



THE TRUMPET

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Our Mission Statement

*As it has for more than two centuries,
Trinity continues to be a community of the faithful,
reaching out joyfully in Christ's name to share God's love and compassion,
ministering to one another, our neighbors, and all creation.*

*We pray that the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit
will bring new generations to know, love, and serve Him.*

Stewardship Celebration

Generous Faith and a Renewal in Giving

Stewardship 2010 at Trinity Church

Sunday, November 7, 2010
right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Parish Hall

We all are invited by the Stewardship Team to join together for a celebration of God's grace and the generosity of God's people here at Trinity Church!

Hear how this parish has responded in faith to a call to generous giving.

Enjoy a spread of appetizers and finger foods—all to give us strength for the mission and ministry ahead in our parish, our community, and the world.

*Now thank we all of God, with heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices!
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*



Parish Database Policy

At Trinity Church, it is our desire, goal and effort to guard the privacy of all member data—including *your contact information*. That includes your mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address.

It has come to the Vestry’s attention that, inadvertently, parishioners began receiving e-mail from a business in which a parishioner is involved. That problem was corrected immediately. Nearly a dozen parishioners reported receiving this e-mail.

We are developing a clear and consistent policy to protect our membership data. We can control the security of your information in a number of ways. But we ask that you:

- Please do not share parish directory information with anyone outside of Trinity Church.
- Please put in an e-mail safeguard in your e-mail to a group of parishioners as “Undisclosed recipients” so that contact information is available only to recipients.
- Report to the church office immediately the receipt of any unexpected or unwanted e-mail from sources that you do not know, but claiming some relationship to Trinity Church.

Watch for more details as we seek to guard the privacy of the information that you share with this church.

Vestry Notes

- In a called meeting on Monday, October 11, the Vestry voted to accept a loan from the Foundation within the terms set by the foundation.
- Senior Warden Robert Hunt was authorized to request mediation from the Diocese to determine how the maximum compensation for our Priest-in-Charge in the Letter of Agreement is interpreted. This is done with the consent of Father John.
- The Vestry added 9 names of deceased Trinitarians to the “List of Benefactors of Trinity Church Endowment Funds.”
- In the Regular meeting of the Vestry on October 20, the Vestry shared a delicious “potluck” dinner together.
- The Vestry resolved, seeking to guard the data integrity of parish electronic communication, to prohibit use of parishioner date, including (but not limited to) email, phone numbers and residence addresses. Any exceptions to this policy will require a formal request for use of data, must be approved in advance by the Rector/Priest-in-Charge and the Senior Warden and related to church activities.
- Regarding the security of the Trinity Churchyard the Vestry voted to install architecturally appropriate locks on churchyard gates which would open and close at the start and end of every business day and that the “No Loitering” signs would be removed.

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(breakfast follows)

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
(September-May)

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Tuesday

12:05 Eucharist & Healing
(All Saints’ Chapel)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Dr. John R. Throop
Priest-in-Charge

Charles D. Porter, Jr.,
Parish Administrator

Stephen Kolb,
Organist & Choirmaster

Tony M. Macklin, *Sexton*

VESTRY & OFFICERS

Bob Hunt, *Senior Warden*
 Mike Riley, *Junior Warden*
 Malcolm Fortson, *Treasurer*
 Virginia Vail Kolb, *Register*
 Barbara Davis
 Gene DeNardi
 Sue Everett
 Fran Gill
 Jean Hanbury
 Rita Hedgespeth
 Bob Hunt
 Louis Hibbitts
 Bonnie Kroll
 Irv Lindley
 Gracie Peacock



Annual Meeting: November 14

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, November 14th.

There will be one Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. The meeting, and a luncheon, will follow in the Parish Hall.

As you arrive in the Parish Hall, enjoy the Ministry Fair that highlights the many aspects of the work of the people at Trinity Church. You also can talk about ministry opportunities in these many parts of Trinity's life.

