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#### Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Evensong 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. Monday - Friday Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

# THE MESSAGE

The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral A House of Prayer for All People • December 2018

"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. It is not possible to keep it from coming, because it will. That's just how Advent works. What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes by you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God's hindguarters fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon."

- Jan L. Richardson, Night Visions

The word advent means "coming" (from the Latin adventus) ...and it is coming! Jan Richard, from her reflections on Advent, encourages our intentional participation in this season of preparation for Christ's coming. This is a season of journeying from darkness to light. This Advent season we will prepare as a church family for the coming of Christ. We will decorate our Advent wreath, light candles, and say prayers that foster our connection to this season. During Advent we will intentionally provide opportunities for worship, giving, and reflection. Each Wednesday evening (beginning November 28) we will seek to question and discern what this season means for our lives in our class entitled "What's Advent?" Below are some other ways to journey through this season together.

December 2: Alternative Gift Market & Advent Event

December 9: Messiah Sing-A-Long

December 16: Annual Christmas Pageant

December 23: Lessons & Carols

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

#### The Month Ahead:

#### January

1: New Year's Day (Offices Closed)

6: Epiphany Service: St. Mark's at 5 p.m.

13: Evensong Resumes (new time 5 p.m.)

14: Chamber Music Concert

17: Men's Breakfast

21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

27: Annual Meeting

#### **Email Addresses Needed:**

Can't wait for The Message to arrive? Want to know what is happening at Trinity? Make sure we have your email address so you receive the weekly announcements. It contains a brief look at the many events on the block. Send your email address to dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org and we'll make sure you are added to the update list.

#### We need to hear from you:

Please let the church office know if you are sick or hospitalized and would like prayers or a clergy visit. Due to HIPPA regulations hospitals cannot release patient information unless you also sign in as an Episcopalian at Trinity Cathedral. Office number is 501-372-0294 and email is riley@trinitylittlerock.org.

Please remember Trinity Cathedral in your will.

Want something in the Message?

Send it to Riley at riley@trinitylittlerock.org by December 18th.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

Interested in helping at the Cathedral, but don't know who to ask? Here are some ways that you can help this month:

- I. Give someone a ride to church. Contact Russ Snapp at 870-664-6404
- Help fold, seal, and label the Message on December 28. Contact Riley Matheny, riley@trinitylittlerock.org

#### ARTS OUTREACH UPDATE

Who had the most fun cooking, learning about the garden, discovering new forms of artistic expression, and creating projects together? WE DID! Arts Outreach will finish up its last day of the semester on Dec. 5 and we want to thank the dedicated volunteers and staff who help make it possible. We had an amazing and fun group of students from LRPA this year who are eager to learn and be a part of this program. If you love working with kids, or have a skill to share with us in the spring, contact Emma at emitchell@trinitylittlerock.org.





#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Every Member Canvas Campaign kicked off on October 7th with a goal of \$1,200,000 along with a challenge from the Dean, that if \$1.2 million in pledges are received and paid, he and his wife will return next year's salary to the glory of God and the ministry of Trinity Cathedral.

I am happy to report that we have pledges in hand of \$711,793. Pledges are slowly trickling in, and we're still hoping by year's end we will reach our goal.

Thank you to those of you who have turned in your pledges!

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, but intend to, I ask that you prayerfully considering increasing your pledge. Small increases in individual pledges can have a significant impact.

To those who are still thinking about pledging as a possibility, we welcome and would much appreciate your support.

You may pledge your support on the cathedral website www. trinitylittlerock.org/giving or by filling out a pledge card. Pledge cards can be found on the table in the back of the church or in the church offices.

Faithfully, Neal Jackson Lea 2019 Stewardship Chair



# BOYD BETHEL NAMED LITTLE ROCK TOUCHDOWN CLUB'S 2018 JAMES STREET OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNER!

The James Street Outstanding Sportsmanship Award is presented to a deserving athlete who best exhibits outstanding character, sportsmanship toward teammates, coaches and opponents.

