

# TRINITY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
& Parish Annual Meeting  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.



The Rev. Dr. Robert Pace, Rector  
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## Announcements: January 25, 2026

**TODAY:** You're invited to coffee hour with light bites in the Parish Hall after the meeting.

**Making Art as Prayer** meets on Monday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Lounge. Bring your project and a brown-bag lunch. Participants will share what they've made at noon.

**Women's Bible Study—With a Twist!** is back in session on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. This semester will focus on Isaiah.

**Peace & Justice Ministry Group** will host Dr. Deborah Liles, Associate Professor at Tarleton State University, as she presents "Tarrant County During the Antebellum and Civil War." Join the conversation: Sunday, Feb. 1 at 10:45 a.m.; Large Conference Room.

**Rector's Bible Study:** Join Father Robert for an online exploration of Isaiah starting Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Use the QR code below to register online. We will send a Zoom link for these sessions at the end of January to everyone who has signed up.

Are you interested in being involved with **Hispanic/Latino/a outreach**? You're invited to the Growing a Jardín Workshop! We'll gather in the Large Conference Room on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Refreshments and childcare provided.

Parishioner Tracy Welterlen will present **Stories from Global Bible Translation** on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Come learn about the fascinating and challenging work of sharing Scripture around the world.

**Senior Ministry** will gather in the Parish Hall on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 12 p.m. for lunch and discussion with Trinity parishioner Dr. Al Mathé about the life-enriching benefits of palliative care. RSVP via email: [seniors@fortworthtrinity.org](mailto:seniors@fortworthtrinity.org).

**Pub Theology:** let's explore the **spiritual practice of fasting** together. Get ready for a cozy, family friendly chat at Our Taphouse (1001 Bryan Ave., Fort Worth) on Friday, Feb. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. Questions? Email [family@fortworthtrinity.org](mailto:family@fortworthtrinity.org).

Enjoy **Pancakes in the Parish Hall** on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 10:45 a.m.—an early celebration of Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday!

**Ash Wednesday** (the beginning of Lent) is Feb. 18. Ashes to Go (parking lot) will be offered starting at 7 a.m. Worship with Imposition of Ashes happens at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. A special children's service is at 5:30 p.m.

**Stir Your Souls!** You're invited to enjoy red beans & rice and a rousing African American Gospel concert on Friday, Feb. 20 starting at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

You're invited to **Lenten Retreat Wednesdays** starting Feb. 25. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Find your peace and explore prayer practices each week. Walk the Stations of the Cross in the Nave. Light a candle and pray at the votive station. Experience a guided Holy Rosary at 6 p.m. Pray Compline (Night Prayer) at 6:45 p.m. A very simple meal will be offered in the Kitchen or feel free to bring a brown-bag dinner to eat. All are welcome!



Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.  
*(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)*

## The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Singing songs of expectation (Ton-y Botel)* (H 527)

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*            **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *S 236 A Song of Praise (Canticle 13)*

*The following is sung, all standing*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*              **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all  
people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of  
his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 5-13

*Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.*

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \***

**the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

**<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \***

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

**<sup>6</sup>To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
**and to seek him in his temple.****

**<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.****

**<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head \*  
**above my enemies round about me.****

**<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \***

**I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

**<sup>10</sup>Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
**have mercy on me and answer me.****

**<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
**Your face, LORD, will I seek.****

**<sup>12</sup>Hide not your face from me, \***

**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**  
**<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper;**  
**cast me not away; \***  
**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (Gott sei Dank) (H 530)*

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

*All stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the multitude of the faithful who have offered you their lives in faith. Bless the universal church with a resounding chorus of affirmation and fill us with shared affection and true purpose to bring your kingdom nearer still. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our nation and for our elected leaders in city, state, and national government, that our country and all countries might look to you and your way of love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of all people, for those we see as allies and for those we fear, that all might know peace in their heart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the concerns and worries of our hearts. Be present to us and lead us into faith, contentment, and joy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they will seek and find you in their distress. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, for those who are dying and those who watch and weep. Bring peace and comfort to the grieving and the hope of life eternal to those who labor on toward your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

Be our strong shield and certain companion in this and every day, that we might know and love you more: Father Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN’S BLESSING

**God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit [fortworthtrinity.org](http://fortworthtrinity.org) to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE & MUSIC

DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

*The People remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)*

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *They cast their nets in Galilee (Georgetown)* (H 661)

COMMUNION HYMN II *Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Rest)* (H 652)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

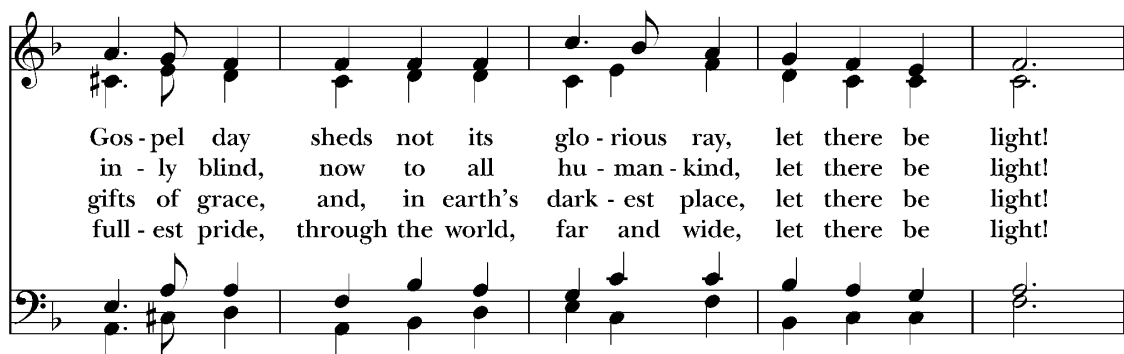
*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Thou, whose almighty word (Moscow)* (H 371)