At the Annual Meeting itself, those present will:

- Receive reports from the many ministries of this church so that we can celebrate their accomplishments.
- Receive an update from the Treasurer regarding our church's current financial condition—with time for questions and answers.
- Receive a report from the Stewardship Team about results to that point of the Generous Faith and Renewal in Giving campaign.
- Learn more about Trinity's upcoming 250th anniversary celebration.
- Meet proposed Vestry candidates, place their names in nomination, and cast votes. (**Note: all parishioners who meet canonical qualifications as active baptized confirmed communicants 16 years of age and older who are faithful in attendance and donors of record are eligible to vote.** Absentee ballots are permitted for submission as long as they are in hand by the start of the meeting. Absentee ballots are valid for those who cannot attend the meeting due to illness, disability, or out-of-town travel with the knowledge and approval in advance of the Priest-in-Charge.)
- Prayer, before, during, and after the meeting, for the parish to be in obedience to the call and will of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If there are any questions about the Annual Meeting, please see Father John or call the church office at 393-0431.

Nominees for Vestry

The nominating committee reports that, to date, the following parishioners have been nominated to serve on the Vestry:

Gene DeNardi
Frank Klein

Malcolm Fortson
"Peppy" Owens

Anna Fay Grayson
Mike Riley

Sue Jordan
Ron Weiss

Vestry elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on November 14. If you are interested in standing for election to the Vestry or you would like additional information, please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Bob Hunt, Gracie Peacock, Bonnie Kroll, and Louis Hibbitts.



Worship as Performance

The Danish philosopher and theologian, Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) saw worship as a drama. He describes three roles that are essential for the drama to take place: prompters, actors, and audience.

In the church of his day, he perceived that these roles were assigned as such: God was the prompter, leading individuals toward worship; the clergy and other leaders (including musicians) were the actors; and the congregation was the audience.

This, Kierkegaard, wrote, was completely wrong. Rather, the worship leaders (including musicians) were the prompters; the congregation was the actors; and God was the audience.

I love Kierkegaard's metaphor for worship roles, which places God as the focal point; and it seems that, like the Church of Denmark, we in modern times wrestle with the same misconception. Regardless of worship style, we so easily forget that the "professionals" before us are there to lead us in *our* "liturgy," a word of civic origin that can be translated, "the people's work" or responsibility. One might say that worship is what one must do to be a good "citizen" of God's Kingdom. It is our work as believers, a process that begins on Sunday morning in a formal service of some kind and then continues throughout the week.

One might say that the work of worship leaders (clergy and musicians) is only effective *if it draws the congregation into an experience and a life of worship!* Ours is not an aesthetic goal to be achieved, though we may utilize excellent art as a means to the ends we seek. In order to be relevant to the drama, good prompters (leaders) must aid and support good actors (the congregation), but they must do so without becoming the central focus, themselves.

I had the privilege of attending a diocesan conference recently on worship. The leader continually

Upcoming Music Events

Tidewater Community College Chorus

Friday, November 19, 7:45 pm

This choral group under the direction of David Warren will perform as a part of the 15th Annual Arts and Antiques Open House, which is held in Olde Towne Portsmouth on Friday, November 19, 2010 from 5 until 10 p.m. Admission is free!

Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 5, 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars *now* for Trinity Church's annual Ceremony of Lessons and Carols! For years, we have taken an opportunity in prayer, God's Word and music to reflect on the coming of Christ into the world. This year, we'll feature a wider variety of music and more opportunities for the congregation to participate. ***Lessons and Carols is a great way to invite visitors and first-timers to Trinity Church to experience the beauty, warmth and prayerfulness of this church.***

referred to congregations as "Choir One," and to the group of rehearsed singers providing anthems as "Choir Two." He understood Kierkegaard's drama metaphor well!

This Sunday, and every Sunday, let us enter into the experience of corporate worship, eager to fill our roles, and focused towards God, our audience of One.

Stephen Kolb



Christian Formation: November

Take advantage of great Christian formation opportunities in November!

