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Dear Trinity Community,

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.”

This phrase has been going off in my head for the last few days. It’s a line from Psalm 96 verse 9. I remember singing it many times as I was growing up with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1940. Back then we prayed Morning Prayer most Sundays with Holy Eucharist once or twice a month.

The reason I remember this is that we always sang the psalms and this was one of the most-sung psalms. I remember the rhythms and changes in pitch, the joy I had in singing the harmony, and the joining of fellowship with the whole congregation as we prayed through our song.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...
Join me in thinking about that for a moment...
How often do you think about holiness? What does that look like to you? When have you seen holiness? How often do you think about holiness and how beautiful it is?

Merriam-Webster defines *holiness* as the quality or state of being holy and *holy* is defined as exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...

When we notice God’s holiness, God’s worthiness of complete devotion in God’s perfection, we can’t help but be awed and offer up praise and worship to God. When I am still and ponder God’s holiness and its beauty I am moved to tears. Tears of awe and wonder and amazement and the list goes on.

When I ponder God’s gift of love for me and for you and for every single person God created I can become overwhelmed with it all. It’s too much. It’s wonderful. I want more. My heart becomes full of love, gratitude, appreciation, joy, hope, grace, mercy, forgiveness and peace.

In what ways do you respond to God’s holiness?

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, let the whole world stand in awe of him.

Imagine the whole world standing in awe of the Living God.

Wow, just, wow.

In Christ’s love,

Rev. Sue

THANK YOU

Pat Maxim, Dave Maxim, Shelley Whitehead, Jett Whitehead, Dee Mulholland, Marc Mulholland, Mickie Leibrand, Shelley Anderson, Ed Benisz, Gail McPeak, Martin Nelson and Rev. Sue Rich for Food of Faith duty on Sunday, August 12, 2018.

Dawn and Sean Brady, Faith Culler, Bruce Sherbeck and Pat Trahan who led our Vacation Bible School lock-in.

Fr. Chuck Curtis for preaching and celebrating with us on September 19.

Nicholas Schmelter for a wonderful organ recital on September 19 and thanks to Mickie Leibrand and Shelley Whitehead for co-hosting the reception.

Bruce Sherbeck for painting, digging out weeds, and working with the building contractor this month.

Rev. Nancy Mayhew for being on call for us while Rev. Sue was on vacation.

Mickie Leibrand, Cathie Leibrand and Matthew Smith for hosting the coffee hour on August 26.

SYMPATHIES

to the family of Thomas Watkins, friend of Jett Whitehead, who passed away recently and has been on our prayer list.

to Jackie Rule on the death of her mother Janet Fisher.

to Julia Willison on the death of her father Dave Willison.

to Bob Sabourin on the death of his mother Helen Elizabeth Sabourin in Independence, MO.

CHURCH PICNIC COME ONE, COME ALL

Our church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 16 at 10:00am at Carroll Park. We will again be worshipping and picnicking with St. Alban's. Bruce Sherbeck will be providing music for worship and members of the Trinity Band will be playing following the service. The churches will supply hotdogs, buns, condiments, water and juice. There will be activities for children of all ages! Bring a dish to pass and a game to share.

DIOCESAN TRANSITION GATHERING

Following the Church Picnic there will be a diocesan transition gathering from **3-6PM** at **St. John's, Midland** for additional conversation around the three transition scenarios (published in the previous edition of The Chimes). All members of the diocese are invited, especially those that will be voting at the diocesan convention.

The Standing Committee will present a report including the responses from the Transition Reflection Survey - a summary of participant responses and votes, some answers to frequently asked questions, and more.

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe will be with us to discuss and answer questions about the discernment process underway in the Dioceses of Northwest Pennsylvania and Western New York, where, respectively, Bishop Rowe serves as Bishop Diocesan and is nominated to serve as Bishop Provisional. Their process, termed "[*Rust Belt Episcopal*](#)", is comparable to our Transition Scenario #3.

Please RSVP to help plan for space and snacks. There is no cost to attend.

This gathering will be live-streamed on our diocesan [*Facebook Page*](#) and archived on the transition section of our website for those unable to attend in-person.