Boyd Bethel is a Senior at Episcopal Collegiate School where he is one of the team captains for the Varsity Football Team. "As a coach, you are always looking for guys that stand out not only on the field, but off the field as well. You are looking for someone that is reliable, trustworthy, and committed. Boyd is all of the above and more," said Coach Michael Carter. What Boyd lacks in ability, he makes up for with heart and desire, and his passion to be the best at his position is addictive and it affects all that is around him. Boyd is the utmost team player, as he always puts others first and is the first one to reach out and encourage a teammate. He is the perfect role model for our younger athletes. The way he carries himself is one that any coach would be proud of. "I consider it an honor to have coached him the past two years. He will be very successful in whatever he chooses to do in life and he will make the people around him better as well" (Coach Michael Carter).

# Tis' the Season to Adopt-A-Family at Our House

Join us in making this holiday season one to remember for our families. You can help by donating some of the needs and wants for over 100 families! For more information contact Torri Alexander at 501-374-7383 ex. 240 or torri.alexander@ourhouseshelter.org

#### TRUNK-OR-TREAT 2018

Trinity Ringing Society's trunk won the "Best Trunk" award. Decorations were inspired by their theme, "Bats in the Belfry."



Standing, left to right: Maggie Dearnley, Mary Wilson, Kay Shurgar, Sandy Miller Hays, Dick Dearnley, "Igor" (our mascot), William Hronas, and Porter Brownlee. Kneeling, left to right: Julie Keller and Philip Buck. (The dog is Abby Dearnley.)



# Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral

## Dec. 2 Advent I

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. (spoken)
Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.\*
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lisa Corry

Alternative Market 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.\* Evening Prayer 4:00 p.m. (no tea) Advent Event 5:00 p.m.

# Dec. 9 Advent II

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. (spoken)
Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.\*
Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, III

Messiah Sing-A-Long 4:00 p.m.\* Reception following in Morrison Hall

# Dec. 16 Advent III

**Holy Eucharist** 7:30 a.m. (spoken) **Holy Eucharist** 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.\* Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Russell Snapp

Christmas Pageant 4:00 p.m.\* Punch & cookies following in Morrison Hall

# Dec. 23 Advent IV

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. (spoken)
Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.\*
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke

Lessons & Carols 4:00 p.m.\*

### Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

#### Offices Close at Noon Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m.\*

Childrens' Choirs, soloist Rosella Ewing-Terry Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, III Presiding: The Bishop of Arkansas

#### Musical Prelude 10:00 p.m.

Members of the Arkansas Symphony present Bach's double concerto for oboe and violin

#### Choral Eucharist 10:30 p.m.

The Cathedral Choir joined by ASO members in Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass

Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, III

Presiding: The Bishop of Arkansas

# Dec. 25 Christmas Day

#### Office Closed

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, III

Dec. 30 First Sunday After Christmas

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. (spoken)
Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.\*
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lisa Corry

Evening Prayer 4:00 p.m. (no tea)

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Office Closed

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Office Closed

# Jan. 6 Epiphany

Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m. (spoken)
Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.\*
Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, III

**Convocational Epiphany service** at St. Mark's 5:00 p.m.

\*Childcare will be provided for these events

# Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

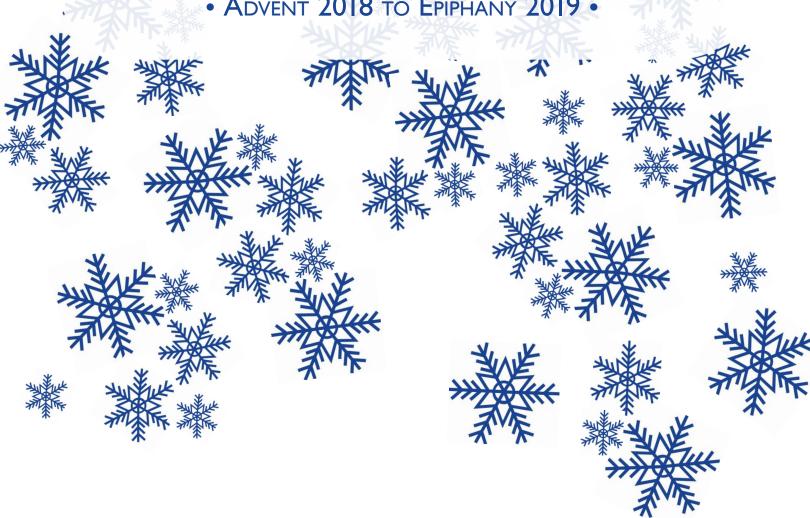
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• ADVENT 2018 TO EPIPHANY 2019 •



WELCOME TO TRINITY

# **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. Services

Formation for all ages 10:15 a.m.

