



# The Message

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A House of Prayer for All People

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*VBS participants exploring the Broadway Community Garden*

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# Come Alive: Discovering the Joy of Serving

by the Rev. Danny Schieffler



Several years ago, I asked a group of parishioners to reflect on a question:

“Tell me about a time in your life in the church when you felt most alive. What happened? Who was involved? What was your role?”

The responses were fascinating. Again and again, people described moments when they were using their gifts and talents to serve God and help others. Ever since then, I’ve made it a point to listen carefully when people talk about what they’re good at or what brings them joy. When new members join the church, I ask them what they enjoy doing and where their gifts lie. Then I try to help them connect those gifts to ways of serving God and the church community. It makes a profound difference.

Why is that? Why does using our gifts to serve bring such energy and joy?

St. Paul put it this way: “There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... and to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:4,7). When we use our gifts for the common good, we align ourselves with our God-given purpose. We find meaning in living beyond ourselves.

Even Jesus spoke of this deep satisfaction in fulfilling his mission: “My food is to do the will of him who sent me...” (John 4:34). Doing God’s will was nourishment for Jesus—and it is for us, too.

When we offer our gifts in service to God and others, we participate in the very life of God. The love shared between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit begins to flow through us. As Archbishop Rowan Williams once wrote, “To become holy is to become part of the divine life, to become part of the community of God by being drawn into God’s active love.” We’re not just spectators in the life of faith—we’re participants in God’s love, called to serve, especially “the least of these.”

In the coming months, there will be many opportunities at Trinity to offer your gifts in service:

A new Welcoming Council is organizing greeters, ushers, docents, name tags, and lemonade hosts, and others. Pastoral care ministries are expanding, including Eucharistic visitors and the Community of Hope.

A new Stewardship Team is forming to support the financial health of our parish.

Children’s ministries and theological enrichment opportunities continue to grow.

These ministries are not just tasks—they are invitations. Jesus continues to say, “Follow me.” As we do, we not only help bring about the Kingdom of God, but we also experience the joy and aliveness of Christ living within us.

## The Message

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# Dorcas House Spa Night 2025

by Jerry Shurgar

When the Matthew 25 Outreach Committee was created, our team made a vow to take the Gospel literally:

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

We searched for opportunities to find needs that matched the challenges of the Gospel. Saint Francis House was obvious, as was The Stewpot. An examination of Dorcas House,"revealed that they too met the criteria of the Gospel.

The many activities Trinity engages in for Dorcas House range from Thanksgiving Dinners, Warm & Fuzzy coats at Christmas time, Mother's Day purses for the holiday and much needed facility repairs. Yet, something was missing. It was deep and meaningful human contact. To that end, the Dorcas House Spa Night was created to give the residents a personal experience unduplicated.

This year on June 26th the fourth Dorcas House Spa Night was presented. The evening tone was set by the beautiful decorations in Morrison Hall that let everyone know that this was not to be an ordinary evening for these residents.

Hospitality flowed from our Trinity team as the ladies arrived looking somewhat apprehensive and nervous. The food was served and conversations soon warmed up. Their children were whisked away and cared for as the ladies settled into an evening of luxury.

After dinner the ladies began to rotate through the various stages of pampering. The massages were a surprise for many who had never experienced this treat. One lady commented that this was the first time in her life that her back was pain free. The haircuts and styling were part of a makeover that boosted self-images and brought smiles of joy to their faces. Facials were welcomed creating an atmosphere that promoted calming renewal. Tours of the Cathedral opened eyes to the beauty of Trinity and the rich understanding of our liturgy. Puzzles and personal hat decorations were offered to pass time while waiting for the treat of a facial or massage. Our Trinity volunteer "child wranglers" were worn out from chasing and playing with the little ones.

With gifts, smiles and hugs, our special guests left for their temporary home at Dorcas House basking in the kindness and warmth of strangers. Friendships were formed and plans for reunions were made.

The massage therapists and hair teams felt the spirituality of the moment as they felt God working through them. Our Matthew 25 team continued to demonstrate quiet caring

competency and strength as the organized chaos flowed with a beautiful rhythm.

