TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

The First Reading Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

**To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.**

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

**Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.**

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here

you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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
our brother, Bebo Penick
by Mary Hodges and Barbara McNamee, and their families

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary Penick Brandon, Edward Moore Penick, Sr., and James Henry Penick, Jr.
by their sister Ginger Penick Parra

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Juanita Carter
by Mary Wilson

Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Associate Rector*

Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister Ken Dick

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.

Today	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong			
	5 p.m.	EKC/EYC		5 p.m.	St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer			Trinity Ringing Society
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		5:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting			Community Dinner
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		6 p.m.	Koinonia Eucharist
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Recital		6:30 p.m.	Book Club
	4 p.m.	Chorister Rehearsal	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

Cathedral Forum: *Long-Range Plans for Trinity's Campus and Ministries*

Sunday, November 22, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., Morrison Hall

Dean Andrea and the Vestry invite all members of Trinity Cathedral to a special Cathedral Forum to hear emerging plans for our campus and ministries, and to share what you think. Over the past several months, the Dean, Vestry, and staff have been working together to discern Trinity's priorities and shape a long-term vision for our ministries and the places where we gather. Now they are ready to share that work and hear from you. The Forum will include a short presentation, time for questions, and a brief form to share your thoughts. All are encouraged to join us.

Dorcas House Thanksgiving

Your Matthew 25 Committee is once again providing Thanksgiving lunch for the women and children residing at Dorcas House. It will take place at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

People are needed to help set up and serve the food and most importantly to sit down and break bread with the residents.

If you would like to be a part of this loving and wonderful event please contact Brooks Wolfe (501-410-4455) or Jerry Shurgar (501-231-4525).

Warm Fuzzy Collection

Between now and Sunday, December 12, Matthew 25 is collecting gifts of new (or very gently used) coats, fleece, and pullovers to share with Children & Teens in need as we move into a colder season.

Donation boxes will be in Morrison Hall and the back of the Cathedral. Monetary donations can be made to the church or made online. (please note "Matthew 25 - Warm Fuzzy" in the memo line).

Make plans to join us the morning of December 12 during the Formation Hour, 9:15-10:15, to help sort our donations as part of our annual Advent Service Project.

Questions? Contact Christy Kalder-Jameson at christykjameson@gmail.com

Support Matthew 25

Thanksgiving Memorials

Each year, the Cathedral is beautifully decorated for Thanksgiving in honor and in memory of loved ones. Memorials are listed in the orders of service on Thanksgiving Day. To make a memorial donation, scan the QR code below, or send your memorial to Missy McCain (missy@trinitylittlerock.org) with a check by Monday, November 23.

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.

Trinity Book Club: *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor

What if darkness is not something to fear, but something through which we might encounter God? This Advent, the Book Club will read Learning to Walk in the Dark by Episcopal priest and acclaimed author Barbara Brown Taylor. Challenging our assumptions about darkness and light, Taylor invites us to discover how seasons of uncertainty, doubt, and unknowing can deepen our faith and transform our understanding of God. Join us for three weeks of thoughtful reading and lively conversation. All are welcome, whether you're a longtime participant or joining us for the first time! To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (*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*.

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

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: "A 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.

The Cathedral Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 13 at 4 pm (Cathedral)

All are invited to join us the Cathedral's beloved Christmas Pageant, a cherished tradition for generations here at Trinity. Children and youth of all ages will bring the Christmas story to life through scripture and music, helping us all draw close to the joy and wonder of Christ's birth. All are warmly invited to attend. A reception will follow in Morrison Hall.

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 A reception will follow in Morrison Hall.

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

Parish Retreat at Camp Mitchell - *Practicing Prayer in Our Daily Life*

Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

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.

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