



**Holy Trinity Parish – Decatur, GA**  
**Pentecost 9 – August 10, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.**



**Holy Baptism (BCP p. 299-308)**

**Procession Hymn 68**

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP 299

**Collect of the Day**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Lessons**

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**Sermon**

**The Baptism and Chrismation of Charles Shaffer Taylor**

The Presentation and Examination

BCP 301-303

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304-307

The Baptism and Chrismation

BCP 307-308

**Welcome & Announcements**

**The Holy Communion (BCP 361-366)**

**Offertory Hymn 296**

We know that Christ is raised

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

**Sanctus**

BCP 363 (S-129)

**Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

**Fraction Anthem**

BCP 364 (S-152)

**Communion Hymns**

Hymn 325      Let us break bread together

Anthem      Sung by the Summer Choir

**Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

**Blessing & Dismissal**

BCP 366

**Procession Hymn LEVAS 14**

Soon and very soon

## The Lessons

### Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### Psalm *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and beholds all the people in the world.**

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.

**He fashions all the hearts of them  
and understands all their works.**

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,

**To pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

**Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

**Gospel Refrain**

Celtic Alleluia

**Gospel**

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

## **This Week at HTP**

### **Sun Aug 10, 2025 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for Adults

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

12:30pm Parish Picnic - Fall Kick Off

3pm PORCH Monthly Food Drive, Tisdale Hall

### **Mon Aug 11, 2025**

6pm Lauda Musicam of Atlanta Rehearsal, Choir Room

7pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Office Reception Area

### **Tue Aug 12, 2025**

10am Souls 'n Stitches, Chapel

1pm Yoga, Narthex

7pm Finance Committee Meeting

### **Wed Aug 13, 2025**

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

### **Sun Aug 17, 2025 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for All Ages

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

12pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Comer Center and Zoom

## **Announcements & Updates**

### **Baptism of Charles Taylor**

#### **Why Holy Trinity & why baptism?**

I grew up at Holy Trinity and being in community here through Sunday School, Youth Group, and as an Acolyte, I felt God's presence in my life and I carry that with me always. My son, James, was baptized here and now, Charlie, to begin their own welcoming journey in the Holy Trinity community with Christ.

#### **Who is Jesus for you right now?**

Jesus embraces all people and through his suffering helps us find a path through ours. He brings hope and healing to all people.

#### **What are your hopes for your child in baptism?**

Charlie is 5 months old now. I believe that he can feel God's presence and this community's love already.

#### **Family bio:**

Charlie is the son of Leah Myers and John Taylor. He has a brother, James who was born in July 2022 and was baptized at HTP.

Leah's family, including parents Brad and Margaret and brother Allan are lifelong Episcopalians and members of HTP having joined about 20 years ago. Leah is an interior designer with her own firm, her brother Allan (who lives in Richmond, VA) is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher, her mother Margaret is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Cliff Valley School and her father Brad is a senior advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics. Charlie's godparents are Anne Bradford Bugg of Royal Oak, MI and Charlie Bugg of Richmond, VA.

### **Fall Kick Off Picnic - August 10**

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. service on August 10 to kick off our new program year. We'll have a picnic together. Lunch will be sandwiches, chips, maybe gelato or ice cream, and watermelon for dessert. There will be outdoor activities for children in the Lee Courtyard.

### **Come to the PORCH August 10**

Our next Porch Collection is August 10 from 3-4:30 p.m. You can leave your donations when you come to church in the morning, in Tisdale Hall on a bench with a note that indicates it is for Porch, or you can bring them during the drop off period in the afternoon. The collection is held at the Sycamore Place entrance to Tisdale Hall (through the red doors).

### **Men Under 50 Bible Study**

Father Greg is starting a new Bible Study this fall for men under the age of 50. We'll meet right after Wednesday Night Supper from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and in our first year we'll study the stories of significant men in the Old Testament.

## **Registration for Fall Session of Allan Folk School is Open**

The Allan Folk School at Mikell offers both spring and fall sessions. Working directly with skilled artisans, you can learn a wide variety of arts and crafts such as copper enameling, stained glass and woodturning.