NEWER VESTRY MEETING TIME

The Vestry is now meeting on the 2nd Monday evening from 4-5pm in the Guild Room. All are welcome.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will have a Blessing of the Animals service on Thursday, October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi at 6:00pm on the grass on N. Grant Street (in the Parish Hall if raining). Please come, bring your pet or a picture of your pet if they don't travel well. Invite your friends and their pets!

ACOLYTE AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Training for new and seasoned Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers is being planned with St. Alban's. We will begin with those new to the ministries and then bring everyone together. Please contact Rev. Sue if you would like to become an Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister.

NEWCOMER AND CONFIRMATION/RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS/RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLASSES

Newcomer classes will begin in the fall and include information about The Episcopal Church and our congregation. These will be Part One of the classes for those desiring to be confirmed or renew their baptismal vows or to be received into The Episcopal Church from another faith tradition.

Part Two will consist of an overview of The Old and New Testaments including primary characters and themes, a basic timeline of major events and the life and ministry of Jesus.

Both parts will also include the practice of reason in studying the world around us, ways we gain insight and different approaches to prayer.

We will be joining with St. Alban's to offer a more dynamic experience. Please contact the office to sign up.

EXPERIENTIAL CONFERENCE ON STANDING ROCK EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP

On **September 6-9**, Episcopal Peace Fellowship will host an experiential conference at Standing Rock in North Dakota, weaving together lessons in becoming a cross-cultural ally, civil disobedience, justice, and more. This is the first event in Episcopal Peace Fellowship's Year of Action leading into their 80th year as an organization.

The cost is \$200 plus travel expenses to Bismarck. Once you are present, all travel, lodging and food will be covered. The schedule and registration information is [online here](#).

MUSIC OPTIONS

Choristers - Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Adult Choir - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Schola - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. or by appointment

For more information please contact Bob Sabourin at sabourinrobert@sbclogbal.net.

EVENSONG

We will observe the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels for our first Evensong of the season on September 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Participants include *Exultate Deo Chamber Choir*, Nicholas Schmelter, organist and Robert Sabourin, director. The service will feature three great hymns of the church, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* and the C. V. Stanford anthem "And I Saw Another Angel". The appointed Psalm is Psalm 103. If you have never attended one of our Evensongs this will be one to hear. Friends of Music will host a reception in the parish hall following the service.

Trinity Episcopal Church Friends of Music 2018 - 2019 Schedule

September

30 Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.,
St. Michael and All Angels
Exultate Deo Chamber Choir and
Nicholas Schmelter, Organist

October

28 Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.,
St. Simon and St Jude
Trinity Choir and Guests

November

18 Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.,
Thanksgiving
Trinity Choir and Memorial
Presbyterian Church Choir

December

23 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
at 4:00 p.m.
Exultate Deo Chamber Choir and
Nicholas Schmelter, Organist

January

20 Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m., Fabian
Bishop and Martyr of Rome
The Women of the Choir

February

2 The Presentation (Candlemas)
at 5:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist
Trinity Choir and Nicholas Schmelter,
Organist

24 Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.,
St. Matthias the Apostle
Trinity Choir and Guests

March

31 Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.,
John Donne, priest
Trinity Choir and Guests

May

5 Easter Lessons and Carols at 4:00 p.m.
Exultate Deo Chamber Choir and
Nicholas Schmelter, Organist

30 Choral Evensong at 7:00 p.m.,
Ascension
Trinity Choir and Nicholas Schmelter,
Organist

The Nimbus

The nimbus is a luminous cloud or a halo surrounding a supreme being or saint. In Greek and Roman art the sun-god Helios and Roman emperors often appear with a crown of rays. Because of its pagan origin, the form was avoided in Early Christian art, but a simple circular nimbus was adopted by Christian emperors for their portraits. From the middle of the 4th century, Christ was also shown with this imperial attribute, as was His symbol, the Lamb of God, from the end of the 4th century. In the 5th century it was sometimes given to angels, but it was not until the 6th century that the halo became customary for the Virgin Mary and other saints. For a period during the 5th century, living persons of eminence were depicted with a square nimbus.



Detail of Christ Seeking the Lost Sheep with cruciform nimbus surrounding His head. Willet Studios; Philadelphia, PA. Late 1960s. Nave of Trinity Church; Grant Street side.