It was described as a significant spiritual moment for

both our Trinity team and the ladies of Dorcas House, all while putting the Gospel

to work.





# On Green Pastures

by the Rev. Thomas Alexander

*A sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas Alexander on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at the Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock.*



*The Rev. Thomas Alexander with students at the Episcopal Collegiate School who are members of Trinity Cathedral.*

First of all, let me say thank you to Father Rob for the invitation to be with you all this morning, especially in these final days of the school year. I graduated from graduate school this time last year, and let me tell you, whether you're in the sixth grade or the nineteenth grade, the end of the school year always brings some big feelings—really happy, really sad, really tired, really stressed, or some sort of combination of the four. The end of the school year is a lot—for students, and families, and faculty, and staff alike. And as a Christian, I believe that, when we find ourselves in these emotional seasons, we open up that book of the Bible called “the Psalms,” the book of big feelings. So, come with me to the Psalms.

We read a famous Psalm today: Psalm 23. It's just a classic, isn't it? We love this Psalm. “The LORD is my shepherd.” What's not to love?

One of the reasons we love this Psalm is that it's a metaphor. We learn all about metaphors in English class. It's not a simile, or an analogy, but a metaphor—a direct comparison. The LORD isn't *like* my shepherd. No, the LORD *is* my shepherd—period, full stop. Metaphors say: well, you think this is how things are, but in reality, they're actually this; you think that you're a human being, but in reality, you're a sheep, and you think God is just God, but no, actually, God is a shepherd—*your* shepherd, *my* shepherd. The world looks differently because of this Psalm. It says: this is actually how our relationship with God works—we are the sheep, and He is our shepherd. And it's that metaphor that helps all of the emotions we carry.

For example, I wish that I had more of “fill in the blank.” But you know what? “I shall not want.” Why? Because the LORD is my shepherd.

I don't know what I'm going to do with this really big decision that I have to make. But you know what? God will guide me along right pathways. Why? Because the LORD is my shepherd.

Life at school is good, but life at home is hard. But you know what? I shall fear no evil, because the LORD is with me. Why? Because the LORD is my shepherd.

Life at home is good, but life at school is hard. But you know what? The LORD spreads a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me, those who pick on me. Why? Because the LORD is my shepherd.

I have no idea what the future holds for me. But you know what? Surely, the LORD's goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Why? Because the LORD is my shepherd.

No matter what feelings you're carrying in your backpacks or briefcases today, the LORD is our shepherd. And that doesn't mean that we shouldn't feel our feelings, but it does mean that God is on the case. God is on the job. God is involved. And that is good news.

Now, there's one line in this Psalm that really speaks to me today. "The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures." It really speaks to me, and let me tell you why.

When I was in the 11th grade, I applied to the Governor's School. It seems like I spent the whole year getting my application ready. Nobody in my immediate family had gone before, and I was going to be the first. I was determined to go.

Well, I didn't get in. I was crushed. And to make things worse, all my friends *did* get in. I was really crushed. I was so disappointed. And I remember how, that whole week, I woke up everyday re-remembering that the thing that I knew was going to be my green pasture was never, ever going to happen. That's a big

feeling. Some of you might be carrying a feeling like that around today.

But here's what ended up happening. I got an internship that summer. It wasn't paid, and I was okay with that. It was at my church. I knew that I had a calling to work in the church, and I wanted to test that call out. But of course, it wasn't the Governor's School, and I still had to swallow the fact that the green pasture

I had in mind was never going to happen. But it turned out to be one of the most formative summers of my life. It's where I learned how church offices work. It's where I learned how to visit a retirement community. It's where I first learned how to preach in front of a crowd like this one. It was an amazing summer, and in many ways, it set me on a path towards what I do now, being a priest—the best job in the world, to my mind.

I'm not here to say that disappointments aren't disappointing.

They always are, and some do not have any silver linings. But sometimes—many times!—the green pastures we have in mind for ourselves are not the green pastures God has in store for us. But you know what? God makes me lie down in green pastures of His own choosing and He leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul. He gives me my life. And why? Because the LORD is my shepherd.

