

# GENESIS



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## The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

*I have received several requests to have my sermon before our Annual Meeting printed in the November Genesis. I hereby gladly honor that request:*

**Sermon Annual Meeting  
October 21, 2018  
The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.**

Let us pray. May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of our hearts, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Again, Good Morning! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. And welcome to the Annual Meeting of this congregation.

I am not sure how many of you are fully aware of our men's group that gathers here on the third Saturday of each month. There are usually anywhere between twelve to twenty of us, including friends from the larger community, who come together, not only for a delicious breakfast, but also for lively conversation relating our faith to what is going on in the world around us. Gray Coyner serves as the convener of the group and he always gets things started by sharing with us some reflections and observations. Yesterday, he reported on a recent visit to his ancestral home in Waynesboro, Virginia. He came away with the distinct sense that, as time goes on, members of his extended family are growing less and less interested about the relationships and the stories that make for the foundations of the family's history. He asked our group a challenging question: How many of you know where your grandparents, and as a bonus, your great-grandparents are actually buried? A number of hands went up around the table. He then asked, how many of you have ever visited their graves? The hands going up were fewer in number.

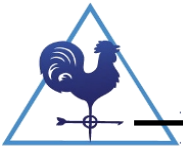
Gray's questions raise one of the very important matters we are called to consider on this day of our Annual Meeting. Lest we ever forget, the life and ministry of this congregation is not just about those of us who presently call this our church home. The mission of this congregation is rooted in a history that goes all the way back to the 1840s. Our mission here and now stands on the shoulders of the many saints who have gone before us. I know that we are often referred to as "the Mellon Church" and there is no question that we would not presently be who we are without their incredibly generous vision and support. But this congregation existed well before the Mellons moved into this community. God has been at work in this place for many years and that is something we are called to celebrate today. The mission of this congregation extends back well before the 1950s, 1979, 1991, 2005, 2007, and this present moment. We don't own this place. We are merely stewards passing on our way to the resurrected life that is to come.



**Saturday Night  
November 3**

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point is this: Tradition matters. Knowing about whence we came informs and guides us as to where the Holy Spirit is leading us next. We are Episcopalians, not Congregationalists. We have been formed by the worship laid out in our Book of Common Prayer. We ascribe to a belief in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as defined in the Nicene and Apostles Creed. Our faith is not so much dogmatic as it is practical and expressed first and foremost in seeking to love God with all that we are and all that we have and embodying that in the ways we choose to love one another as Jesus loves each of us. The sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Marriage, Confirmation, Ordination, Reconciliation, and Unction are outward and visible signs of God's love and presence in our lives. This history and these traditions matter. They remind us from whence we have come and whose we really are.

But, my friends, there is also a danger here. A Christian community that chooses to dwell only in the past is at risk of losing both its present and its future. These congregations turn in on themselves. They end up worshipping really only themselves. They become religious museums, spiritual social clubs where the veneration of their ancestors takes precedence.

And so, even as we celebrate and honor the past life of this congregation this morning, we must always, by the grace of God, be looking forward. We learn from those who have gone before us to prepare for what is ahead, recognizing that the world we are called to serve is radically different than it was the 1840s, 1950s, and even the early 2000s. To dwell in the past in this sense is both detrimental and destructive. We must focus with open hearts and minds on where God is leading us next.

This ministry of discernment is never easy. Please remember that, according to St. Mark's Gospel account, the disciples of Jesus had a

really hard time hearing and understanding his message, his Good News.

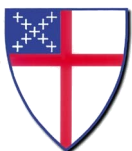
Consider this. Five weeks ago, we heard Jesus say to them: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their lives will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:34-35)

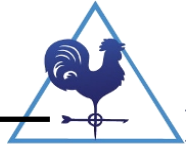
Four weeks ago, when he had discerned that they had been arguing amongst themselves as to who was the greatest, Jesus told those disciples, "Whoever wants to be first amongst you must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Last week, when it was made clear to the disciples that those possessing great wealth would find it more difficult to enter the kingdom of God than it would be for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, Jesus concludes this divine insight with "But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first". (Mark 10:31)

Obviously, he had not yet broken through. For just moments ago, after hearing the request of James and John to occupy the places of honor when he comes into his kingdom, thereby sharing in his power, Jesus responds, and I am going to guess with some real weariness, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10: 42-45)

Please notice. Jesus in none of these passages disparages the desire for greatness. Indeed, he makes it very clear that greatness is indeed the





chief goal of all who are willing to follow him. It is just that “greatness” in the Kingdom of God is entirely and radically different than what our world calls “greatness”. Greatness, in God’s kingdom, has nothing to do with accumulated wealth, or titles on the door, or places of honor at the boardroom table, that big dinner party, or at the upcoming Gala. In God’s kingdom, greatness is about being servant to all and ultimately about a willingness to lay down our very lives for the sake of the Good News that Jesus came to share with those who are shunned and ignored and left unloved by our world.