Evensong 4:00 p.m. (changes to 5:00 p.m. January 13)

**Monday:** Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

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**Wednesday:** Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. Classes for All Ages 6:15 p.m.

Rehearsals:

Cherub Choir 3:30 p.m. (breaking Dec. 19 - Jan. 2)

Seraphim Choir 4:30 p.m. (breaking Dec. 26 - Jan. 2)

Tower Bell Ringers 5:30 p.m.

Handbells 6:00 p.m. (breaking Dec. 19 - Jan. 2) Cathedral Choir 7:15 p.m. (breaking Dec. 25 - Jan. 9)

**Thursday:** Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Bethel-Trinity Studies and Discussions 6:00 p.m.

(Resuming January 10)

Friday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.



# **FIND YOUR PLACE**

#### STEPS IN FAITH

These classes offer an easy-to-follow path all the way from curious and tentative visitor to fully informed and committed church leader.

#### **EXPLORING SCRIPTURE**

These classes are a cure for Biblical illiteracy! As a guide would lead you through a great national forest, showing you mountains, caves, and rivers, we will take you to the prophets, poets, and gospel writers of the scriptures, with insight into new and age-old questions of interpretation.

# EXPLORING ANGLICAN TRADITION

Trinity is an Episcopal Cathedral in the Anglican tradition. Someone has said that this is a "poetic" expression of Christianity - and it is true that from John Donne and Shakespeare through Dorothy Sayers and C.S. Lewis, our English forbears have given Christian spirituality a literary twist. Through the year we offer services, classes, and pilgrimages to find out more.

#### **OUR LIVES AND TIMES**

Under this heading we group a rich variety of classes that start with the joys, responsibilities, and vicissitudes of life today. What questions do they raise for faith? And now shall we faithfully address them?

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION

Between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services

#### **Breakfast & Coffee**

Morrison Hall

Join us from 10:00 - 10:30 for food and fellowship. (Breakfast is free, donations are welcome)

#### **DEAN'S CLASS**

#### Morrison Hall - 10:30-11:00

The Dean's Class is an adult forum of lectures, discussions, and debates, and even the occasional musical number.

#### Schedule:

#### December

- 2 Alternative Gift Market
- **9** Richard Rohr: The Center for Action and Contemplation and Franciscan Theology, led by Dr. G. Richard Smith
- **16** "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4)

On the 46th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Stuart Hoke will offer spiritual (and a few not-so-spiritual) reflections on his years of service as a priest of the Episcopal Church.

- 23 No Class/ Just Visit
- 30 No Class/ Just Visit

#### January

6 - The Kneeler Project, led by Rebecca Wilson

#### **PILGRIM'S PROGRESS**

#### Library/Lounge

A Sunday Bible study and discussion group. Our topics change with the seasons.

Study of, "Walk in Love" from Forward Movement publishing. Join us as we use this guide to take a journey through The Book of Common Prayer, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith. We will explore together the connections between the words of our prayers, our beliefs, and the daily practice of faith, exploring questions long the way.

#### LIVING THE QUESTIONS

#### **Conference Room**

Living the Questions offers participants a way to explore ways to apply scripture and tradition to everyday life and current events. Class discussion is encouraged, but not required for those who choose to listen.

#### Schedule:

#### **December**

- 2 Planning and Discussion
- 9 Join the Dean's Class led by Dr. G. Richard Smith
- 16 Join the Dean's Class led by the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke
- 23 No Class/ Christmas Break
- 30 No Class/ New Year's Break

#### January

6 - Join the Dean's Class led by Rebecca Wilson

#### **PARENTS' GROUP**

#### Iona Room

All parents welcome to come share knowledge, exchange ideas and strategies for parenting, network, socialize, and encourage one another. Babies welcome! Led by Marcia Wayland.

# WEEKDAY ADULT FORMATION

#### **LECTIO DIVINA**

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Baker Parlor.

A mid-winter opportunity to explore scripture together.

#### Schedule:

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

# RECLAIMING JESUS: A CONFESSION OF FAITH IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

An eleven week Bible study and discussion program based on Jim Wallis's curriculum. Led by Dr. Sybil Hampton in the library at Bethel A.M.E.