- *Children's Christian Formation* continues to introduce pre-K and primary school students to **Basic Bible** so that they can become much more familiar with basic Bible teachings surrounding the life of Christ. Meet at the stairway of the Parish House at 9:30 a.m.
- *Teen Team* will begin to meet in the Youth Room at the end of the 2nd floor of the Parish House as they convene re-development of the youth ministry and have a great time together beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- *Adult Christian Formation* will meet for two sessions on **The Church's Call to Social Mission**. On **November 7th**, Father John will review the Anglican tradition of social outreach in helping the poor, the outcast, the sick and the lonely. On **November 21st**, we will learn much more about **the issue of homelessness in Portsmouth**. As a church, we have dealt first-hand with homeless persons. Learn more about how we have handled this issue from Father John, and special guests Jim Smith and Jackie Barnes.

Remember: We have no Christian Formation sessions on Sunday, November 14th due to the Annual Meeting.

For All the Saints: November 7

As we celebrate All Saints Sunday here at Trinity Church on **November 7th**, you can look forward to *some* of the saints in procession at the great entrance at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Children, teens and adults will be in garb that represents a particular saint in Christian history. Come prepared to find your favorite saint! And All Saints Sunday will be a **GREAT** Sunday to invite friends and family to introduce them to this great congregation in worship!

Celebrate Trinity's Reach into Portsmouth: November 21

Please join together on **Sunday, November 21st** as we celebrate **the Feast of Christ the King: Trinity in the Community**. We'll focus especially on Trinity's ministry to those who are homeless.

Learn more about the problem of homelessness, what's being done to meet needs, and especially how Virginia Supportive Housing is taking bold steps to meet these needs—with a generous gift from our ECW! Presenters will include Father John, Jim Smith (involved in a special collaborative project here in downtown Portsmouth) and Jackie Barnes from Virginia Supportive Housing.

After the 10:30 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist, we'll have a special coffee hour where we'll present a generous gift to Virginia Supportive Housing—and **honor Ann Long, Trinity Church member and long-time worker for homeless ministry in Portsmouth!**

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: Men's Ministry at Trinity



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is the men's fellowship opportunity here at Trinity Church. Our November meeting is **Wednesday, November 3rd beginning at 6:30 p.m. for social time, dinner and ministry meeting**. Father John will lead us in a spiritual reflection, and we'll discuss some key events needing the assistance of the men of the church. See you then! Any questions? Call Larry Peacock at 465-7335, or e-mail him at peacocks2@cox.net.

Dough for Trinity

The Vestry is sponsoring a fundraising project to supplement the 2011 Trinity Budget.

The Vestry has agreed to work with Dominion Educational Resources to sell a variety of cookie doughs and a great coupon book for the Williamsburg, Peninsula and Southside areas.

You can get involved by offering these great products to your neighbors, friends, family and co-workers. The project will be explained and brochures and coupon books will be available at the Nov. 14 Congregational meeting.

Trinity needs your help!

Happy New Year—in the Episcopal Church!

On November 21st, we come to the end of the liturgical year—the Last Sunday of Pentecost (Feast of Christ the King). The First Sunday of Advent begins on November 28th.

That's when we shift in the Lectionary to Year A. This three-year cycle always is focused on one of the Synoptic Gospels. In Year A, the bulk of those Gospel readings comes from the Gospel according to Matthew.

In the Daily Office (Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer), we shift into Year One. Now is a great time to begin your prayer life focused around Anglican worship patterns. You can find the Table of Readings for the Daily Office beginning on page 936.

In the *Book of Common Prayer*, the liturgy of the Daily Office: Morning Prayer (Rite One, p. 37/Rite Two, p. 75) and Daily Office: Evening Prayer (Rite One, p. 61/Rite Two, p. 115). If you'd like some guidance on setting up your prayer life and Bible reading using the Daily Offices, please feel free to contact Father John.

Altar Guild Participation

Trinitarians, If you are seeking a 'special place of serenity' to **either** briefly rid/rest your mind of troubling thoughts **or** to just be a blank



but receptive canvas **or** to proclaim appreciation for all you have and are in this life, then **servicing** at the Altar while laying the table for God's presence during an Eucharist service is the **PLACE you need to stand**. **There** is an opportunity to quietly commune with God. **There** YOU may find answers to your needs. **There** you will feel the silent comfort of His Hand on your heart.

