

that's a question we should consider every time we enter the sanctuary with the intention of worshipping the Lord. Now, as then, people who gather on Sunday mornings come from diverse backgrounds. Some are well to do, some not. Others are, well... you know. It's easy to spend time with those who are like us and ignore those who aren't. What we need to ask ourselves is this: "If Jesus were physically present in our gathering, who would he be inclined to spend time with? What would he do?" Why not try that tomorrow?

Joel 3:9-17; Psalms 87, 90; Luke 16:10-18

Today's Birthdays

Patricia Rogers

Today's Calendar

226th Annual Diocesan Convention online

8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew online

Calendar for November 15, 2020

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rite II Spiritual Communion

Subscribe to our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL2SQhSIT-4rhMPQuuy8Dvw>

9:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom

10:30 am Sunday School online

2:00 pm Club 45 online

TRINITY PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your daily prayers the following people who are sick or recuperating:

*New names this week are listed in **bold**.*

Adam; Caroline; **Connie**; Craig; Dan; Davis; Debbie; Deborah; Debra; Frank; Janet; Jon; Kathleen; Laura; Marci; Mario; Mike; Nancy; Paula; Rachel; Raymond; Rich; Richard; Robert; Rusty; Sharon; Tom; Vaughan; Wendy; **Wesley**; Anne R. Adams (Jeff's mom); Susan Anderson; Chuck B.; Anne Barge; Maria Barnhart; Archie Barrett; Michael Barrett; Sharon D.; Neil Edwards; Bill Farr; Allan Feliciano; Pearle Galatas; Rose Gallup; Dorothy Gassel; Alice Glover; Tony Griswold; Barbara Harkins; Bunny Harris; Emily Hinkley; Dora & Leonard Holman; Stephen Holman; Jean Hunt; Delane Lambert; **Gene & Karen Maxey**; Jack McGraw; William McSpadden; Winifred Relyea; Tina Revis; Jean Shiffert and family; Marianne Simpson; Anne Smith; Jason & Natasha Smith and their family; John & Sarah Swart; Dan Tallett; John Thompson; May Jane Tillman; Sheila Vickers-Smith; Carlin, Teara & Caia Venaglia; Kelly Weber; Alva Windham & family.

In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for **the Church in the Province of the West Indies** and in the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for the Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist dioceses, synods and conferences, and for **the Congregations and clergy of St. Paul's, Richmond; and St. John's, Richmond.**

Please let Denise, the Office Manager, know if you or a loved one need to be added to the prayer list and also call when that person has recovered so she can remove them from the list. You can email her at dsymonds@trinity-fredericksburg.org or call (540) 373-2996.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

GOOD NEWS by Greg Asimakoupoulos

Used with permission from the

Bible Reading Fellowship

P.O. Box 380 Winter Park, FL 32790

Devotional readings for each day

Parish birthdays; anniversaries; calendar; and prayer list

Sunday, November 8, 2020

1 Corinthians 14:1-12 *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.* (v.1 NIV)

Are we really to desire spiritual gifts? Is it right to approach God in hopes of being rewarded? At first blush the apostle's words sound uncharacteristically selfish. What gives? Remember these verses flow right out of the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. That's the chapter often read at weddings because it concerns love. But if you want to be precise, Paul's words about love have more to do with the way church members get along than they have to do with marriage. In fact, that famous "love chapter" is situated between two chapters dealing with the use of spiritual gifts in the local congregation. Just so the Corinthians are still tracking with Paul's train of thought, he begins chapter 14 reminding them to "follow the way of love." In other words, if an other-centered concern characterizes our behavior, God delights in giving us gifts we can invest in the Church. If, however, we are wanting to "speak in tongues" or do a miracle for the personal pleasure it provides us, we are acting more like spoiled children than maturing believers.

Ezekiel 14:1-14; Psalms 93, 96; Matthew 20:1-16

Today's Birthdays

Mandy Anderson

Today's Anniversaries

Dave & Laura Hosaflook

Calendar for Sunday, November 8, 2020

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Rite II Spiritual Communion

Subscribe to our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL2SQhSIT-4rhMPQuuy8Dvw>

9:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom

10:30 am Sunday School online

2:00 pm Youth Group online

Monday, November 9, 2020

Revelation 18:15-24 *“Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you.”* (v.20b)

Later this week is Veterans Day. It’s a day we honor those who have been willing to dress for battle in the uniform of a particular branch of service. It’s a day we express gratitude for those who risked their lives and for those who gave their lives in order to protect our freedoms in a sinful world. In today’s passage of Scripture, we see God Himself on the front lines of battle. Aware of the bloodshed and injustice that has marked humanity through history, He is determined to settle the score once and for all. It’s D-Day as far as the Ancient of Days is concerned. Babylon (a symbolic name for godless powers that have ruled our world) is doomed. As you picture our Holy God as the ultimate Veteran, see Him with raised sword standing on your behalf. No injustice that you have suffered in your life will go unrequited. The just judge will eventually make it right. After all, His Son, with battled wounds evident on the palms of his hand and on his feet attests to the fact that our Mighty Warrior must eventually win the battle. No wonder we are called to rejoice!

