

# HOLY TRINITY

*Episcopal Church*



## Discovery Class 2025

Thursday Nights 1/23-3/7 at 6:00 pm

In this seven-session class we use our hearts, minds, and imaginations to explore the various aspects of life as Anglican Christians at Holy Trinity and in The Episcopal Church. This year, we will follow the structure and teaching of an excellent book by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. This class is open to all who are interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church, whether you are a cradle Episcopalian or are just checking us out.

**1/23 Session One: The Anglican Way of Christianity**—an exploration of the Anglican or Episcopal understanding of prayer. *Chapter 1*

**1/30 Session Two: Sacraments and Sacramental Life**—we will spend most of our time on Baptism and Holy Eucharist, because they are the primary sacraments, but we will make sure to introduce the other Rites: Confirmation or Reception, Marriage, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Unction, and Ordination. *Chapters 2-5 (Chapters 6-8 recommended)*

**2/6 Session Three: Marking Time**—a look at the daily, seasonal, and yearly marking of time in our liturgical traditions, concluding with the end of our earthly pilgrimage: funerals and burial. *Chapters 9-12*

**2/13 Session Four: Basic Beliefs**—a discussion of Creeds, sin and grace, and how all of those big ideas are founded in our Holy Scriptures. *Chapters 14-16*

**2/20 Session Five: The Church**—beginning broadly, we will get to know the people who have followed Jesus since the first disciples were called in Galilee, then we'll spend some time with the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, and then we'll talk about how we are called to follow Jesus. *Chapters 17-20*

**2/27 Session Six: A Trinitarian Life**—our life together as followers of Jesus calls us out of ourselves to participate in God's work of care of creation and each other. Our tradition points to the various tools and resources we have for that work. *Chapters 21-23*

**3/6 Session Seven: What's Next?**— by this time, we'll be ready to talk about ethics, praxis, and evangelism (oh my!). These things aren't as scary as they sound, but they are frightfully important to engaging fully in the life of Holy Trinity. *Chapters 24-26*

*Books will be provided for this class—just drop me a line to let me know you'll be participating. [scate@holytrinityclemsontn.org](mailto:scate@holytrinityclemsontn.org) or call 864-364-1952.*