When I began my Guild ministry at Trinity (after 30 years at St. Christopher's) I joined Flo and Shep Trant's committee. It was obvious that they not only were bonded as a married couple but theirs was a spiritual bond as well. The Altar Guild is looking for ANYONE (men, ladies, and youth) interested in finding this 'place of serenity'. Join us and find another BOND that may strengthen your commitment to God and to each other.

The job description is **only** to have a commitment to serving God. The tutorial is very simple - anyone can master it with a minimum of time and effort. The rewards can be unbelievably 'soul boggling'. There is no contract - if you find this is not your niche move on to something else until you do find your 'special place'.

Questions? Call Ginny Niemeyer at 484-4162.
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Food Basket Sunday

Our monthly collection for the Trinity Food Basket is **Sunday, November 28th**. Food will be collected at each service to distribute to the needy in Portsmouth. This month, the food will be distributed through Wesley Community Center. Thanks for your gifts.

Serve Breakfast at Oasis: November 3

It's Trinity's turn to prepare and serve breakfast for the hungry through the work of Oasis Social Ministry. We begin our work on **Wednesday, November 3rd at 6 a.m.** We're out by 8 a.m. If you can help, let Judy Leach know (485-9041) ASAP. Thanks for your help and godly heart.

Discretionary Fund Sunday: November 21

Thanks so much for your support of the Clergy Discretionary Fund here at Trinity Church! Your help through monthly offerings and special gifts has helped to provide:

- Assistance to a family whose utilities were about to be shut off due to non-payment—the result of a sudden cut in income due to illness.
- Help in a car repair of a woman who needed to be able to visit with her child, a patient at a children's hospital out of the area—so that she could be able to see her son and work with hospital staff on his treatment.

Father John is prudent and prayerful regarding who receives help. Our parish office receives as many as five calls in a day from people seeking help. We help those who have a clearly demonstrated need.

United Thank Offering (UTO) Sunday, November 21



The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church, Through the UTO, men, women and children mature

in the habit of giving thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many blessings. Those who participate in "The United Thank Offering" learn that thankfulness leads to generosity.

A short prayer of thanksgiving leads to an offering in the UTO Blue Box. All offerings are used to support grants. These ministries can be at home or overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church.

The combination of prayers and offerings make it possible to expand in unexpected ways. Listed below are some examples:

1. Kitchen equipment for a homeless shelter.
2. A playground for a child care center
3. A school in the Dominican Republic
4. Family counseling
5. Dental clinic for the poor
6. Half-way houses
7. After school programs
8. Vans and other vehicles
9. A library for a Seminary in Africa
10. A Bishop's house for a new overseas diocese.

To become a part of UTO:

1. Offer thanks and prayers as a part of your life in Christ.
2. Take the opportunity to put an offering in your UTO Bank.
3. Bring your UTO envelope or Bank to a UTO ingathering in November or May
4. Join your offering with other to support mission projects at home and around the world.

UTO Sunday at Trinity is November 21.

Become an active member! ☺

Jean Colonna
UTO Coordinator



Episcopal Church Women

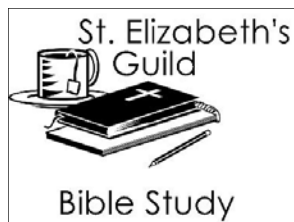
Thanks to everyone who helped with Fall Fest on October 8th and 9th. The event was a great success! We filled the Parish Hall with food, fun and song and filled the church yard with pansies and pumpkins. The Sunday school rooms and common room sold donations from families' closets and attics at great prices.

A special "thank you" goes to Beverly Matias who became Super Mom that day and the days before and after Fall Fest. She planned it well and Trinitarians came out in droves to help her. I cannot name anyone who did not help in one way or another – from telephoning, to attending the event, to preparing the goodies we sold. Some ladies helped prepare the delicious luncheon while others invited friends and families to attend with them on Friday. One member filled a table at the luncheon with her best friends for lunch and shopping with us.

Success is measured in many ways – and I feel this Fall Fest, as others in the past, brings us all together sharing and helping. As of this newsletter, we cannot estimate the monetary success but we sure can count a lot of happy faces!

Thanks again to the women and men who participated to help us make this a fun Fall Fest. We look forward to a busy Thanksgiving and Christmas season helping and sharing our wonderful faith with each other and our families.

