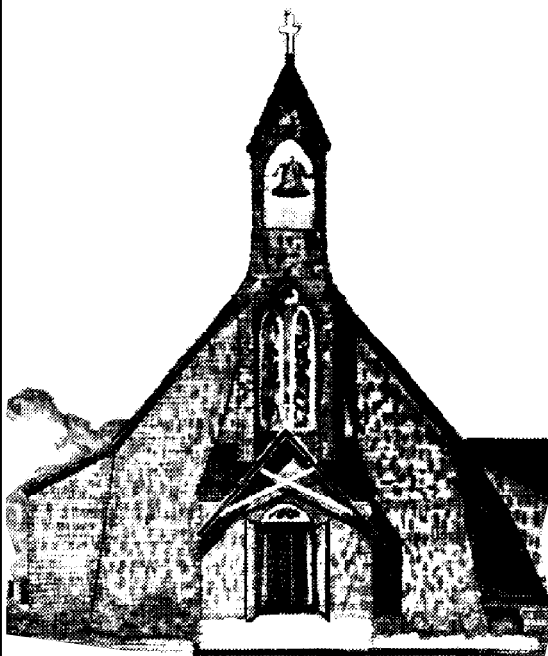


*Open doors,
Open hearts.*



*The People
of
Holy Trinity by the Lake
Episcopal Church*

Welcome You!

**The Rev. Peter R. Getz
Rector**

Holy Trinity by the Lake is an Episcopal church. This means we are joined to many other Episcopal churches in Northeast Texas as the Diocese of Dallas, with our Bishop as chief pastor. The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of Churches, derived from the Church of England. That means we are a reformed (Protestant) Catholic church.

The Episcopal Church is a church based on faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world. The faith and practice of the Episcopal Church are rooted in:

1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which we believe to contain all things necessary to salvation.
2. The Tradition of the Church, developed over twenty centuries. For Episcopalians this manifests itself in a style of worship used by the church since the first century, namely in continuing emphasis on Holy Communion.

Reason - We believe that each person is endowed with free will, which includes the necessity and the right to choose between good and evil, using their intellect and their divinely inspired conscience as their guide.

We are the people of Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church.

We are a warm, welcoming group who find our unity in the worship of God.

We put our faith in the Risen Jesus Christ.

We minister to each other and to many outside our membership as representatives of Christ.

We believe that our mission is to live as the body of Christ in the world and to lead others to become his disciples.

We invite you to join us in the joy of worship and fellowship.

Our style of living emphasizes:

Active lay leadership

Being open to all people

Unity in diversity
Freedom of individual conscience
Enthusiasm for our life together

We cherish children and want coming to church to be an enjoyable and enriching experience for them. The last Sunday of each month, our children's choir sings and we have a children's sermon. All other Sundays include "Children's Chapel" where children aged 3 to 10 process into a special area for "children's church" before coming back to join their parents for communion.

Additionally, we provide a nursery for infants and toddlers during Saturday and Sunday services and for almost all social events. In church, we have special "Busy Bags" with coloring-book learning materials for children that correspond to the liturgy and lessons. For children ages 3 through 17, we offer Christian Formation (Sunday School) classes between Sunday services and have three active Youth Groups (Y.E.S., Jr. & Sr. E.Y.C.) for young people in first through twelfth grades.

Young children are encouraged to participate in our "First Communion" classes and continue to receive religious instruction throughout their lives as they move toward "Discovery" and Confirmation. Each summer, we offer Vacation Bible School for kids and families. We have a playground and picnic area and our downstairs Youth Space offers a pool table, foosball, bowling machine, computers, DVD, stereo, and a variety of entertainment-oriented items that help the kids feel at home and want to come to church. We offer many youth-oriented ministries and service opportunities that teach our kids the value and Christian requirement of helping others.





1896 was the Centennial of Holy Trinity. The church was actually founded in Forney, Texas in 1896 by several families who had emigrated from England along with other members of the community. The present church building was designed by an architect from New Bedford, Mass., who based his design on several churches he had built in New England. It was constructed with lumber from the river bottom of the East Fork of the Trinity River (now Lake Ray Hubbard), and completed and dedicated in 1902.

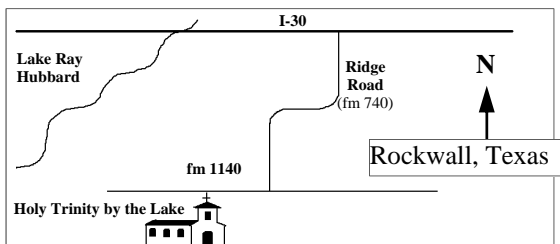


In 1973, the church building was moved from Forney to its present location on the crest of the ridge overlooking the lake on the north end of FM 1140, just off FM 740 (Ridge Road). The church is very popular with artists and photographers because of its unique setting and architecture. It has become the parish home of a wide variety of people.

The church was expanded in 1998 to hold 200 persons per service. At the same time a new parish hall was built to allow table seating for 100 persons. Total cost of the project was \$700,000.

In 2004, we completed another expansion of our educational facilities, which have brought new and exciting Christian opportunities. We also launched our new website and continue to focus on our mission "to restore all people to unity with God and each other through Christ."

We'd like to get to know you!



If you would like to know more about Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, please fill out this form and return it to the church: P.O. Box 188, Rockwall, TX 75087, 972-771-8242.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

I would like to know more about the Church **Other Needs:** _____

Please put me on the mailing list.

Please call to arrange for a visit in my home. _____

I would like to become a member of the parish _____



Schedule of Services

Wednesday 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist & healing

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist - Informal

Sunday 8:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

..... 9:30 a.m.
“Christian Formation”
(*Sunday School*) for all ages

..... 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist - Choral

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