And I want to be very clear about this in my final Annual Meeting with you, the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Virginia: I believe, as I have always believed, that this congregation is called by God to greatness as understood in God’s kingdom. It always has been. It is now. And it always will be.

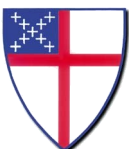
When you have had the opportunity to read my contribution to the Annual Report, you will know that, as we look to the upcoming season of transition in the life of this congregation, we concentrate on three priorities first articulated by one of my favorite saints, Dietrich Bonhoeffer as he awaited his trial and ultimate execution by the Nazi government. In the coming months, I would recommend that we focus particularly on these three focal points of Christian life and ministry. They are 1) Prayer, 2) Outreach, and 3) an unwavering hope in God’s love for the whole world made incarnate in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, at risk of sounding bold to the point of arrogance, I truly believe that if we dedicate ourselves to these three spiritual disciplines, the ongoing life of this congregation will be blessed beyond measure.

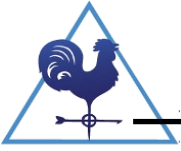
My friends, it begins and ends in the practice of prayer. Prayer is not about the recitation of

words. Prayer is, as Jim Hammond reminded us several weeks ago, about opening ourselves to an ongoing conversation with God. It is about the alteration between the purifying of our hearts, minds, and souls and the illumination of the same. Prayer is to enter into the presence of the living God just as we are. Without prayer, we will not know how to properly build this congregation in the years ahead.

I love the way we pray here at Trinity: our liturgies on Sunday mornings, the opportunities to celebrate baptisms, marriages, and burials. I love our keeping of the Church calendar and our celebrations of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The Wednesday noontime Eucharist is one of my favorite moments each and every week. Lest we ever forget, our commitment to music worthy of our worship of God is, in fact, prayer. And our intercessors gather here on Monday afternoons and on Sunday mornings to offer prayers of healing and the praise of God. Still, we cannot pray enough. Going forward, I would recommend regular gatherings for prayer in the upcoming time of discernment. I would also strongly suggest making much more use of our trails and our outdoor chapel in encouraging the practice of prayer in the life of our church.

I also love the outreach ministries of our church. I love the fact that we generously support all kinds of ministries in our communities and in our world. I love the hands-on outreach that so many of you are already committed to, whether it be SOME or Seven Loaves, The Food Pantry, the Thrift Shop, Windy Hill, the Upperville Council of Churches, and elsewhere. Outreach is an absolutely necessary and vital expression of our faith. It is the path to truly understanding greatness in the kingdom of God. Again, without it we tend to forget about the world and begin to turn inwards only on ourselves. I would that we





are very much at the point we must once again turn our attention to reaching out the children and young people of our communities. We must take to heart, that if we do not provide these sisters and brothers of ours with the opportunities to learn the traditions and great stories of our faith and life here and now, the future of Trinity Church will be very much in doubt. I ask you to continually pray about our outreach here at Trinity as you prepare to welcome my successor.

Finally, we need the enduring HOPE that is our faith in Jesus Christ. God knows our world is in desperate need of hope at this time. What we need to realize and understand is that Jesus has called us to be messengers of that hope. We need to let the world know that, even when our world's structures are under great duress, the cornerstone that is the Gospel remains. Our hope here at Trinity is in Jesus Christ, our strength and our redeemer. Our hope is not in ourselves. Our own strength and skills are not enough to heal a broken world.

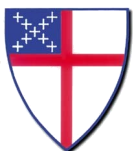
Now, it is certainly true that our work in proclaiming that hope requires the investment of each one of us. It requires our supporting the mission of this congregation in the ways we commit our time, our talent, and our material wealth in carrying this message out into the world. Please know that our faith calls us to this commitment just as much in these seasons of transition, perhaps even more so. I promise you that you will be hearing more about this facet of our baptismal vows in the coming weeks. Hope in the midst of change is one of the greatest messages we are called to witness to in our present age.