#### Schedule:

Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb. 7

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

We meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 a.m. We have an hour of Christian fellowship and breakfast. All men of Trinity are invited.

Location: Homer's West

Contact: George Morledge at gbmorledge@sbcglobal.net

NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 5, 12, & 19 6:15 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM

# ADVENT?

Join us as we explore this liturgical season and all it's mystery.

All ages welcome.

EMAIL REV. CORRY AT LISA@TRINITYLITTLEROCK.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

# **MUSIC FORMATION**

#### **CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

The Cathedral Choir leads worship at the 9:00 and II:15 Sunday morning services. The choir consists of volunteers and professional section leaders. Our choral sound and literature are rooted in the Anglican tradition and our repertoire varies from Gregorian Chant to contemporary traditional music composers but includes a wide variety of genres and formats. Instrumentalists from the Arkansas Symphony and the Pinnacle Brass frequently join the choir at Sunday services and for special choral concerts. We welcome any Cathedral members who read music to join us! Contact victoria@trinitylittlerock.org for more information.

#### **HANDBELLS**

The Cathedral Handbell Choir provides music for preludes, postludes, or other parts of our services on an occasional basis. Membership is open to all persons from high school and up. Although handbell playing does require practice and keen attention, it is a skill that can be acquired in little time. Anyone is welcome to join us.

#### **TOWER BELLS**

The change ringing bells are rung by members of the Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society, who add this unique sound to the richness of the liturgy at Trinity. The bells are rung Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. as well as for funerals and, by arrangement, for weddings. All are welcome to join. For more information contact Mary Wilson at mfcwilson@yahoo.com.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**

Trinity offers 3 levels of choirs for children beginning at 4 years of age.

The Cherub Choir consists of 4-7 year old children. We learn fundamental singing skills (matching pitches, basic rhythm), have a great fellowship together, and lead worship once or twice a semester. Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to attend these rehearsals, making this a truly inter-generational choir experience.

#### PRACTICE SCHEDULE

ALL ON WEDNESDAYS

#### **Cathedral Handbell Choir**

6:00 p.m. - 6:55 p.m. (Rehearsal vacation December 19 - January 2)

#### Cathedral Choir

7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Rehearsal vacation December 25 - January 9)

#### **Tower Bell Practice**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.





The Seraphim Choir (grades 2-6) learn music reading skills, prepare music for worship services, and frequently are divided into small ensembles to learn part reading and handbell playing. These children are encouraged to participate in community building activities while they learn to sing in praise to God.

The Jane Wilson Girls Choir (girls grades 6 - 12) is a scholarship funded group created in honor of the late Jane Wilson to help keep these youth involved in choir and church leadership during these formative years. The Jane Wilson Girls Choir will lead Evensong the 4th Sunday of every month and rehearse twice a month on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

#### Save the Date

# **MUSIC NOTES - DECEMBER**

Choir rehearsal and worship service schedules:

Cherub Choir (children ages 4 - 7)

REHEARSALS: December 5th and 12th. Rehearsals resume January 9th. SINGING IN WORSHIP: December 9th – 9:00 service only, next time January 27th

Seraphim Choir (grades 2 - 6)

REHEARSALS: December 5th, 12th, and 19th. Rehearsals resume January 9th.

SINGING IN WORSHIP

December 9th – 9:00 service only (Call time 8:30)

December 24th – 4:00 service only (Call time 3:00) January 27th – 9:00 service only (Call time 8:30)

Jane Wilson Girls Choir (grades 6 - 12)

REHEARSALS: December 5 at 5:30 p.m.

December 19 at 5:30 p.m.

January every other Monday night at 7:00 starting Jan 7th, 2019

SINGING IN WORSHIP: December 24th – 4:00 service only (Call time 3:00)

January 27th – 5:00 p.m. service (Call time 4:00) \*\*\*
February 24th – 5:00 p.m. service (Call time 4:00)
March 24th – 5:00 p.m. service (Call time 4:00)

#### \*\*\* Sunday evening services moving back to 5:00 p.m. starting January 13, 2018.

Cathedral Choir will be on rehearsal vacation from Christmas Day through January 9th. They will continue singing for morning worship.

