



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

**9AM & 11AM
HOLY BAPTISM**

"The Word became flesh"
(John 1:14)

Reflections on Christian Life and Money

Jesus taught so often about money because our relationship to it reveals our hearts. Money can promise a security, power, and pleasure that supplants God. Money can also, however, be a spiritual tool—a concrete way to give ourselves to God and his work. Over five weeks, I’m considering five questions about money that Scripture speaks to. I hope this prepares us for Stewardship Sunday and, more deeply, shows us the joy of depending on God.

Question 3. Where Do We Give?

There are more needs and causes than we have resources—so how does a Christian decide *where* to give?

Paul’s words to the Galatians are instructive: “as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and **especially to those who are of the household of faith**” (Galatians 6:10).

The “**household of faith**” speaks to the work of God in the local church—evidenced by Paul’s guidance in verse 6, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6). “**Especially**” means “most of all,” “to a greater degree,” or “above all.”

Christian giving, therefore, begins with and prioritizes the local church where we’re being disciplined, fed, and loved; where we love others in concrete relationships over time; where we engage in mission and good works. Typically, this is where a Christian gives his or her tithe.

But Christian giving has a wide horizon. Like a rock splashing in a pool, giving moves outward in widening circles as God leads us.

Beyond the local congregation, Paul’s churches in Gentile lands partnered in giving to Christians in need in Jerusalem. We likewise have opportunities to support **mission work and church planting far beyond our local church**.

And our giving should remain open to the **person in need God may put in front of us**. Like the Good Samaritan, there may be times when we are uniquely positioned to help someone, and we want to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit when that happens.

Thus, while Paul tells us to begin with “the household of faith,” let us not forget he also says that “as we have opportunity, let us do good to *everyone*.”

As you pray and plan for giving this year, begin locally with your home church, but also keep your eyes open. The Lord uses generosity to advance his work and mission, near and far.

In Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Ferguson
Rector

Getting Connected to the Body of Christ

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

Join us for some **coffee, donuts, and fellowship** downstairs after each service!

Are you new? Welcome! We'd enjoy getting to know you. Stop by downstairs at the **Connections Center** for our gift to you and more information on the church. Contact Erin O'Keefe (eokeefe@tfcanglican.org) to get connected.

NEWCOMERS FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 1 | 3-4:30 p.m.

Are you new here at TFCA (in the last year)? Rev. Mike and Rachel Weeks would love to meet you and have you at their home in Falls Church on Sunday, November 1, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Come for snacks, beverages, and good conversation! All are welcome, children too.

Register online to let us know you hope to come! Be sure to click through all 3 screens to finish registering.

For questions, please contact Erin O'Keefe, Connections Coordinator, at eokeefe@tfcanglican.org or Rev. Mike Weeks at mweeks@tfcanglican.org.

20S & 30S MONTHLY LUNCH

Today! | 12:30-2:30 | Ministry Center

Join us after church by walking next door to our office building and heading upstairs to the Back40 (3rd floor) for lunch—a casual time to hang out with friends and meet new ones. Parents? Bring the kids! This month we are serving CAVA bowls (chicken and spicy lamb meatballs).

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov. 15 | 8, 9, & 11 a.m. Services

On Sunday, November 15, we will come together as a church body to present our pledges for 2027 to the Lord. Tithing and giving are communal acts of worship. When we bring our gifts together, we humbly ask God to use them to fund ministries that serve those in need, comfort the broken, and share the hope of Christ locally and globally.

Committing an amount ahead of time helps our church team plan for the year ahead and ensures that community outreach programs, children's and youth ministries, classes, and gatherings are consistently funded. As Proverbs 21:5 tells us, "the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance."

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to this body of Christ in 2027, and bring your pledge card to present on Stewardship Sunday or place it in the offering plate.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS

Sundays, November 1-November 22 | 9-10:15 a.m. | The Back 40 (Third Floor Office Building)

This three-week course is for Youth (6th-8th grade) who desire to learn about Holy Communion and/or Baptism. Some of the most important questions a person can ask as they grow into young adulthood are: who is Jesus, what do I believe about him, and what am I going to do about it? If your 6th-8th grade student is asking these types of questions about Jesus, and they are exploring what it looks like to commit themselves to Christ in a deeper way through Baptism and/or Holy Communion, this three-week course is for them.

Participants who have already been baptized and who are now seeking to be prepared to participate in Holy Communion will receive a First Communion card upon completion of the class that they may present when taking Communion for the first time.

HOLY BAPTISM • October 25, 2026

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF PRAISE

“At the Name of Jesus” (9AM)

“The Lord Will Provide” | “All Creatures of Our God and King” (11AM)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: ***One God and Father of all.***

COLLECT FOR BAPTISM

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A “collect” is a short prayer. This collect opens our service of Holy Baptism.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” (9AM)

“Rock of Ages” (11AM)

THE WORD OF GOD

Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20 (*Pew Bible, page 983*)

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

John Latimer Sigman | Matthew Gendron Sigman | Susan Jane McFadden (9AM)

Lorilee Elaine Fernandez | Avalynn Paulita Fernandez | Ezra Philip Fernandez (11AM)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles’ Creed.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: ***I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Leader: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

The Apostle’s Creed likely emerged in Rome in the late second century as a statement of faith used at the baptism of new converts.