With Love,
Mary Andrews
President



Saint Elizabeth's Guild will next meet October 12, Tuesday, 10:30 A.M. in the Common Room.

We will continue our study of "The Really Bad Girls of the Bible." The Chapter, Seven, is "Veiled Threat, Tamar the Widow: *Bad for a Good Reason.*" The Bible verses to read are Genesis 38. Father John will lead the discussion. All women of the church are invited.

Looking ahead to December, mark your calendars for our annual St. Elizabeth's Guild/ECW Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 14, at 11:00 am! Storyteller Jane Lego will join us to share her gifts, and we then we will have lots of delicious treats for lunch. Please join us!!

Jean Colonna
484-7691

Members & Memories of Trinity

The 250th Anniversary Committee wants to gather together the family of the last 250 years of Trinity and they need your help!.

If you have names, addresses, or any contact information for those who have been members of Trinity in the past and are not currently attending for whatever reason, we would love to have them. We intend to extend an invitation to everyone to be a part of our celebration.

We would also to hear your stories and favorite memories of Trinity.

Please contact Juliet Quicke.



**Hillary B. Miller
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**The Reverend Dr. John R. Throop
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October 8, 2010

Dear Father John,

Two weeks have passed since my mother's funeral and I have been continuously replaying the day in my head. I would like to thank you for providing us with such a warm, welcoming church and for officiating in her service. It was truly beautiful and I know it is exactly as she would have wished. You eulogized her beautifully and really captured her spirit in your words.

The Episcopal Church Women were a treat to work with. The reception they executed was lovely. It was so nice to be able to invite my mom's friends into such a lovely reception right there in the church. I am very grateful for their hard work and hospitality in providing such a lovely event for our family.

Thank you to you, the ECW and your entire church staff for enabling us to give my mother a beautiful ceremony to celebrate her life.

Sincerely,


Hillary Miller

(Hillary's mother, Sarah Prudence Bachmann, died on September 16. A memorial service and reception were held at Trinity on September 21.)



The Parish Prayers*

The following people have been placed on the Prayer List at their request or the request of a family member or friend. Please include these intercessions and thanksgivings in your personal devotions.

For our special needs and concerns:

◆ For those facing illness or adversity, especially:

Parishioners:

Randy Bowes, Charles Foster, Nancy Radcliffe, Ann Dodd, Norm Ream, Carol Fitzwater, John Hollowell, Walter Jordan III, Mary Hook Eileen Foster, Jimmy Smith, Randolph Pritchard, Gerald Wells, Shippy Reed, Margaret Sharrett, Ellen Esleeck, Betsy Mackenzie, Nell Shay, Theodosia Adair, Dick Austin, Shep & Flo Trant, Virginia Andrews, Neale Mayo, Marion Gartman

Our loved ones:

Pat Lorkiewicz, sister-in-law of Cora Lorkiewicz; Pat Ho, niece of Cora Lorkiewicz; Richard Ford, father of Cindy Ford; Marlies Krueger, friend of Bonnie Kroll; Madeline Welsing; Jim Craig; Katherine Klein, mother of Frank Klein; Cindy Barcliff, sister of Laurie Klein; Francesca Upton, sister of Juliet Quicke

For all serving in harm's way: including Justin Lewis, Dan Phillip, and Bob Miller

For all the blessings of this life:

◆ For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this month, especially:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Pamela Hunt | 7 Martha Frances Fortson | 16 Sanders DeNardi | 22 Frank O'Brien |
| Gracie Peacock | 8 Peter Coggeshall | Walter I. Jordan Jr. | 24 Sue Jordan |
| Logan Peacock | 12 Verle Weiss | Cameron Ballinger | Virginia Niemeyer |
| Gabrielle Claywell | 13 Nicholas Thompson | 17 Pete Kloeppel | Elaine Chandler |
| 3 Mary Louise Hollowell | Nathan Fleenor | 19 Sarah Jane Barrett | 29 Joshua Ashe |
| 6 Cora Lorkiewicz | 15 Steve Hersh | 20 Jackson Runyon | Andy Hook |
| 7 Dottie Lindley | Judith White | 22 Robert Hersh | |

◆ For those celebrating their wedding anniversary this month, especially:

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Shep & Flo Trant | 9 Robb & Catherine Blackwood | 25 Michael & Anne Claud Claywell |
| Brian & Tiffany Jarvis | 20 Dennis & Betty Jean McMurrin | |
| 7 Carol & Bobbie Davis | 24 Skip & Sue Jordan | |

*If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on the Prayer List, please call or e-mail the church office.