You see, even in the midst of all manner of uncertainty present in our world today, our hope is, and will always be, in the name of the

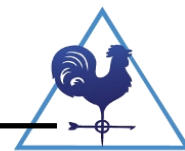
Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He is our rock and he is our salvation. It is this hope that brings us together today. It is this hope that is the foundation of our church and ultimately defines us as the people of God. It is the hope that our predecessors proclaimed in this place. And it is the hope that we are called to proclaim here and now. Let us lift that hope up in the coming year. Let us share that hope with each other and with the world around us. Together, let us celebrate that hope today and everyday of our lives. Amen.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.



## All Saints Day



## ALL SAINTS' DAY



All Saints Sunday is just around the corner on November 4. On All Saints Sunday we remember all those who went on to glory in the past year. During worship, we will have a special time of remembrance for those whose funerals we observed here at Trinity this past year.

Join us for this celebration of life and the life to come!

## Community Thanksgiving Service



Please Join Us

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
AT 7:30 PM**

**Upperville Baptist Church**  
9070 John S. Mosby Highway, Upperville

Enjoy a Great Evening with your  
Neighbors

Trinity Bell-Ringers, Mt. Pisgah Choir &  
More Local Talent

**Everyone is Welcome!**

The Offering Benefits:  
The Churches of Upperville Outreach  
Program

*Providing food during this holiday season and throughout the year to those families who need help in our community!*





It has been a privilege to serve as your Senior Warden for the past year. I was fortunate to do so alongside one of the finest people I know and the Junior Warden for three straight years, Ellen Hall. I was certainly fortunate to have the opportunity to work with her and the church was blessed by her constant concern and focus of the well-being of our congregation. The newly constituted Vestry is a talented group of Christians who are committed to serving Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Virginia.

Vestry has selected an exceptional Senior Warden in Jim Hoecker. I know Jim will lead Vestry well in the exciting year ahead. He will be ably assisted by Sandy Diday who is equally passionate about

strengthening our church and living out the gospel. We are entering an exciting period of transition and your prayers, active participation in the life of the church, and financial contributions will be critical.

I know I will be praying that Vestry and others involved in this transition will be blessed with wisdom and discernment.

*In faith,*  
*Matt Blunt*

Matt Blunt  
Senior Warden



## An Instructed Eucharist

By Sheryl Heckler Mazzatenta

The words, "The Holy Eucharist," may sound strange to someone who has never experienced it. But what about those of us who engage in it regularly, even weekly --- do we fully understand what it is all about? At the 10:30 service on the second and third Sundays in November, we are offering an "Instructed Eucharist." This is a way of explaining what we are doing and why in our great service of Thanksgiving. "Eucharist" is a Greek word for

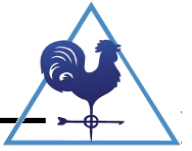
thanksgiving. In this service, we thank God for what he has done for us in Christ, especially for what he achieved on the cross.

On November 11, we will teach through "The Ministry of the Word," essentially the first part of the service up through The Peace. On November 18, we will instruct through "The Great Thanksgiving" itself, beginning with The Offertory, continuing through the Eucharistic feast, and concluding with the closing prayer, blessing, recessional hymn, and dismissal. We hope you will be with us for these informative and educational services, and pray they will serve to enhance and deepen your understanding and participation in worship.



# Anglicanism 101: What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?

By Rev. Rob Banse



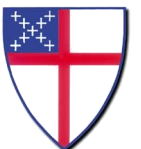
During the month of November, we will focus on the significance of choosing to live out our Christian lives in the context of the Episcopal Church.

Our Forum hours on Sundays November 11th, 18th, and 25th will be built around the beliefs and practices of our tradition. We will discuss the meaning of the sacraments, the keeping of the seasons of the Church calendar, and the place of the Book of Common Prayer in the way we worship and the ways that we pray. Forum hour begins at 9:30 and concludes at 10:15am. We gather in Cox Hall and all are welcome.

On Sundays, November 11th and 18th, we will celebrate an “Instructed Eucharist” at the 10:30am service. The services will be inter-

persed with teachings as to what is going on in the celebration. On November 11th, we will concentrate on “The Word of God”, that is, from the opening hymn and greeting through our passing of the Peace of Christ. On the 18th, we will consider the intent and meaning of “The Holy Communion”, including the “Great Thanksgiving”, The Lord’s Prayer, Communion, the Post-Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal.

If you have ever wondered why it is that we do what we do during the course of our worship service, then this Instructed Eucharist is definitely for you! Come join us and bring your friends and neighbors.





**YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
Worship Fair  
and  
Thank You Luncheon  
Saturday, November 10, 2018  
10:30 am—2 pm**

**Flower Guild  
10:30 am—11 am**

**Altar Guild  
11 am—11:30 am**

**Ushers  
11:30 am— Noon**

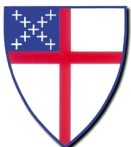
**Lunch  
Noon—1 pm**

**Lay Readers  
1:00 pm—1:30 pm**

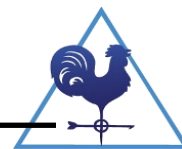
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
1:30 pm—2 pm**



All members of the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, Lay Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are invited to gather for instructional refreshment of their duties and a Thank You luncheon for your dedicated service. Persons interested in serving in one of these capacities are also invited to attend to learn more about how they can participate in these service ministries. Please call Betsy in the church office (540-592-3343) if you are participating and will be attending the luncheon.







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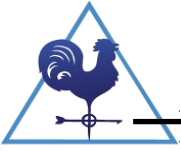
*Preview Party at Cox Hall*

Friday, December 7  
5:00 to 7:00  
Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres

*Live Auction*  
Sunday, December 9  
Following the 10:30 service

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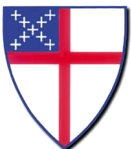
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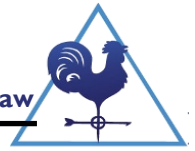
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# Serving in December

By Betsy Crenshaw



	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
<b>Altar Guild</b>	November 25—December 23: Jolly deGive, Natalie Epstein, Patty Jarvis				TBA
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Gina Hammond Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser Rebecca Schaefer	Louise Crane Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Melissa Neal Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin	<b>Carolyn Smith</b> <b>Mary MacDonnell</b> <b>Alix Coolidge</b> <b>Mark Thompson</b> <b>Jeanne Hayduk</b> <b>Josephina Hooker</b>	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson Alex Woodson Holly Bimba
<b>Memorial Flowers</b>	Dan Haney	Andrew Morton			
<b>8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1</b>					
<b>Chalice</b>	Carol Miller	Jeff Millington	Walta Warren	Ellen Hall	Carol Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Kelly Johnson	Carol Miller	Jolly deGive	Greg Elison	Walta Warren
<b>Ushers</b>	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly Bimba Chuck Bimba	Sarah Ellison Greg Ellison
<b>Healing Ministry</b>	Clyde Lamond Walta Warren				
<b>Coffee Hour</b>					Ann Macleod
<b>10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2</b>					
<b>Chalice</b>	Ginny Fluet Johanna Jackson	Barbara Augenblick Gina Hammond	Randy Mullett Ed Moore	Ken Knapp Janie Banse	Arch Randolph Pamela Wynfield
<b>Lectors</b>	Sandra Markus Becky Hoecker	Page Gravely Bucky Slater	Stephanie Knapp Barbara Augenblick	Ginny Fluet Arch Randolph	Joe Markus Stephanie Reynolds
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Gemmer Louise Crane Carey Crane	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing Jim Hoecker	Ken Knapp Walt Hasser Weston Hasser	Anne Coyner Pamela Wynfield Chip Chapman	The Benefield Family
<b>Healing Ministers</b>	Joe Fluet Samantha Whitesides	Stephanie Knapp Jerry Eisley	Melissa Neal Sheryl Mazzatenta	Ginny Fluet Stephanie Knapp	Joe Fluet Jerry Eisley
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Jessica Diday	Carolyn Smith	Sandy Diday	Steve Billingsley	Walt Hasser
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		PCCC	Benefield, Crosen, Labrador		

	Dec. 24, 4:00PM	Dec. 24, 8:00PM	Dec. 24, 11:00PM	Dec. 25, 10:30AM
<b>Chalice</b>	TBA	Sheryl Mazzatenta Carol Miller	Gray Coyner	Cheri Martin
<b>Lector</b>	TBA	Stephanie Knapp Becky Hoecker	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Lewis Martin
<b>Ushers</b>	TBA	Ken Knapp Barbara Augenblick Bunny Shick Pamela Wynfield	Anne Coyner	

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone to trade with.  
Please remember to notify the church office of any changes. Thank you.





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# Don't forget!

## Donations are still being accepted for the Annual Christmas Auction on December 7 and 9.

### If you have a treasure you'd like to donate please contact Ellen Hall, Nicky Perry, Louise Crane, or bring it by the Church Office!

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