The halo was used regularly in representations of Christ, the angels and the saints throughout the Middle Ages. Often, Christ's halo or nimbus is quartered by the lines of a cross or

inscribed with three bands, interpreted to signify the cross and His position in the Trinity. By the Renaissance in the 15th century, the halo or nimbus began to be symbolized as a disk fixed behind the back of a saint's head, and later as rays of light. In Trinity Church windows from 1886 to the late 20th century feature nimbuses or halos in representations of Christ, the Virgin Mary and other saints.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



Birthdays:

Michael Newsham
Alex MacGregor
Patti Anderson
Pat Middleton
Amy Middleton
Alex Hunsberger
Tod Meisel
Sue Suchodolski
George Middleton
Gary Krzysik
Lon LaBerge
Kurt Carlstrom

May Falvey
Keirah McCullen
Catherine Leibrand
Eric Mulholland
Monica Borrello
Allen Laskowski
Katharine Freel

Anniversaries:

Gregory & Sharon Scharich
Patrick & Anne Trahan
Jett & Shelly Whitehead
David & April York
Tony & Michelle Hunsberger
Alex & Joyce MacGregor

St Elizabeth's Guild will meet for lunch at 12:30 on September 11th at 'The Taste of Bay City' at 1309 S. Farragut. All are welcome and we would love to see you.

The Altar Guild will have a meeting on September 18th at 6:30pm.

Sunday School will begin on September 9. We are looking forward to seeing all of you young folks again for the new school year.

VESTRY BRAINSTORMING REPORT

Some of you may be wondering "what ever happened to the ideas that were generated by our brainstorming sessions last year?" At our last Vestry retreat, your Vestry reviewed all of the notes, comments, and suggestions made during those brainstorming sessions. We carefully organized the existing strengths that you helped us to identify, and those strengths are represented in the chart below as "What We Have Going for Us" categories.

The second chart organizes all of your "Brainstorming Ideas for Increasing Membership and Income" into several different categories. As you review all of these subjects and ideas, you will recognize that collectively we have a lot to work on together during the next several years!

We have been working diligently on many important aspects of our life together. Some of the brainstorming ideas are in process and identified as (**) while others labeled (*) have already come to fruition.

Your Vestry invites you to consider what ideas are of special interest to you, and asks that you become involved in making some of these ideas grow into reality. When you are ready to take the step toward becoming involved in getting these ideas off the ground, please speak to Rev. Sue or any Vestry member and we'll help support and get you started.

Thankful blessings to you all,
Jett W. Whitehead, Senior Warden

Brainstorming Sessions October 18, 2017 and December 10, 2017

What We Have Going For Us

<p align="center"><u>Our People</u></p> <p>Longevity of members (memories & history of Trinity and Bay City) Kids Welcoming Loyalty Hope Community Untapped talent</p>	<p align="center"><u>Building/Facility</u></p> <p>Worship space Stained glass windows Our location in Bay City Licensed kitchen Stage and fellowship hall</p>	<p align="center"><u>Serving Others</u></p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous Overeaters Anonymous Transgender Support Group A Course in Miracles Mariners Food Of Faith One-time and recurring events</p>
<p align="center"><u>Welcoming</u></p> <p>of diversity with food</p>	<p align="center"><u>Music</u></p> <p>Evensong plus other worship Trinity Band</p>	<p align="center"><u>Assorted</u></p> <p>Female Priest Tradition Sunday School program and Kids</p>