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At the annual meeting, you will be asked to consider candidates for Vestry. Pray for discernment, that you may sense who God is calling to further the work we are called to do—and how they demonstrate Christ-like qualities that will glorify God and make Trinity Church the best it can be.

In Christ's grace,
John+



Take note!

The deadline for the December issue of "The Trumpet" is November 15.



The Last Word (from the Priest-in-Charge)

What does it take to be a leader? We are facing this question on November 2nd here in Portsmouth as we elect a mayor. There are five candidates from which to choose, some with very different ideas about addressing the city's current and future needs. All congressional seats are up for election as well, as they are every two years. If you are watching national news reports, there are hotly-contested Senate seats and governorships in many different states. No matter where you are on the political spectrum, voters are being presented with strong personalities and stark differences in philosophy about national priorities, and even the role of government itself.

In any workplace, and in clubs, groups, even schools, people are chosen by their peers (or a portion of them) to lead. Some, more than others, are called upon to lead and are trained to inspire and gather different people. Churches also select leaders, usually by congregational vote, as we do in the Episcopal Church. On November 14, you will be called upon to elect six persons to fill Vestry seats—four for three-year terms, one to fill a two-year term, and one to fill a one-year term. You can read elsewhere in the *Trumpet* about their candidacy and qualification.

Beyond the logistics of choosing a leader, there are deeper issues to consider, especially in the life of Trinity Church. We move past the qualifications to fill a position to think about the qualities of a leader. In secular terms, a leader is one who can inspire others and has a vision for the future. Leaders see the big picture. Leaders do not speak for themselves or for a group. They offer a point of view and work towards consensus. Leaders never use the word, "they," but rather, "we" or "all of us." Leaders are not divisive. A leader never can promise a return to "the way we were," especially because no time like that ever really existed. At the same time, leaders do not provoke fear and promise to "stop these terrible things."

As business management experts say, good leaders are not wallowing in the weeds, trying to hack a way out. Instead, leaders see from a higher view so that they can see where we have been and various directions where we can

go. Good leaders also are not in it for themselves to get things right, to get even, to teach a lesson, or to show who is in charge. In history, those persons are dictators or demagogues or bosses.

We've been thinking about leaders from a secular point of view, for business and politics requires a certain fortitude and stamina. What are the qualities of a **Christian** leader? Certainly, such a leader should demonstrate Christ-like qualities. First of all, they need to be *prayerful* and seeking *holiness of life*. They live in a way that glorifies God and inspires

others to learn more about who God is and what God calls the Church to become. They need to be *poured out in prayer* to seek the Spirit's guidance in decisions to be made. They need to be *in worship first* before anything else. They need to be able to *develop disciples* to carry on the work after them. They need to *confront faithlessness and hypocrisy*, and to do so in love. Finally, they need to *live sacrificially*, ready to surrender all that they are and all that they have to God's call. They need to be *generous givers*.

What does Paul tell Timothy about leadership, as Timothy is a leader in the making? In I Timothy, he indicates that leaders need to be focused and faithful. Then, in II Timothy, Paul tells him to proclaim the message and to be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable. He urges Timothy to see that, in his role, he may convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. He concludes, "As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully" (II Tim. 4:3-5).

While these traits sound like a recipe for an ordained minister, they are the ingredients of Christian leadership. That's because those whom we elect to the Vestry and those who serve in leadership in other roles are, at heart, deeply committed Christians who are ready to provide spiritual leadership and to evaluate situations here in the church from a godly perspective. So more than a clear vision is called for; we seek Spirit-filled leadership that will advance the work of Christ through Trinity Church.

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**Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday
November 14**

The Schedule:

**One Service of Holy
Eucharist at 9:30 am**

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Annual Meeting

—
Parish Luncheon

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