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Hudson, Amy, Vivian, Mary, Erma, Ken, Linda, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Natalie, Ford, Caydon, Richard, Tian, Madeline, Jhenna, and Will, as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially for Henry Stoesser, Charmian Pitts Markell, Lavern Aloysius Kremer, the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, and Columbia; the victims of wildfires in Canada and Europe; the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, and Palestine; victims of violence in U.S. cities; and all victims of gun violence, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen

CONFESSION BCP, page 331

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 332

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

The Holy Communion

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Please participate as able in the collection of an offering to help Trinity Church sustain our mission and ministry. For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visible, inclusive way. A dollar, an offering coin, or more helps ignite the spirit of generosity in children and adults alike.

Online Giving is available:

- Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right,
- or click: https://onrealm.org/TrinityMidtown/-/form/give/now
- or scan this QR code:

Texting: Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**.

- Be sure to type **heartofmidtown** with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church.
- The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contribution.

VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II BCP, page 340

Please stand as able.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is the one that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature. Christ suffered death upon the cross for our redemption and made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Creator, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance Christ's blessed passion and precious death, mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for Christ's coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy goodness and lovingkindness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with Christ, that Christ may dwell in us, and we in Christ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Please note that August 30, September 20, and 27 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.
To sign up, please scan the QR code or contact Jamie Chambers: jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.
Thank you

Flower dedications are available on August 23, 30, and September 20
Make your Flower Dedications Online at trinitymidtown.org or scan this QR code

A PRAYER FOR MIGRANT MINISTRIES

Gracious God, we give you thanks and all the glory for abiding with us and blessing our ministries. You walk us along paths of purpose; You open portals of new opportunities before us;

Encourage our hearts, to ensure a radiant and safe future for our newest neighbors, who come from afar; Inspire us to create a beloved community with all who cross our paths.

We give thanks for the countless stories of small victories and grand success which are signs of your love and power working through us.

We thank you for the courage of all those who are compelled to migrate, who strive to scale not just the high walls of life but also and especially the higher walls of challenge. Strengthen us to walk together with them.

Be our continuing vision, O God, Give us the hope of the immigrant, the resolve of the wanderer, and soften our hearts to their cries for justice.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our welcomer, our greeter, our host, AMEN+

THE WEEKLY WINDOW
OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN
August 16, 2026, 12th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 15, Year A)
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Sundays:
Holy Eucharist
8 am (Contemplative)
10:30 am (Tradtional)
12:30 pm (Jazz/Gospel)
Weekdays: Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Blessing of the Backpacks – Today

August brings the start of the new school year. Today we will bless the backpacks for all students, teachers, school administrators, and staff at all services. Let's get the year off to a great start!

Children's Chapel

Sunday school will not meet over the summer. We will have Children's Chapel for children under the third grade. Children will begin the service with their adults. The teachers will pick them up before the Gospel reading. They will return for the blessing of children after the Peace. The nursery is still open throughout the service for very young children. Sunday school for all ages resumes on Aloha Sunday, September 13th.

Episcopal Way – August 29th

If you are an adult who wishes to be confirmed or received when the Bishop visits in September, please attend the class on August 29th at 9:30 am. You will learn about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition and how the process of becoming a member of Trinity works. Please RSVP here:

Latin American Signature Music Mass – September 6th

Our next Signature Mass will celebrate folk, classical, and contemporary sacred music from throughout Latin America and the diaspora, with old favorites and newly commissioned works, under the direction of Ernesto Vega, Sandra Montes, and Paul Mortilla. We will have one service that day, Sunday, September 6th, at 11 am. The Right Reverend Hector Monterroso, Bishop Assistant of Texas, will be preacher and celebrant at this bilingual liturgy and will confirm and receive new members. That day also happens to be the 30th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Rector, the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero.

Holy Grill – September 7th

Join our friends at St. James' Episcopal Church, 3129 Southmore Blvd, on Labor Day, September 7th, for the return of the Holy Grill. Hosted by the Rev. John Dublin Epps Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, it is a major fundraiser for the UBE. Tickets are $20 per person, which includes food, a silent auction, youth and kids activities, and entertainment. For more information, scan this QR Code:

Aloha Sunday – September 13th

Trinity has many connections with Hawai'i, where "Aloha" can be said to mean hello or goodbye. On Aloha Sunday, September 13th, we say goodbye to summer and hello to the new program year. Adult Forum and Sunday school for kids, tweens, and youth all return that day. We encourage everyone to wear Hawai'ian shirts. There will be a ministry fair at Coffee Hour, where you can learn about new opportunities for service and connection. Mark your calendars for this beloved annual tradition.

Meeting This Week
Sandwich Makers: Today at Coffee Hour and Tuesday at 10 am in Fellowship Hall
Property Committee: Tuesday at 6 pm on Zoom
Finance Committee: Tuesday at 6:30 pm on Zoom
Choir Rehearsal (Return): Wednesday at 7 pm in Room 218

Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud the names of those who request our prayers weekly. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and here those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about names, please contact the Rector. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

We pray for: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Jimmie, Arthur, Christina, Garrett, Dave, Linda, Alejandra, Joanne, Ron, Kathy, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Hudson, Amy, Vivian, Mary, Erma, Ken Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Tom, Patty, Emily, Dick, Barbara, Carolyn, Sylvia, Joyce, David, Robert, Rick, Susan, Kensington, Christina, Juan, Shirley, Ken, Randy, Bob, Edith, Lilian, Vanessa, Franklin, Neil, Anadeli, Gentry,Benjamin, Libby, Edgar, Dalia, Irene, Stan, Darin, All victims of violence

For the faithful departed: Henry Stoesser, Charmian Pitts Markell, Lavern Aloysius Kremer, the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, and Colombia, the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, and Palestine, victims of violence in U.S. Cities, and all victims of gun violence

For our seminarian: Barrett Hess

For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visibly inclusive way

Thank you for making and wearing a name tag every Sunday.

Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

Natalie Wood, Ford Frost, Caydon Heckert, Richard Hutton, Tian Qin, Madeline Blissard, Jhenna Hillier, Will Sager

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 16, 2026
7:30 am Nursery Opens
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, RIte I (Chapel)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, RIte II (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (FH)
11:45 am Sandwich Makers (FH)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, August 17, 2026
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
10:00 am Sandwich Makers (FH)
1:00 pm Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)
6:30 pm FInance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
10:30 am Staff Meeting (Smith)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

Thursday, August 20, 2026
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, August 21, 2026
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

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