For over 26 years, Camp Mikell has hosted the Allan Folk School at our St. Joseph the Carpenter Craft Center. Activities at the Craft Center are a great way to add exciting new dimensions to your next retreat. Consider planning your next retreat around our wonderful facility! We are glad to arrange for art specific instructors for you.

The Fall Allan Folk School will be held Friday, October 24 - Sunday, October 26, 2025. Register at <https://campmikell.com/>

## **Prayers of the Parish August 10 (feel free to tear off and take home with you)**

### **Sunday**

**For those who are ill or in need:** Jimmy Pirkle, *Ada Smedley's cousin*; Kay Hunt; Rosalind and her daughter Rachelle; Jim; Nancy Qarmout; Doreen Lewis, *Jeanne Knox's friend*; Katy Pope, *Linda Pope's daughter*

**For those who have died:** James Howard Farr, *Ellen Purdum's Uncle*

### **Monday**

**For those who are ill or in need:** Jackie Williams, *Stacy Reece's mother*; Aiden, Yanna, Maeve, and Mari Downey, *friends of Anna Ingwersen*; Tyler Dunstan and family, Sharon, *friend of Lynne Pickens*; Carlton, *Anthony Grant's family member*; Jim; Zack Spratlin, *Chotsy Waites' neighbor*

**Anglican communion cycle of prayer:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; Diocese of Norwich – The Church of England; Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – The Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Nsukka - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Nyahururu – The Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Nyamlel and Diocese of Nyang – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

### **Tuesday**

**For those who are ill or in need:** Frank Derrickson; Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gail Wasdin, *Chotsy Waites' sister*; Gracie Kennedy, *Ginna Evans' friend*; Carroll Fregosi, *Giulia Galvin's sister-in-law*

**For the Vestry and Officers:** Cindy, David, Ellen, Greg, Hope, Julia, Mollie, Nathan, Stacy

### **Wednesday**

**For those who are ill or in need:** Ed Black, *friend of Lewis Thorp*; Lewis Thorp; Ken, *friend of Alvin and Mayo Moses*; Geta Reid; Sunny; Elaine Barfield; Jane and Berry Skelton, *Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law*; Diane Smarro, *Belinda Watkins' sister*; Greta Betty

**For the Staff:** Will, Ellen, Amanda, Christian, Amy, Kate, Mike, Heather

**Parish birthdays:** 8/11 Nora Lee; 8/13 Sara Yurman, Vivienne Brown; 8/15 Jeanne Knox

### **Thursday**

**For those who are ill or in need:** Susan Deaver; Lee Echols, *Mo. Ellen's brother*; Jamie Jayanna and family; James; James; Leslie Funt, *Albert Nim-Dixon's friend*; Debra Kay, *Nana Freret's friend*

**For preschool staff, teachers, students and parents**

**For parish wedding anniversaries:** 8/15 Hildreth and Shawn Stafford

### **Friday**

**For those who are ill or in need:** Andrea, *Giulia Galvin's sister*; Margaret Hertlein; Ellen Bishop and Family; Sara June McDavid, *friend of Lynne Pickens*; Bill Williams, *Ed Watkins' brother-in-law*; Charles Berkeley, *Ed Watkins' cousin*; Bob Huber, *Katie Johnson's father*; Kathy Garner; Daniel; Grant Knox

**For parish baptism anniversaries:** 8/10 James Shanks; 8/14 Akira Bristol, Ariel Bristol

## Welcome!



All deserve equal access to worship, study, and corporate prayer. All have gifts to contribute. Please speak to an usher or priest if you need assistance.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. If you are visiting please use this QR code to fill out a visitor card or use the one in the pew.



Sign language interpreting is offered for our 10:30 service.



Assisted Listening Devices are available for all services in the Nave. An usher is happy to help you with one.



Our nursery, staffed by trained, caring professionals, serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.



Our children's worship resources shelf, located in the narthex, includes materials to help children 3-10+ enter into our liturgy. Included parent info sheets explain how to use these items to support children's worship.



Please wear your name tag. If you need one, email [parishadmin@htparish.com](mailto:parishadmin@htparish.com).

**For a listing of clergy, staff, and vestry, and to learn more about the parish, visit our website, [holytrinitydecaturn.org](http://holytrinitydecaturn.org)**