Joel 1:1-13; Psalm 80; Luke 14:12-24

Today’s Birthdays

Bill Farrington, David Stokes

Today’s Calendar

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Revelation 19:1-10 *“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.”* (v.9a)

Don’t you love to go to weddings? If you know the bride or groom is a personal friend, it’s all the more meaningful. If you really like them, all the better. What is most fun is to attend a wedding where you have also been invited to a sit-down fancy dinner following the ceremony and reception. In such a setting you can’t help but feel like a VIP. The guests of honor are the center of attention. But because you’ve been included in their celebration, you experience the benefits of all their special occasion involves. The same will be true some day for those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. Today’s text provides us a peek through the keyhole of heaven. We see the most incredible party we’d be hard pressed to describe. More than a sit-down dinner, it’s a fall-on-your-face smorgasbord of praise. The Savior decked out in all his glory will receive the gifts we freely offer as an expression of our love. And we will be there, because he invites “whosoever will come.” But as with wedding invitations you receive in the mail, an RSVP is required.

Joel 1:15—2:11; Psalm 78:1-39; Luke 14:25-35

Today’s Calendar

10:30 am Book Group (Tuesday AM) online
12 Noon Knaughty Knitters Online
5:00 pm Campus Ministry online

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Revelation 19:11-21 *I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True.* (v.11)

Saturday morning television in the fifties and sixties featured a masked cowboy and his Native American sidekick. As the William Tell Overture played in the background, the Lone Ranger galloped into view on his white horse Silver. For those who had been wrongly treated and desired justice, the sound of Silver’s hoofs heralded hope. For those had broken the law, the approaching white horse and his rider was bad news. In much the same manner today’s passage, those who will see the white horse and his riders will not be happy campers. Unlike the black and white television show of a generation ago, the gruesome details sketched by the biblical writer are in living color. And yet, what should our reaction be? For the believer in Christ, the lone response should be one of gratitude that we have been spared the imminent judgment that is coming for those who disregard the grace God has freely offered. No proud or haughty attitude is appropriate. Instead, we’d do well to get down off our high-horse and call unbelievers to reconsider their apathy to spiritual realities.

Joel 2:12-19; Psalm 119:97-120; Luke 15:1-10

Today’s Birthdays

Karen Bowers

Today’s Anniversaries

Dave & Jennifer Henderson

Today’s Calendar

Rite II Morning Prayer with Bambi
7:00pm Vestry meeting online

Thursday, November 12, 2020

James 1:1-15 *Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.* (v.4)

The Marathon of Faith—when God calls, a gun sounds, and a marathon begins. A life of service. A lifetime of measured steps, which (because of the distance to be covered) takes in stride the potholes along the way. Disappointment. Tears. Rejection. Exhaustion. Failure. Loss. A cross I think He called it. The One who finished first, who near the end of his own long-distance race (though winded) sighed, “I thirst!” It was what he saw beyond the finish line that bade him stay his course. A faithful finish. And his Father’s proud “well done!” It’s true. Persistence has its price tags;

but also, its rewards! Along the way, you learn endurance and, in the process, make a difference for Christ and his kingdom. Strong, not weak. Strong, not wilting. Not bailing out but holding out to the end. Perseverance. Persistence. Going the distance. Finishing well.

Joel 2:21-27; Psalms 23, 27; Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Today’s Birthdays

Karen Erskine, Joseph W. Gudyka

Today’s Anniversaries

Raleigh & Carol Jimenez

Today’s Calendar

226th Annual Diocesan Convention online

Friday, November 13, 2020

James 1:16-27 *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* (v.22)

Reading God’s word is like looking in a mirror. It doesn’t do much good if we don’t act on what we discover. Our times of daily reflection don’t mean much unless we put what we understand into practice. The Greeks had a word for action. It’s called *praxis*. If you could read the language in which the New Testament was originally written, you would notice that the book that follows John’s Gospel is called “The Praxis of the Apostles.” As important as it is to believe orthodox doctrine, it is far more essential to practice what we profess. Abstract truth never attracted anybody. But consistent compliance with the content of our creed will win a crowd any day. No wonder James insists that we take more than sermon notes on Sunday. There’s a reason he calls us to take action. In other words, orthodoxy is good, but orthopraxy is better.

Joel 2:28—3:8; Psalm 88; Luke 16:1-9

Today’s Birthdays

Patrick Brantley, Bill Clifton

Today’s Calendar

226th Annual Diocesan Convention online

8:30 am Micah Breakfast Delivery

Saturday, November 14, 2020

James 2:1-13 *But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.* (v.9)

Remember the wristband teenagers wore with WWJD written them? It stands for “What Would Jesus Do?” For kids who find themselves in settings where peer pressure could result in moral compromise, those four little letters can spell obedience to the royal law of God. But it’s not just outside the church walls where ethical dilemmas are posed. And it’s not only kids who should be asking, “What would Jesus do?” According to James,