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,  
and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**



*Please be seated for the Annual Meeting. A limited supply of paper copies of the Annual Report will be distributed. Please share and/or use the QR code below to download a copy on your personal electronic device. Children may follow the adult leader to the classrooms to participate in activities. After the meeting concludes, please proceed to the Parish Hall for refreshments.*

### **Agenda: Trinity Episcopal Church 132nd Annual Parish Meeting January 25, 2026**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Opening Prayer

Appointment of the Secretary

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Annual Meeting (January 26, 2025) (See page 14)

#### **REPORTS**

Financial Report: 2025 Year End and 2026 Budget—Scott Shapard

Foundation Report—Geoffrey Butler

Junior Warden's Report—Bruce Butler

Senior Warden's Report—Leah Carnahan

Rector's Report—The Rev. Dr. Robert F. Pace

#### **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING VESTRY**

Olivia Aranda, Bruce Butler, Leah Carnahan, Luanne Kallas-Bruton

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW SENIOR WARDEN**

#### **CLOSING PRAYER/DISMISSAL**

#### **ADJOURN**

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Annual Parish Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:53am.

Opening Prayer by Father Robert Pace.

Appointment of Secretary

A motion of approval to elect Olivia Aranda as the Secretary made by Father Robert Pace.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Annual Meeting (January 28, 2024)

A motion of approval to approve Minutes from Previous Annual Meeting made by Kathy Christoffel, seconded by Suzanne Rodriguez. Voice vote taken, motion passes.

Approval of the Minutes of the Elections Meeting (October 20, 2024)

A motion of approval to approve Minutes from Previous Annual Meeting made by Kathy Christoffel, seconded by Suzanne Rodriguez. Voice vote taken, motion passes.

Reports

Financial Report: 2024 Year-End and 2025 Budget – Scott Shapard

Scott presented the financial report for 2024 and the projected budget for 2025. The total receipts for 2024 were over \$1,327,998, with the majority coming from tithes and offerings. The foundation's continued support was highlighted as a unique and appreciated aspect. The revenue projections for 2025 are approximately \$1,328,000, while expenses are projected at \$1.4 million, indicating a potential deficit. However, the money designated from the reserve account will cover this deficit if necessary. The vestry is expected to formally approve the 2025 budget at their upcoming meeting.

Scott expressed his gratitude to the parishioners, the committee members, and the immediate past treasurer, Tony Rico, for their support and contributions. He also thanked Betty Capps, the parish administrator, for her invaluable assistance. Scott highlighted the importance of the parishioners' financial and prayerful support.

Junior Warden's Report – Bruce Butler

Bruce emphasized the role of the Junior Warden and the Building Committee in maintaining the property, facilities, and safety of the parish. He also acknowledged the successful year they had had, but noted one area that was not successful.

Bruce discussed an ongoing insurance claim for a hailstorm in March 2023. The initial assessment by an adjuster and a roofing expert indicated that the roof needed to be replaced, but the insurance company disagreed with the cost. They hired an engineer who concluded that the hailstorm caused significant damage to the 4-year-old slate roof. The insurance company offered to settle for a tenth of the actual repair cost, which was rejected. A private appraiser was hired, and the insurance company was required to hire an independent adjuster as well. The two

adjusters are scheduled to meet to determine the total damages. If they can reach a conclusion, the insurance company and Bruce's team are bound by it. If not, the process will move to arbitration.

Bruce discussed various projects and improvements made at the church over the past two years. He highlighted the completion of the communion rail, installation of pew cushions and kneelers, and the formation of a needlepoint committee. Bruce also mentioned a collaboration with a Boy Scout troop to replace benches and an upgrade to the church's security system. He noted the addition of new cameras and security measures for safeguarding God's children and property. Furthermore, Bruce mentioned the renegotiation of contracts for air conditioning filters, AV room enhancements, and landscaping services. He encouraged attendees to report any issues or improvements needed in the church by writing them down in the Junior Warden notebook.

#### Senior Warden's Report – Leah Carnahan

Leah reported on the vestry's activities and plans for the upcoming year. She highlighted the focus on engagement, particularly in welcoming and connecting newcomers to the church. A working group led by Christine Moranetz had been researching and developing a newcomers ministry, with plans to be implemented this year. Leah also encouraged others to find ways to engage with the church's various ministries and serve the Lord.

#### Rector's Report – The Rev. Dr. Robert F. Pace

Father Robert announced that elections for the vestry and council delegates would be held in the fall, as per the church's bylaws.

Father Robert expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the parish's resilience and growth in 2024, despite facing challenges. He highlighted the dedication of staff, the success of Trinity Episcopal School, and the work of the Trinity Foundation. Father Robert also announced his upcoming sabbatical and his excitement for the renewal committee's plans for Trinity's summer. He emphasized the importance of rest, learning, and nurturing one's faith and spirit.

#### Recognition Of Outgoing Vestry by Father Robert Pace

Suzanne Conerway, Burney Dickinson, Cindy Gill-Sams, and Chris Moranetz.

#### Recognition of Incoming Vestry by Father Robert Pace

Casey Bell, Chris Coppin, LaBron Chance, and Cecilia Speer.

Father Robert Pace elected Leah Carnahan as Senior Warden.

Closing Prayer (And Blessing Of The Meal) led by Father Robert Pace.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.