In other news,

ADVENT: There are special events every Sunday night in December and will be listed on the calendar here in the Message so be sure not to miss any of them. Everything except the Advent Event starts at 4:00 p.m. The Messiah Singa-Long Dec. 9th will be of particular interest to those of you who love to sing but can't fit choir into your schedule. Our traditional Lessons and Carols on Dec. 23rd will feature the fantastic violinist Kiril Laskarov. We will sing some old favorites and some amazing new carols. Please come and bring your family and friends.

CHRISTMAS EVE: The Children's Choirs will be singing at the 4:00 Eucharist on Christmas Eve accompanied by harp. Our special guest soloist Rosella Ewing-Terry will be returning to Little Rock to join us for this service. At 10:00 p.m., members of the Arkansas Symphony will present Bach's double concerto for oboe and violin. Then at 10:30, the Cathedral choir will join the orchestra in a choral Eucharist singing the St. Nicholas Mass by Haydn.

CHRISTMAS DAY: At 10 o'clock, come sing your favorite carols at the Eucharist to welcome the newborn King.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY: Sunday morning services will happen as usual but there is no service at Trinity the evening of January 6th. We are invited to St. Mark's for their convocational Epiphany service. Regular Evensongs will start again on January 13th (5:00 p.m.) and there will be a wonderful Chamber Concert here on Monday January 14th (7:00 p.m.).

THE MADRIGAL FEASTE: You might want to purchase your tickets well in advance for this limited seating special evening Dec. 28th. Serving wenches in renaissance costumes, fabulous food, beautiful singing, and crazy actors will keep you entertained. The live auction will be small in items but large in opportunity. Proceedings begin at 6:00 p.m. You can reserve an entire table for 8 (\$500) or buy individual open-seating seats for \$50 each via the internet or at the church office. Proceeds go to the music department to help fund a singing schedule in England in 2020. King Herschel (Cast) and Queen Mary (Fine) are excited about reigning over proceedings that evening. Please come join us.

# Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Department of Alusic and the King and Queen of the realm Do bid ye all attende a Royale

# Madrigal Feaste



To be held in Morrison Hall

Friday, the 28th day of December Anno Domini 2018 6:00 o'clock in the evening

\$50 per person (open seating) \$500 for a reserved table of eight

Proceeds benefit the Cathedral Alusic Department

Tickets available at www.trinitylittlerock.org/events/a-madrigal-feaste

# A MID-WINTER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE SCRIPTURE TOGETHER



BAKER PARLOR
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.
JANUARY 9,16,23, & 30



# CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION GUIDE

Advent 2018 to Epiphany 2019



# SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

#### CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Formation curriculum designed for children ages 3-12. It is grounded in scripture and liturgy, and enriched with prayer, worship and a spirit of celebration. Using Montessori techniques, the catechist (or teacher) explores Jesus' life, Kingdom Parables, Prophecies, the meaning of the words and actions of the Eucharist, ways of worship, and growing into being the church.

#### Good Shepherd Atrium

Age 3 through 1st Grade Downstairs in Parish House

#### True Vine Atrium

2nd & 3rd Grades Upstairs in Parish House, Blue Classroom

#### The Covenant Atrium

4th & 5th Grades Upstairs in Parish House, Yellow Classroom

The children's formation (3 year old – 5th grade) classes are each taught by teams of dedicated volunteers.

#### YOUTH FORMATION

#### Mitchell House

All youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to join for Sunday Morning Formation during which we focus on relevant topics to the church calendar and the world. This time together is guided by discussion questions and includes interaction with scripture, storytelling, reflections, and prayer.



#### THE CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 4:00 P.M.

The children of Trinity Cathedral present the story of the birth of Christ, told through music and drama in the annual event's 61st performance. Punch and cookies reception immediately following in Morrison Hall.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### **Infants and Toddlers**

#### **Nursery**

Children younger than 4 are welcome in the bright, sunny, well-staffed nursery. It is open from 8:30 a.m. until the end of the 11:15 a.m. service.

The nursery is also open during some other services and special events. Contact the office at (501) 372-0294 to confirm the availability at special services.

The Nursery is located in Parish House. Parish House is the building behind the Cathedral including Morrison Hall. You can walk straight across the Garth (brick courtyard) and enter the glass doors, or you can exit the Cathedral through the back doors (where the procession enters and exits) through the connecting hallway past the vesting area.