People: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AND THE PEACE

PARISH UPDATES

OFFERTORY

“Have You Not Heard” | Doxology (9AM)

“Your Glory” (11AM)

THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Sermon Lesson: John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible, page 886)

Sermon, Sam Ferguson

BLESSING & COMMISSION

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” (11AM)

Blessing

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (9AM)

Commission

Following Jesus’ command, Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19).

The offering of our resources to God is a tangible expression of His ownership of all

We listen to the teaching of God’s Word to illustrate, explain, and exhort us into deeper understanding of the Gospel.

With God’s blessing, we are sent into the World to do the work He has given us to do.

Seven Questions about the Person of Jesus Christ

1. Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the eternal Word and Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. He took on human nature to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world, the only Mediator between God and fallen humanity. (Ps. 2; Mal. 3:1; Jn. 1:1-18; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*, Question 48, 2020).

2. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others (Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16; Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18; *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 16, 1563).

3. Why must the mediator also be true God?

So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life (Isa. 53; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21; *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 17, 1563).

4. Why is He called God's "only begotten Son," since we also are the children of God?

Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God; but we are the children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake (Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 18, 3:16; Rom. 8:32; Heb. 1; 1 Jn 4:9; Jn. 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:5-6; *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 33, 1563).

5. What is the meaning of, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?”

That the eternal Son of God, who is and continues true and eternal God, took upon Himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the work of the Holy Spirit; so that He also might be the true seed of David, like His brothers in all things, sin excepted (Jn. 1:1, 10:30-36; Rom. 1:3, 9:5; Col. 1:15-17; 1 Jn. 5:20; Mt. 1:18-23; Jn. 1:1-4; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14; Lk. 1:35; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Mt. 1:1; Lk. 1:32; Rom. 1:3; Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 4:15, 7:26-27; *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 35, 1563).

6. Why is it important to say that Jesus was born?

It is important to affirm that he is one of us: truly human, born to a human mother, and raised in a human family. (Luke 2:41–52; Hebrews 2:17–18; *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*, Question 55, 2020).

7. What is the relationship between Jesus’ divine and human natures?

At the moment of Jesus’ conception, the divine nature of the one eternal Person of the Son was united to our human nature. Therefore, Jesus Christ is fully and truly both divine and human, but without sin. His two natures are united without division, separation, mixture, or change. (Lk. 1:26-38; Jn. 1:14; Phil. 2:6-8; Heb. 2:10-16; 1 Jn. 4:2-3; Definition of Chalcedon; *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*, Question 57, 2020).

Today's Scripture Lessons: John 1:1-18, Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-18

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

(ESV)

Colossians 1:15-20

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

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Upcoming Events & Classes

Visit tfcanglican.org/upcoming for a full list

WEEKLY EVENTS & CLASSES

Evening Prayer (Daily M-F Online) - 5PM
Tuesday Men's Zoom Fellowship - 7AM
Tuesday Prayer for Revival and Evangelism - 6PM
Saturday Intercessory Prayer (Online) - 8:45AM

**EVENTS & CLASSES CAN BE FOUND AT
TFCANGLICAN.ORG/UPCOMING**



PARENTS PRAYING FOR ADULT CHILDREN

Today! | 10:20-11 a.m. | Ministry Center (Lower Level Office Building)

Many of us are praying for adult children who have not yet come to faith or who seem to have wandered from following the Lord. A prayer/support group for such people meets on the fourth Sunday of each month between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services in the Ministry Center East. For more information, you may reach out to Sharon Gustafson (sgustafson@tfcanglican.org).

FOSTER & ADOPTION MINISTRY (FAM) PIZZA & PRAYER

Today! | 12:30-2 p.m. | Ministry Center (Lower Level Office Building)

The foster and adoption ministry is hosting pizza and prayer this sunday! While not everyone is called to adopt or foster, anyone can do practical things to come alongside families who are fostering. We hope you'll join us for lunch, fellowship, and prayer. Please rsvp here to help us plan.

GUYS GO CYCLING

October 31 | 2-5 p.m. | Meet in TFCA Parking Lot

Join us for fun, fitness, fresh air, and fellowship! Meet in the parking lot behind the church to depart at 8 a.m. for a 2-3 hour social ride. Feel free to invite friends!

VESTRY ELECTION NOV. 8-15

The Vestry election, our church's lay (volunteer) leadership body, will take place the week of November 8, 2026. The new vestry will be installed in January 2027. All eligible voters are encouraged to participate in the election! *Make sure to pick up a Candidate Biography Booklet this Sunday!*

Who is Eligible to Vote?

- An eligible voter is defined as one who is:
- A member of TFCA (with proof of baptism on file)¹
- Not a member of another church
- At least 16 years old²
- Known as a regular worshipper at TFCA.
- Known as a regular contributor to TFCA³

Parishioners who meet these requirements should have received and email on Oct. 23, confirming they are registered as eligible voters. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the Vestry Nominations & Elections Committee at vnec@tfcanglican.org.

¹ As of May 2022, new members must complete the Church's membership and confirmation class.

² 16-18-year-olds who are part of a contributing household do not need to make individual contributions.

a. Members 19+ are expected to make at least one contribution of any amount, in order to be eligible to vote.

³ A regular contributor makes a financial gift of any amount to the Church's operating fund or debt reduction fund during the 12-month period preceding the Vestry Election.

a. To be eligible to vote in November 2026, a financial gift must be received between October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026.

b. Cash contributions should be placed in an envelope with the member's name so they can be appropriately recorded.