Maybe you're in a similar place that I was—I don't know! Or maybe you're feeling some other feeling. But wherever you are today, I pray that you can feel the presence of God, our Good Shepherd, Who is very much alive, Who is very much with us, and Whose rod and staff comfort us. Amen.

*"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures..."*  
- Psalm 23:1-2a

### Trinity's Mission

The mission of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is to proclaim the Word of God by sharing our gifts, ourselves, and our properties through ministry to each other, our neighbors, and our community as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

## Meet Our New Members



### **The Grobmyers**

Andrew, Suzanne, Margaret (10) and Armie (5) Grobmyer have been attending Trinity fairly regularly since fall 2024. Andrew grew up attending Trinity and he and Suzanne worshiped here together before moving to Christ Church. Suzanne is executive director of the Arkansas Parks and Recreation Foundation and Andrew is the Executive Director and Vice President of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas.



### **Martin and Blair Schmieg**

Martin and Blair recently moved from Northern California to Little Rock where one of their children's family lives and is a great central location to be able to connect with their other 4 children. They have found a happy spiritual life and service relationship with the Episcopal Church which led them to Trinity. Martin and Blair have financial backgrounds and are partners in a venture capital firm.



### **Tanya Repka and Patrick Carey**

Tanya and Patrick have moved to Little Rock, while keeping their home in Duluth, Minnesota. Patrick is Katie Stephens' father, so the impetus for coming to Little Rock was to spend more time with their grandchildren. Tanya is a retired oncology physician and Patrick is retired from a career in accounting. They both enjoy tending their summer vegetable garden in Duluth.



### **Polly Glass**

Polly grew up at Trinity and went to the Cathedral School. She was a member of the children's choir. Polly is a teacher at Pulaski Academy. After spending time in Memphis, she and her son Tapp (15) moved back to Little Rock and have been attending services. Tapp's favorite service is the Blessing of the Animals.



### **Meagan and Brett McKnight**

Meagan and Brett were married in March of this year. Brett was raised in the Methodist Church, and Meagan as an Episcopalian, so we are pleased that they have settled with us. Meagan is a nurse at Rivendell Behavioral Health and Brett works in home repair and construction. They have expressed interest in getting involved with Trinity's outreach ministry.



## Meet Our Neighbors, The Interfaith Center

In an effort to develop new community partnerships, we opened Harrison House to The Interfaith Center in December.

The Interfaith Center is dedicated to reducing fear and prejudice among people of diverse religious backgrounds by fostering understanding, dialogue, and cooperation. At the heart of its mission is the belief that education and relationships are powerful tools for transforming communities. Through programs that teach about world religions, encourage interfaith dialogue, and promote spiritual practices, the Center connects individuals from different traditions as companions on a shared spiritual journey.

By celebrating commonalities and respecting differences, the Center envisions a world where people of all faiths live together in harmony and mutual respect. Their goal is to nurture an inclusive and safe community rooted in shared values and a commitment to the common good.

In Central Arkansas and beyond, the Interfaith Center creates spaces for meaningful interaction—offering educational classes, youth programs, fellowship meals, interfaith prayer services, and workshops. These initiatives are designed to foster deep, appreciative knowledge of others. Special emphasis is placed on training the next

generation of interfaith leaders, equipping them with the skills to bridge divides and promote pluralism.

The Center believes that interfaith cooperation is essential to building a more compassionate and unified society.

Occupying Harrison House along with the Interfaith Center is a newly forming non-profit led by Becky Tucker that will focus on exploring the Sacred Feminine. Trinity held a six-week speaker series on the Sacred Feminine during Easter season, coordinated by Becky and held at the Interfaith Center.

Some other activities held at the Interfaith Center have included an interfaith jam session, Earth Day celebration, Stitch-ins for Peace, and gatherings of interfaith clergy.

The Center along with Becky has created a hospitality room where visiting program leaders can enjoy comfortable lodging. Like good neighbors, they are eager to share this space with Trinity.