#### **Baptism**

We are delighted to offer the Sacrament of Baptism to anyone in our parish who has added a child to their family. This is a joyous occasion where the entire congregation celebrates the addition to our parish family and to the Body of Christ.

We regularly have baptisms on the days appointed for the occasion in the Book of Common Prayer:

All Saints' Sunday (November)
Baptism of Our Lord (Early January)
Easter Vigil (Spring)
Trinity Sunday (Early Summer)

Additional dates may be arranged by contacting the Parish Office. Baptism preparation for parents and godparents will be scheduled before each baptism date.

#### Young Children (3+ - 5th grade)

#### **Activities**

There are folders for children with crayons, paper, and children's bulletins in the baskets as you enter the church. The bulletins have pictures and activities that are related to the day's scriptures. There are also colored pencils and a variety of books on the table.

#### **Children's Church Times**

During the 9:00 a.m. service, children under the age of 6 process out of the service during the hymn before the Gospel reading and return at the passing of the Peace. They meet next door and hear the "story", sing, pray, and have an age appropriate time of worship. The lesson is led by volunteer parents and parishioners. Parents are always welcome to stay with their children during the liturgy.

#### Youth (6th grade - 12th grade)

#### **EYC**

The Episcopal Youth Community at Trinity is comprised of 6th-I2th graders. EYC serves, forms, and empowers the transition between childhood and adulthood. We meet weekly during the school year to share meals, play games, go on retreats and outings, participate in service work, and grow together in our relationships with the church and community.

#### **Acolytes**

The Acolyte Guild is a committed community of young people who serve faithfully at our primary Sunday morning Eucharists, as well as church holidays and other special services. New acolytes are trained and commissioned in the early fall. Youth as young as 6th grade are invited to serve as acolytes.

#### **Youth Confirmation**

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in the Episcopal Church in which candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 180). Confirmation classes for youth (12 years and older) are offered annually, beginning in the spring. These classes explore topics of Christian Faith and the Anglican Tradition. Confirmation Sunday takes place in the spring.

#### **EYC NEWS**

As our fall semester of EYC wraps up around the holidays, it is only fitting that I look back with gratitude for all that unfolded for our youth community. Our new youth room in the Mitchell House has come alive; hosting discussions during morning formation class, smelling of popcorn for EYC movie nights, and even transforming to a haunted house during our Trunk-or-Treat event. I'm thankful for this new space, the people that fill it, and the growth that comes from it. Thank you for supporting this community!

The month of December has always been my favorite in the church. From the patience that Advent has taught me, to the joy that Christmas brings. It is most special to share this journey and celebration with a parish family! All are invited to join us for our Advent Event on December 2nd. Our youth will dress up as Advent Carolers and take leadership roles in the night's reflection. Our final EYC for the semester will be on December 9th during which we will have our Christmas Party and gift exchange. Be on the lookout for service opportunities for the youth, as well as programs for the new semester. Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

-Olivia Goza, Youth Ministry Coordinator

#### EYC Calendar

Dec 2: Advent Event

Dec 9: EYC Christmas Party

Dec 16: Children's Christmas Pageant
Dec 23-30: No EYC (Christmas Break)

Jan 6: EYC Resumes

#### **Opportunities for Service in December**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Volunteers are needed to help ring the bells for Salvation Army during the holidays. During the month of December, Trinity will ring the bell at the Kroger in the Heights. EYC will take one of the one-hour shifts. Date and times TBD. Contact Olivia if you are interested in volunteering.

**St. Francis House Basket Delivery:** Each year the Little Rock EYC teams up with St. Francis House to deliver Christmas Baskets to those in need during the holidays. This year we will meet at Christ Church on Friday, December 21st to deliver the baskets.

















# **MUSIC FORMATION**

#### CHERUB, SERAPHIM, & JANE WILSON GIRLS CHOIRS

The Cherubim (ages 4-7) rehearse from 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Seraphim (grades 2-7) rehearse from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Jane Wilson Girls Choir (grades 6-12) rehearse from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in December and every other Monday night at 7:00 p.m. starting January 7th. All choirs will meet in the choir room above Morrison Hall.

