TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026, 8 a.m.

Welcome: *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

All sit.

The First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule,* *Anglican chant sung by the choir* *Edward Elgar*

*Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

*I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

*That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

*We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

*He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

*That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

*So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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

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

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: 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, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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, 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 all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, 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**.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

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.

Celebrant 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. **Amen**.

The Celebrant then says one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand.

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.**

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...

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

The Sanctus

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 he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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 our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He 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...

...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**.

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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.

The Administration of Holy Communion

To receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. If you prefer not to drink the Wine, please know that receiving only Bread is a "full Communion." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the Bread and Wine, come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to receive the Bread and Wine in your pew, let your usher know.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
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 hast 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

The Dismissal

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

Altar Gifts

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Roger Bost and Kathryn King Bost
by their loving family daughters Becky Tucker, Margaret Faulkner,
and Virginia Berner; and son Kingsley

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Oscar and Crystal Peckham, Claire and Donald Richards, and Don Richards
by Jo Richards

Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant and Preacher — The Rev. Peggy Cromwell, *Priest Associate for Pastoral Care*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister — Judy Barger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home. To do so, please fill out one of the pew cards in front of you and drop it in the offertory plate.

Please join us for coffee and continental breakfast after the service in Morrison Hall.

This week at and around the Cathedral

Today	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong
	5 p.m.	EKC/EYC
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Veteran's Day	
	Cathedral offices closed	
	Evening programs still happening	
	4 p.m.	Chorister Rehearsal
	5 p.m.	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal
		Trinity Ringing Society
	5:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist
		Community Dinner
	6 p.m.	Koinonia Eucharist
	6:30 p.m.	Book Club
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	5:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

A Celebration for Lillian and Thomas

Today after the 10:30 am service

The Trinity clergy and staff invite the congregation to join us after the 10:30 am service this morning for a special reception, celebrating with Lillian and Thomas the arrival of their child in the coming weeks.

Parish Retreat at Camp Mitchell

Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

This Year's Theme: Practicing Prayer in Our Daily Life

Join us for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and renewal at Camp Mitchell, the Diocese of Arkansas' beautiful camp and conference center atop Petit Jean Mountain! Over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, Trinity parishioners of all ages are invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and enjoy time together in one of Arkansas' most beautiful settings. We hope you'll join us for this special weekend together!

Led by Dean Andrea and Emma Mitchell, the retreat will offer spiritual formation for adults and children, shared worship, and plenty of opportunities for rest, recreation, and fellowship. The weekend begins with dinner and a bonfire on Friday evening and concludes with Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Registration is $150 per adult, $125 per adult without overnight lodging, and $100 per child (ages toddler–18). All registrations include five meals. Registration and payment are due Wednesday, December 30, 2026. For the full schedule, lodging information, and registration, scan the QR code.

The Cathedral Forum: The Bible in English, 500 Years Later

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Morrison Hall

Five hundred years ago this year, William Tyndale published his printed English New Testament, helping transform the way English-speaking Christians encountered Scripture. Over four weeks, we'll trace the Bible from its earliest traditions and manuscripts through the Reformation and into the world of modern English translations, considering along the way what this history means for the Bible we hear in worship and read at home today. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (*thomas@trinitylittlerock.org*).

Trinity Book Club: *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – Parish House Room 101

The Trinity Book Club is currently reading *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor…and Yourself* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (ISBN: 0802409989), a widely read exploration of Christian ministry among people experiencing poverty. The book challenges some of our assumptions about what it means to help, asking how churches and individuals can serve others in ways that honor human dignity, strengthen relationships, and avoid creating unintended harm or dependency. Along the way, we'll consider larger questions about poverty, charity, mission, and what faithful Christian service looks like in practice. The discussion is led by the Rev. Thomas Alexander. To sign up or receive Book Club emails, contact Thomas at (*thomas@trinitylittlerock.org*).

Sunday Evening Youth Groups

EKC (4th-5th) & EYC (6th-12th)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Room, Chancellors Hall

Every Sunday evening, our youth gather for food and fellowship. Our two communities share dinner together for the first 30 minutes, and then gather separately for 1 hour of programming, including faith formation, games, and service projects. This is a weekly opportunity to grow as disciples in a joyful and welcoming community. To learn more, contact Emma Mitchell at *emma@trinitylittlerock.org*.

11/8: Campfire Cooking Night
11/15: Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner
11/22: NO EKC/EYC (Thanksgiving Break)
11/29: Preparing for Advent

Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26 at 10:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

All are invited to Trinity Cathedral for worship on Thanksgiving Day. Music will be led by the Trinity Choir. Nursery care will be available.

Every Sunday in Advent

Formation for all ages will start in Morrison Hall at 9:15 am for Advent wreath prayers before programming begins.

November 29

Children: Arranging the Cathedral Advent Wreath with Margaret Faulkner

Adults: Holiday floral decoration demonstration with Missy McCain

December 6

Children: A Visit from St. Nicholas in Sunday School

Adults: "The History of St. Nicholas" with the Rev. Thomas Alexander

December 13 All Ages: Intergenerational Service Project with Matthew 25 Team

December 20 All Ages: Intergenerational Christmas Carol Sing-Along with Dr. Colin MacKnight

Every Wednesday In Advent

5:15 pm Healing Eucharist (Chapel)

5:15 pm Community Dinner (Morrison)

6 pm Koinonia Eucharist (Cathedral)*

6:30 pm Book Club (Keller House),
reading *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor

7:30 pm Choral Compline (Cathedral)

The "Pick-up" Christmas Pageant

6 pm Wednesday, December 16. (Cathedral)

During our final Koinonia service of the semester, children are invited to don a costume of their choosing during Community Dinner and help tell the Nativity Story during the worship service. This pageant is a fun, low-key offering for our ECEP students and for our young children to engage in the Christmas story.

Special Services in Advent and Christmas

First Sunday of Advent, November 29

4:00 pm, Advent Service of Lessons and Carols (nursery care available, reception to follow)

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13

4:00 pm, The Cathedral Christmas Pageant (reception to follow)

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

4:00 pm, Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols (nursery care available, reception to follow)

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm, Holy Eucharist with choir, hymns, and children's sermon (nursery care available)

8:00 pm, Holy Eucharist with choir, hymns, and incense (nursery care available)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:30 am, Holy Eucharist with hymns

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