

Our mission: *what we do*

Holy Trinity Parish is a traditional Anglican congregation of disciples seeking to hear meekly God's word, celebrate joyfully Christ's sacraments, and equip generously the body to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that we may show forth in Hillsdale the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Our principles: *who we are*

**We are witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ**, by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the good news of God who loved us before we loved him, reconciling us to himself by grace through the victory of the Cross. Having received this grace by faith in Christ and his sufficiency to save, we order our life together to abide in that grace. In all our worship, relationships, disciplines, and ministry, we seek to reflect the grace of the Gospel to ourselves and to our neighbors.

**We are grounded in the Word of God**, the only divine revelation and ultimate authority on all doctrine and morals. That word is found finally and completely in Jesus Christ the Son of God, about whom the Spirit of God testifies perfectly in all Scripture. We are committed to teaching clearly and learning humbly the Scriptures in their canonical sense. We are also conscious stewards of a tradition of interpretation as we have received it in the historic witness of the Anglican church, especially the *Book of Common Prayer* of 1662, the *Ordinal* annexed to the same, and the *39 Articles of Religion* of 1571.

**We are committed to spiritual formation**, walking with the Spirit to grow in holiness after Christ's likeness in all areas of life. Because Jesus calls the whole body to follow him as his disciples, we believe that this growth is best accomplished as one household of God. Therefore, we endeavor to build ministries of formation where the diverse gifts distributed across the entire body are brought together in an intergenerational effort. We also seek ways to invest intentionally in our students from Hillsdale College, encouraging their full participation not as guests but as members of the family.

**We worship in the beauty of holiness**, because we believe God is the source of all beauty and that the grandeur of creation speaks of his eternal glory. Following his own example in nature and in the rich aesthetics and symbolism of Old Testament worship, we seek to draw the imaginations of men heavenward with artistically enriched worship, crafted in the highest traditions of beauty and excellence. By these means, we aim to make men mindful of the glory of God who calls them and so inspire them to ever greater devotion to his service.

**We seek to build a culture of hospitality**, both in the church and in our homes, that we may extend a warm welcome to our neighbors in a culture increasingly burdened by isolation and loneliness. As a divine Table is the centerpiece of our worship, so an ample spread of food on a dining table is often the context of our fellowship. We desire to share with others the bounty of God's gracious provision to us, seeking to grow in compassion, loving service, and works of mercy and healing after the example of Jesus.

**We strive to be faithful in mission**, confident that the advancement of God's kingdom is fundamentally his work which he graciously empowers us to do if we look first to him. Our duty and our privilege is to know God in common prayer and devotion, fully trusting in his promise that when we so seek him, he hears us and equips us. By his Holy Spirit going before us and living within us, we are emboldened to spread the good news of the Gospel by word and by deed in our community that all might share with us in the transforming love of Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father.