**Cherub Choir** 

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December 24th – 4:00 service only (Call time 3:00) January 27th - 5:00 p.m. service (Call time 4:00) \*\*\* February 24th – 5:00 p.m. service (Call time 4:00) March 24th – 5:00 p.m. service (Call time 4:00)

**REHEARSALS:** 

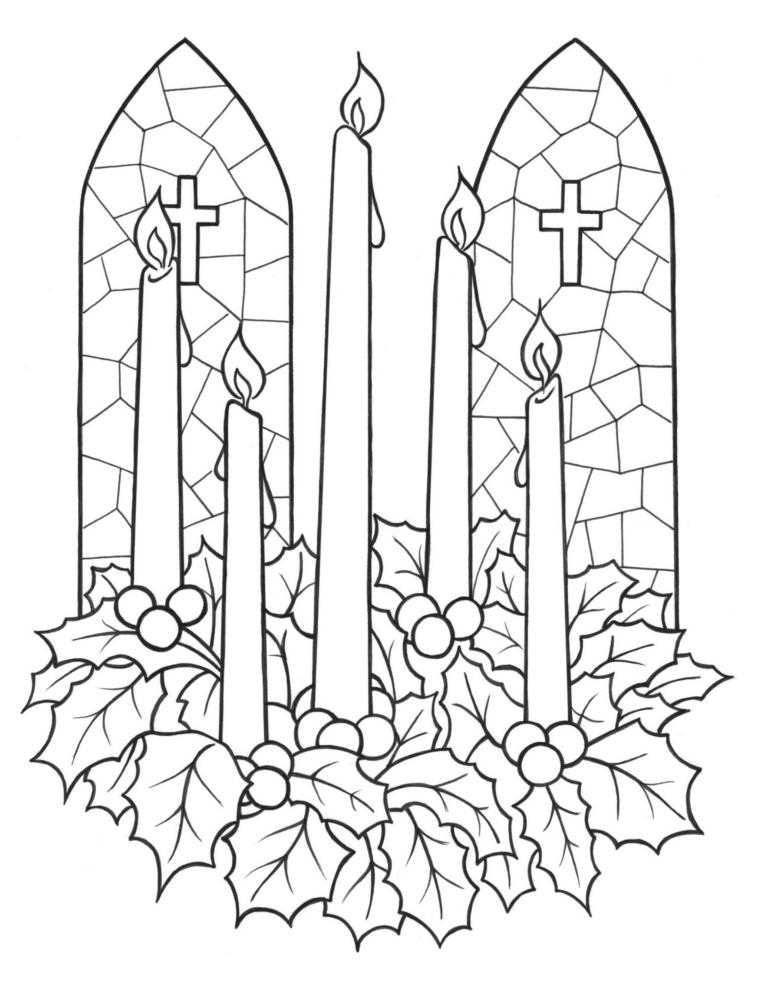
EARLY CHILDHO EDUCATION PROGRAM AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL

The Early Childhood Education Program is a year-round, paid childcare program operated as a ministry of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. ECEP serves families in Little Rock by providing an excellent environment for children to learn and grow within moments of the downtown business district and the State Capitol. ECEP has been recently named one of the best childcare centers in the area according to the Metro Little Rock Guide.

- Children ages 6 weeks through Pre-K4
- Full-time and part-time enrollment options offered based on availability
- BIG Kid program available for elementary children during school breaks
- Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Curriculum supplemented by specialists in bible, art, music, gymnastics, and foreign language

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Weekly Worship Schedule:
Sunday
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,
Evensong 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

The Cathedral is open for visitation, prayer, and meditation weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH FACILITATOR TRAINING



On February 28 and March 1, 2019, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will host a two-day Walking the Mourner's Path Facilitator Training workshop for those who would like to lead Walking the Mourner's Path groups.

Mourner's Path began in the Episcopal Church but is non-denominational. The training, however, specifically covers the Christian ministry of grief and bereavement.

At the workshop students will learn:

- · How grieving can heal with the presence of Christ's love
- · How to implement the program in their faith community
- · How to explore grief in culture, faith, and their families
- · Effective facilitating and listening skills
- · How to facilitate each of the eight workshops
- · Hands on experience facilitating a workshop

The training will be open to the public, so space is limited. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Rev. Deb Cooper at dcooper@trinitylittlerock,org.