*From top: Sarah Hyndman, Program Director and Rev. Patricia Matthews, Executive Director; Interfaith Clergy Lunch; Stitch-in for Peace; Interfaith Jam Session.*

Save the Date  
Interfaith Block Party  
September 21 from 12 to 2 p.m.  
1600 block of Spring Street  
Outdoor Games | Food Truck | Refreshments | Fellowship

## Dean and Rector Search/Recruitment Update



The past weeks have been busy laying the groundwork for our search/recruitment process. The “Have Your Say” townhall was a big success: over 80 of you had your say and gave numerous ideas and opinions. Thank you for making the time to attend.

One hundred seventy of you successfully completed the Church Assessment Survey and the reports are beginning to help us understand more clearly how you feel about our parish and what you want the future to look like. Again, thank you for taking the time to contribute to this effort.

Over the next month, the committee and the vestry will be processing the data and then condensing them into a readable, attractive format (what is known as the Parish Profile) that will help us articulate who we are at Trinity and attract our next spiritual leader.

Please remember to pray for this process.

### Dean's Search Town Hall, June 22





# Children and Youth Ministries - Jesus In The Summer

by Emma Mitchell, Minister to Children, Youth and Families

At Trinity, like in many churches around the country, there can be a culture of “taking a break from church” in the summer. This isn’t inherently a bad thing; it’s just part of the rhythms of our busy, modern lives. We have worked hard at school and in extracurriculars for 9 months! We need a breather so that we can return in the fall refreshed and excited for those programs again!

Summer is the time for camp, vacations, the pool, and hanging out with friends we don’t always get to see. But I wonder if we do a disservice to ourselves and our young people when we place “going to church” on the list of Things We Need A Breather From instead of Things That Bring Our Family Deep Joy.

God delights in rest, play, and restoration. Taking that time as a family, especially after a long Maycember, is holy and good. Certainly the process of waking everyone up, getting dressed, fed, out the door, and through a worship service can feel like another full-time job.

My encouragement this summer is twofold. Take the breaks you need as a family and consider why church can too easily become “another job to do.” Take some time to wonder together as family about your routines, your commitments, your joys, your struggles. Where can your family reframe your relationship to God and the church this summer?

Perhaps it’s adding a spiritual practice, like saying a bedtime prayer that focuses on rest. Or maybe it’s visiting a new church while on vacation. Maybe it’s giving thanks at a summer barbeque for the abundance of creation. Maybe it’s just making a little more room each day to notice where Jesus is present in your everyday life.

I hope you know I am always available as a resource as you wonder, discover, and have questions as a family. You are welcome here however and whenever you show up. We hope it’s often, and joyful, when you do!

## *Some Ways To Stay Connected Over The Summer*

Join us at a “Playground Hangout” event on August 9 from 9-11 am. Coffee & snacks provided!

Sign up for a week to help in the Broadway Community Garden as a family: <https://bit.ly/BCGardenHelp>



Come to a Convocational Youth Event! We’re gathering for 4 separate events across the summer.

Develop a summer prayer practice. Visit the outdoor labyrinth at St. Margaret’s, Little Rock or St. Luke’s, North Little Rock. Take a prayer walk as a family. Write a weekly blessing together for your summer activities. Find something that feels authentic and intentional, even if it’s out of the norm.

Finally, make plans to attend Fall Kickoff and Backpack Blessings September 7! We’ll have Open House opportunities in August to hear about what’s coming up for children and youth but 9/7 will be when we launch fall programming after the school year is in swing again! Keep it on your radar, and stay tuned in for schedule updates.

# Vacation Bible School: A Week of Faith Through Nature

by Jack Dowling

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme explored God's presence and lessons through the natural world—water, soil, seeds, animals, and harvest—offering children a fun, spiritually enriching, and interactive journey across five days.

The week began with the element of water, focusing on stories of deliverance and renewal. The children reflected on: Exodus 17:1–7, Moses leading the people through the Red Sea and providing water from a rock; and Mark 1:4–13, the baptism of Jesus, symbolizing new beginnings.

These stories were brought to life through storytelling, art, exploration, and engaging group activities.

