

Trinit-E News



Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to
restore people to unity
with God and each other
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

What is the definition of public life? As most of were born and raised as Americans, we will likely contribute our understanding of a public life to that of a politician. Someone chosen by the will of the represented people charged with the responsibility of maintaining the well being of the whole state and its individuals. A hefty task, I might say. Yet we would agree then with Thomas Jefferson that the first and only object of government and public officials is “the care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction.”

One might wonder why “the care of human life and happiness,” and of course, “not their destruction,” is only the responsibility of an elected official. Yes, our world needs some sort of regulation, and we turn to public personas to attain that order. Yet, might we be in need of an “Epiphany” if we believe that the “care of human life and happiness,” rests only on the shoulders of a few certain people.

Are we not all public representatives of God’s creation? Do we not all have a stake in conserving the happiness, not just of human life, but also of the created life?

Our commitments should not be to defer unabashedly and wholly to leadership but to incline ourselves to be better leaders in our own communities based off the experienced love we have felt in Jesus. To incline ourselves to live our lives according to the model of ministry that Jesus set before us. A ministry that seeks publically, and on behalf of God, to include all people marks Jesus’ life. Which his earthly life is bookended by the love of God that sent his Son into the world and by the Passion of Jesus Christ that his divine life existed.

Jesus’s own public ministry is marked emphatically in Luke’s Gospel where Jesus enters the Synagogue on the Sabbath and proclaims, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord (Luke 4: 18-19).” Replicating that sounds about as daunting as running for a political office, if I might say so myself.

Therefore, I tend to turn more towards Jesus’ other saying, “Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.” Maybe for me it is a little more palatable to think that we like Jesus, can be ones who bring the presence of God into the lives of those we meet. That we can walk in love with those who are broken-hearted and soar in joy with those who are elated. We do not have to explain the world; we just need to love it.

The truth is we are, as God’s creation, born in the love of God, and by the Passion of Christ we are saved. And it is by the Spirit of the Lord that we can live our lives between our own bookends dedicated to “the care of human life and its happiness,” and of course, “not its destruction.”

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 25 Barry Broussard
28 Patrick Swiber
29 Amalia Rogers
30 David Webster



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11---Georgia and Rickey Landry
19—Elizabeth and Chris Landry
23—Mike and Kay Raymond
28---Charles and Joan Garber

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 20 following the 9:30 am Eucharist. It will be followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon.

There will be no Pot Luck Luncheon in February.



Please Pray For: Ellen, Nancy, Astrid, Cathy and Barry, Jeanette, Kay and Mike, Robi and Doug, Roy, Norma, Elizabeth and Irving, Lonnie, George, Trinity, Melvin, Ed, Joe, Debi and Roger, Dean, Sue, Aaron, our partner in ministry St. John's, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for all First Responders in our area, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.

Ministry Schedule January 2019					
	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27	February 3
CELEBRANT/ Officiant	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Travers	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Lindsay	Fr. Stephen
PREACHER	"	"	"	"	"
SERVER(S)	Joshua J	Tim C	Sean D	Austin B	Joshua J
CHALICE	Mary H	Tim C	Lisa P	Mary H	Judy W
LECTOR	Judy W	Tammy C	Charles P	Jane W	Mary H
INTERCESSOR	Judy W	Tammy C	Dez K	Jane W	Mary H
GREETERS	Drew M Ben M	Peggy C	Peggy C	Drew M Ben M	Peggy C
ALTAR GUILD	Mary H	Cathy B	Judy W Jennie R	Jane W	Mary H
VOD	Mary H	Sam J	Drew M	Peggy C	Judy W

ALTAR FLOWERS

6—Rev. Stephen and Jennifer Shortess and family in memory
of Rev. James A. Shortess

20- Mr. and Mrs. Barry Broussard (P) in thanksgiving for
Barry's birthday (Jan 25)
and in memory of his brother and his sister

27--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes in memory of Elizabeth
Romero

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!	2 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	3 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30 M Prayer 9:30	4 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	5
6 Fr. Stephen Holy Eucharist 9:30	7 . Fr. Stephen away at College of Presbyters	8 Choir Practice 5 pm.	9 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	10	11 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	12
13 Fr. Travers Holy Eucharist 9:30	14	15 Choir Practice 5 pm	16 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	17 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30 M Prayer 9:30	18 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	19
20 Fr. Stephen Holy Eucharist 9:30 Annual meeting	21 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30, .	22 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30, M Prayer 9:30. Choir Practice 5 pm.	23 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	24	25 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	26
27 Fr. Lindsay Holy Eucharist 9:30	28	29 Choir Practice 5 pm	30 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	31 Fr. Stephen 9-3:30 M Prayer 9:30		

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) was an English poet and a devoted Anglican who was active in the Anglo-Catholic Revival in the Church of England. Somewhat overshadowed at first by the reputation of her famous brother Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-1882)—poet, painter, and founder of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood—Christina Rossetti would emerge as a major Victorian poet. Her poems “In the Bleak Midwinter” and “Love Came Down at Christmas” are in our *1982 Hymnal*. “Epiphany” is from *Some Feasts and Fasts*, her series of poems for the Anglican liturgical calendar. Her own feast day is celebrated on April 27.

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Epiphany

'Lord Babe, if Thou art He
We sought for patiently,
Where is Thy court?
Hither may prophecy and star resort;
Men heed not their report.' –
'Bow down and worship, righteous man:
This Infant of a span
Is He man sought for since the world began!' –
'Then, Lord, accept my gold, too base a thing
For Thee, of all kings King.' –

'Lord Babe, despite Thy youth
I hold Thee of a truth
Both Good and Great:
But wherefore dost Thou keep so mean a state,
Low-lying desolate?' –
'Bow down and worship, righteous seer:
The Lord our God is here
Approachable, Who bids us all draw near.' –
'Wherefore to Thee I offer frankincense,
Thou Sole Omnipotence.' –

'But I have only brought
Myrrh; no wise afterthought
Instructed me
To gather pearls or gems, or choice to see
Coral or ivory.' –
'Not least thine offering proves thee wise:
For myrrh means sacrifice,
And He that lives, this Same is He that dies.' –
'Then here is myrrh: alas, yea woe is me
That myrrh befitteth Thee.' –

Myrrh, frankincense, and gold:
And lo from wintry fold
Good-will doth bring
A Lamb, the innocent likeness of this King
Whom stars and seraphs sing:
And lo the bird of love, a Dove,
Flutters and coos above:
And Dove and Lamb and Babe agree in love: –
Come all mankind, come all creation hither,
Come, worship Christ together.

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Sunday Services
9:30 AM

Fr. Stephen Shortess

Our Vision

Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.

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