Brainstorming Ideas for Increasing Membership/Income

<p align="center"><u>Worship</u></p> <p>Contemporary worship Contemporary Christian music Worship for those Seeking God Revival *Evening Prayer/Evensong Weekday Evening Service Compline—Mystery *LGBT Mass Rite I **Quality of Worship Take Worship “on the Road” Rachel Sovereign McLaren Bay Region Hospital Bay County Medical Facility Bar or Pub</p>	<p align="center"><u>Increased Offerings/Activities</u></p> <p>**Adult Christian Formation—in-house Creating Disciples Fun activities with a take-home project (Advent wreaths) Small group activities Bible studies Conversations theological & other topics Book Club Potluck for couples and others</p>	<p align="center"><u>Hosting additional outside activities</u></p> <p>Tia Chi/Yoga Class Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts Brownies, Girl Scouts After School Program Latch key Homework Assistance Reading tutors</p>
<p align="center"><u>Fun Activities for Youth, Children, Young Adults</u></p> <p>i.e. haunted house</p>	<p align="center"><u>Leveraging Our Location</u></p> <p>Daycare Warming Station for Homeless Sharing our Space with a Congregation in Need</p>	<p align="center"><u>Serving Disaffected Populations</u></p> <p>Spanish LGBTQ and Supporters/Allies</p>
<p align="center"><u>Reaching Out</u></p> <p>Wedding Venue *Inviting people to come Reaching out to those who left Delta or Northwood—Midland Participating and volunteering in community events</p>	<p align="center"><u>Programs for Us & Community</u></p> <p>Comparative Religion Class/ Lecture Series Finding Calm Class—Managing Stress</p>	<p align="center"><u>Intentional Incorporating of New Members</u></p> <p>**Newcomer Orientation Newcomer Handout “Mentor” for New People</p>
<p align="center"><u>More Social Media Presence</u></p> <p>Publicity—letting the community know what we’re doing Advertise on radio Instagram account Snap Chat account Go Live – services, sermons, choir</p>	<p align="center"><u>Assorted</u></p> <p>Electronic Paying Option Yard Signs for All to Take Home for Upcoming Events Stable leadership Public Thank yous</p>	

Trinity Episcopal Church, Christian Holidays

Sep 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 26 10 am - Worship -HE 2:30pm – Food of Faith	27 10 am - Over-Eaters 7pm - N. A. Meeting	28 2pm - Staff Meeting	29 10am • A Course in Miracles 11:30am– Worship HE	30 7pm - Over- Eaters 7pm - Senior	31 8pm – N. A. Meeting	Sept 1
2 10 am - Worship -HE 2:30pm – Food of Faith	3 Office Closed 10 am - Over -Eaters 7pm - N. A. Meeting	4	5 10am • A Course in Miracles 11:30am– Worship HE 3 pm – Finance Committee	6 6 pm - Transgender 7pm • Full Choir 7pm - Over-Eaters	7 8pm - N. A. Meeting	8
9 10 am - Worship -HE 11am – Blood Pressure Screening 2:30pm – Food of Faith 3pm – Chamber Choir rehearsal	10 10am - Over -Eaters 4pm - Vestry mtg 7pm - N. A. Meeting	11 4: 30 pm - Choristers	12 9: 45am – Worship Committee 10am • A Course in Miracles 11:30am– Worship HE	13 7 pm - Full Choir 7pm - Over -Eaters	14 8 pm - N. A. Meeting	15 7 pm - Saginaw River Marine
16 Trinity Church Picnic 10 am - Worship -HE 2:30pm – Food of Faith	17 10am - Over -Eaters 7pm • N. A. Meeting	18 9:30am – Historical Guild 4: 30p m –Choristers 6:30p m – Altar Guild	19 10am • A Course in Miracles 11:30am– Worship HE 4pm • Endowment Meeting	20 7pm - Full Choir 7pm - Over -Eaters	21 8pm - N. A. Meeting	22
23 10 am - Worship -HE 2:30pm – Food of Faith 3pm – Chamber Choir rehearsal	24 10 am • Over-Eaters 7pm • N. A. Meeting	25 9:30am • Historical Guild 4: 30p m •Choristers	26 10am • A Course in Miracles 11:30am– Worship HE	27 7pm • Full Choir 7pm • Over -Eaters	28 7pm -Chamber Choir Rehearsal 8pm • N. A. Meeting	29 Evensong rehearsal
30 10 am - Worship -HE 2:30pm – Food of Faith 4 pm - Evensong	Oct 1 10 am - Over-Eaters 7pm • N. A. Meeting	2 4:30p m - Choristers	3 10am - A Course in Miracles 11:30am– Worship HE	4 Feast of St Francis Of Assisi 6 pm • Blessing of the animals 6 pm – Transgender Group 7pm - Full Choir 7 pm - Over -Eaters	5 8pm - N. A. Meeting	6

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 AM - With Music
Wednesday – 11:30 AM - Without Music

FOOD OF FAITH 2:30 P.M. on Sundays

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 9:30AM– 4:30 PM
Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:30PM

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