Tuesday the focus shifted to soil, where children learned about growth and roots of faith. Deuteronomy 6:10–12 reminded us to stay faithful in times of abundance and Luke's Parable of the Sower showed how different kinds of soil represent how we receive God's word.

Campers learned about composting in the garden activity center and went into the church to learn about the importance of ashes and incense in the liturgy.

The midweek theme celebrated seeds and the power of small beginnings. Campers heard of God's creation of seed bearing plants in Genesis and heard the Parable of the Mustard Seed from Matthew's gospel, learning that faith, even small, can grow greatly.





In arts and crafts kids made paper infused with wildflower seeds that they could plant in their garden at home. At another center they made mini greenhouses to sprout their bean seeds.

Animals roared on to the scene Thursday. Campers learned about Moses, a shepherd, leading God's people from an Exodus lesson and learned of God's attentive love in Luke's Parable of the Lost Sheep.

Children were invited to bring grocery donations for the Christ Church's Green Groceries mission, learning about compassion in action. In arts and crafts, they painted animal rocks for garden decorations and built mini worm composters in the garden center.

The week concluded with harvest, highlighting the rewards of faith and community.

Campers heard how Ruth gleaned in the fields, teaching about provision and kindness and how Jesus fed the multitudes, modeling abundance through sharing.

A closing Eucharist celebrated the week's themes, and donations to the Green Groceries mission were blessed as a symbol of the spiritual harvest.

In addition to the themed activities all week, campers sang, played games, decorated the Garth and Treadway Garden with chalk art, and had delicious snacks. It was a wonderful week and many rich memories were made.



On Friday of VBS Margaret Faulkner worked with each small group of campers to build two beautiful altar arrangements for Pentecost Sunday. She taught them how to mix the different flower colors, heights and shapes to make something pleasing to the eye. Trinity parishioners were the beneficiaries of this great session.





## From the Choir Pews

by Dr. Colin MacKnight

While summers at Trinity are relatively calm, there are two main endeavors of which people should be aware. The first is our summer pick-up choir. “Pick-up choir” simply means that there is no prior rehearsal; singers simply “pick up” some relatively simple music that morning at 9:30 am and quickly practice for the 10:30 am Eucharist.

If you’ve ever thought about trying out choir, this is the perfect opportunity. The schedule is light, the music accessible, and the pressure low. Looking farther ahead, there’s another reason that this is a wonderful time to get involved with the choir: our 2026 residency at Canterbury Cathedral. From July 27 to August 2, the Trinity Choir will sing daily services (six evensongs and one Eucharist) at Canterbury Cathedral, one of the great sacred spaces of the world. This will undoubtedly be a profoundly beautiful and spiritual experience for our choir, and it doesn’t hurt that choir members get a discount!

To join the choir, one does need to know some basics of reading music, but our requirements are lower than one might expect. After all, we’re all continuing to improve our music-reading skills, myself included. If you know what quarter notes and half notes are, you’re qualified to be in choir!

The other summer endeavor is the pinnacle of the complete-Bach organ recital series. (Aren’t you impressed I went this long without bringing up Bach?) On July 28th, the exact 275th anniversary of Bach’s death, I’ll be playing *Clavierübung III*, his largest

and most important organ work. “Clav III,” as its colloquially called, is about 100 minutes long, so it does not fit into the regular 30-minute lunch time recitals. Instead, this will be an evening concert at 7 pm.



Why should I go to a 100-minute organ concert? Well first, one does not have the opportunity to hear the complete Clav III very often. I would not be surprised if this is even the first time the work is being performed in its entirety in Little Rock, or even Arkansas.

Rarity aside, it is also simply magnificent music. Bach wrote Clav III in the last decade and a half of his life, at the height of his powers, and included everything from intimate two-voice compositions to monumental six-voice ones, and included a huge variety of styles, ranging from the Renaissance pastiche to the most modern trends.

Since many of its component pieces are based on Lutheran hymns, Clav III is also a spiritual treatise. In it, you will hear the sturdiness of Bach’s belief when he sets the Creed, the joy of his faith when he sets the Gloria, the sorrow of the psalmist in the setting of Psalm 130 (“Out of the depths I cry unto thee”), and so much more. Bach was himself a deeply devout Lutheran, and one can hear his religious conviction from the beginning to the end of this masterpiece.

