



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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TRINITY HERALD



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the **Glory of God** and in birthday remembrance of **Florence Watmough**

Trinity Church is a community of followers of Jesus Christ, welcoming all people who come to our doors as fellow pilgrims, without regard to race, gender, or sexual orientation. We strive to be an inclusive and diverse group of people. The congregation is both multi-cultural and multi-racial. Together we aspire to be a people of hope, justice and love.



The Flowers on the Altar are given this week to the **Glory of God** and in birthday remembrance of **Florence Watmough**



Lay Readers

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

All: Diane Hennessy
Readings: Mary Moore
Chalice: Nia Greenidge
Prayers: Paulina Heywood



ACOLYTES

Crucifer: Ikechukwu Nwokeji
Sub Deacon: Nia Greenidge



The Birthday Prayers are given this week in celebration of **Dick Brown**



Altar Guild

**Diane Hennessy and
Brittney Hennessy**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

TODAY - Sunday, December 31 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. services

- ◆ Please welcome guest organist Teresa Fung
- ◆ **Service of Lessons and Carols**

Please note: there is no sermon preached at a service of lessons and carols. Also no Eucharist will be celebrated, however, Fr. Phil will distribute the Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.



Upcoming...

Dec. 26- January 2: Office Closed for Christmas Vacation.

Adult Bible Study: January 4 & 18 / February 1 & 15.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 4 following the 9:00 a.m. service (ONE service this day).

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PHIL

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In St. Matthew's Gospel we read,

"And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it stood over the place where the young child was.

When they saw the star, the rejoiced with exceeding great joy." (Mt. 2: 9,10)

God presented the world with the gift of His Son, Jesus, and the three Magi presented gifts to Jesus as expressions of worship and gratitude. Already this season, my family and I have received cards, gifts, and many expressions of your kindness and Christmas wishes. I am so very grateful. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and warm generosity!

The joy and peace which come to us with the presence of the Holy Spirit, are not joy and peace as the world gives or understands. The joy and peace of Christ's presence in our lives through the dwelling of the Holy Spirit do not remove from us the cares and anxieties of the world, but they do remove us from those worries and frustrations, they enable you and me to somehow rise above the troubles around us and make it through with the conviction that God is at work and He has, in Jesus, conquered the world. Even now in what are often confusing times of political and social divisions and anxieties, economic uncertainties, frustration with crude, immature and inappropriate behavior even from our highest officials and social personalities, God is at work. The Christmas story tells us that God is at work not outside the regular and natural work-

ings of the world and society, but within this familiar framework. His power and work is so often expressed in the quiet things of every day life that you and I easily overlook them!

I find strength and hope, the assurance of God's presence and power at work, when I am here, at Trinity Church, with you, a very special congregation of God's family, my brothers and sisters in Christ! I thank God for this, and each of you as well. May you have a very blessed Christmas whether you are with family and friends or even alone, knowing that God is always present. May you find blessings in unexpected places and ways in the coming New Year, the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen. And I pray that each of you will be blessed with at least one moment to experience "exceeding great joy" for which you can return worship, praise, and gratitude to Almighty God, through our Lord Jesus.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with the Blessings of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Phil +

SNOW EMERGENCY INFO:

Trinity has signed up with WBZ Storm-Center (Channel 4) to inform you of church service cancellations in the event of severe winter weather. You can find our cancellations 2 ways:



- ◆ WBZ-TV Channel 4 will scroll the list at the bottom of the screen
- ◆ Online at CBSBoston.com

NO ROOM

by Mary Moore

“No room” they cried in the late hours
 Throngs of humanity came
 Weary, hungry, wanting shelter
 A man named Joseph
 With Mary his wife
 Being heavy with child
 Knocks at the door of the inn,
 Pleading.

“No room, no room,” they cry.
 Everywhere no room.
 Where will they go?
 The child must come.
 The child must be born.
 Fast-forward through time:
 Jesus is standing, knocking patiently.
 “No room, no room!
 We have gifts to buy
 Trees to trim
 Appointments to keep
 Things to do!
 No room!”
 Where will he go?
 Have we not learned yet?
 “Oh—and by the way -
 Happy birthday, Jesus.”

ANNUAL MEETING
WARRANT

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on:

DATE: Sunday, February 4, 2018

TIME: Following the 9:00 a.m. service. Please note: there will be **ONE** service at **9:00am ONLY** this day.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in the Common Room with coffee and pastries.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.
 Thank you!



Father Phil’s Emergency Contact Information

Should you need to contact Father Phil for an emergency, please use the following methods:

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as of:
NOVEMBER 2017

TREASURER'S
Report

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 FINANCIAL UPDATE @ NOVEMBER 30, 2017

	YEAR TO DATE		YTD VARIANCE
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
PLEDGES	53,330.00	59,583.00	(6,253.00)
USE OF HALL	32,796.00	33,212.00	(416.00)
TOTAL INCOME	103,825.00	103,914.00	(89.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	117,460.00	120,214.00	2,754.00
EXCESS INCOME / EXPENSES	(13,635.00)	(16,300.00)	2,665.00
Withdrawal from DIT (Diocesan Investment Trust)	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
NET INCOME / EXPENSES	(3,635.00)	(6,300.00)	2,665.00