And if all of that isn’t enough to entice you to this concert, there will also be a reception.

Happy summer!

Colin MacKnight, Director of Music



## Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury 2026

The Trinity Cathedral choir has accepted an invitation to be the choir-in-residence at Canterbury Cathedral in southeast England in Summer 2026, leading their daily services of Choral Evensong and Holy Eucharist. Alongside the choir tour, the Rev. Thomas Alexander will lead a pilgrimage for parishioners of all ages. Not only will pilgrims have the opportunity to worship daily with the Trinity Cathedral choir in the historic setting of Canterbury Cathedral, but they will also have a chance to study and experience all that Canterbury and the surrounding area have to teach us. Pilgrims will depart from Little Rock on Saturday, July 25 and arrive back home on Monday, August 3. Join the Rev. Thomas Alexander for an interest meeting on Sunday, July 27, 2025 in Pierce Chapel immediately following the 10:30 am service to learn more.





# CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Pre-K-1st Grade: St. Cecilia Choir

First & Third Wednesdays

5 - 5:30 p.m. (Before Community Dinner + Koinonia Worship)

The St. Cecilia Singers sing for some of the youth and family Koinonia services on Wednesday evenings. Any children in pre-K through first grade are invited to join the St. Cecilia Singers.

## 2nd-8th Grade: Trinity Choristers

Every Wednesday, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

The Trinity Cathedral Chorister program is a free extra-curricular opportunity for children and youth in Central Arkansas. The Chorister program provides a world-class musical education program in which young people learn to read music and sing some of the finest sacred music. Participants are able to develop their musical, interpersonal, and cognitive skills as they learn to work in a team environment to serve the church and community through music. Once choristers enter high school, they are eligible to participate in the Cathedral Choir.

## 9th - 12th Grade: Choral Scholars

Every Thursday, 7 p.m.

This program provides select high school or college students with a stipend to sing in the Cathedral Choir. The Cathedral Choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. and sings at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist and 4 p.m. Evensong every Sunday. Choral Scholars are welcome to sing at both services or only one.

## Get Connected

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# Tools For the Spiritual Journey

## Sunday School for Adults in the Summer

Nicaea: 1700 years later  
Sundays, August 3 – August 31 at 9:15 a.m.  
Conference Room in Keller House

Join the Rev. Thomas Alexander for a five-week-long series on the Council of Nicaea, its history, and its legacy today. This summer marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council. We will closely study the greatest of this first ecumenical Council's decisions—the Nicene Creed—but we will also study some of the other, lesser-known decisions of Nicaea.

## Interest Meeting for Education for Ministry

Sunday, August 3  
immediately after the 10:30 am service  
Pierce Chapel

Join us immediately after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, August 3 for an interest meeting about Education for Ministry. EfM is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 100,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. To learn more, contact Greg Albert ([albertgw@gmail.com](mailto:albertgw@gmail.com)) or Missy McCain ([missy@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:missy@trinitylittlerock.org)).

## 20s and 30s Dinner Gathering

Thomas Alexander's and  
Lillian Hardaway's home  
Saturday, August 9 from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. Thomas Alexander and Lillian Hardaway will host a dinner gathering for young adults of Trinity (20s and 30s) at their home. All are welcome, including kids! To RSVP and to get their address, please email Thomas ([thomas@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:thomas@trinitylittlerock.org)).

## Morning Prayer in Pierce Chapel

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join us in Pierce Chapel at 8:30 am, Monday through Thursday, to say our morning prayers together, using the Book of Common Prayer. The service lasts about 20 minutes.

## Men's Group

Every Third Thursday at 8:00 am  
Baker Parlor in Keller House

Join men of the parish for fellowship, mutual support, and prayer in a small group setting. To learn more, contact Bert Parker ([hjparkerlr@gmail.com](mailto:hjparkerlr@gmail.com)).

## Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers in Pierce Chapel

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

All are welcome to join us each Wednesday at 5:30 pm for a simple service of Holy Communion in Pierce Chapel that includes a brief, thoughtful sermon and prayers for healing. The service lasts about 30 minutes.

## Bishop Curry Lenten Revival Weekend

The Diocese of Arkansas welcomed The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry to Little Rock from March 13 to 16 for his Annual Preaching Mission and Revival, hosted at the Cathedral.

During his visit, bishop Curry led two public revival events on Thursday and Friday. The choir of St. Mark Baptist Church of Little Rock led rousing gospel music at the revivals.

On Saturday evening, a dinner event featured Bishop Curry as the keynoter and he spent time signing

books. Over 400 people from around the diocese attended the events over three nights.

Bishop Curry preached at the combined 9 a.m. service on Sunday. As most know, Curry is renowned for his preaching, and when he got notification that his flight home was delayed he treated the 255 people with an extra special sermon on one of his favorite topics, the Love of God.





## Diocesan Program Offerings



### 2025 Ministry Exploration Retreat

Friday, September 12 (5:30 p.m.) to  
Saturday, September 13 (3 p.m.), 2025

Camp Mitchell

Those who are identifying a call to ordained or lay professional ministry in the Episcopal Church are invited to Camp Mitchell for a time of learning, exploration, and discerning prayer.

### Advent Teaching Mission & Lecture

*with The Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas*

#### **Save the Dates:**

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

The Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas is the Canon Theologian at the National Cathedral. In 2017, she was named Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and in 2019, she was appointed to the Bill and Judith Moyers Chair in Theology at Union. Kelly is considered a leader in the field of womanist theology, racial reconciliation, social justice, and sexuality and the Black church.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Douglas was one of the first 10 Black women to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church.

She was an Associate Priest at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. for more than 20 years.

In December 2022, she was announced as the 2023 winner for the Grawemeyer Award for “Resurrection Hope,” one of the most prestigious prizes in religion, given by the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



Save the Date: Parish Retreat at Camp Mitchell  
 Friday, January 16 – Sunday, January 18, 2026  
 Camp Mitchell



Save the date for Trinity's Parish Retreat at Camp Mitchell on Petit Jean Mountain, a chance for members of the congregation to rest and have fellowship together in a beautiful setting over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. This weekend will have opportunities for all ages. Stay tuned for more information. To learn more, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

## Trinity Cathedral Staff

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## GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP

### Give to the Cathedral

Summer is a good time to check if you are caught up on your pledge, or make a special gift to the Annual Operating Fund. Things slow down program-wise, but we still have a whole facility and staff to maintain. Your gift of any size is greatly appreciated.

### Stewardship 2026



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

We are looking ahead to our fall stewardship drive, and are excited to have Clarke Tucker, Sarah Bennings and Jack Harvey on board as vestry liaisons.

Our theme, Tell Out My Soul, comes from hymn 437, which is based on the Magnificat: The Song of Mary. The Venerable Bede, a medieval Anglican scholar, wondered what Mary thought before she sang her song. Bede imagines Mary thinking this: "The Lord has exalted me by a gift so great, so unheard of, that language is useless to describe it, and the depths of love in my heart can scarcely grasp it. I offer then all the powers of my soul in praise and thanksgiving." This is a perfect way to reflect on God's generosity in our lives, and how we share that generosity.

We are looking for people to join us on the stewardship team and together create a successful annual giving campaign. Email Jack Dowling if you feel called to this ministry.

### 1884 Legacy Society



By including Trinity Cathedral in your will or estate plan, you ensure that the ministry and outreach of the cathedral will continue.

Learn more: [trinitylittlerock.org/legacy](http://trinitylittlerock.org/legacy)

Advancement Director, Jack Dowling is here with assistance and answers. You will find that he loves Trinity's mission as much as you do! [jack@trinitylittlerock.org](mailto:jack@trinitylittlerock.org) – (501) 251-6667.

# The Message



*Antonia Cabrera became a new member of Trinity at her baptism at the Easter Vigil. Her parents are Francis and Megan Cabrera, and her sister is Theodora.*



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