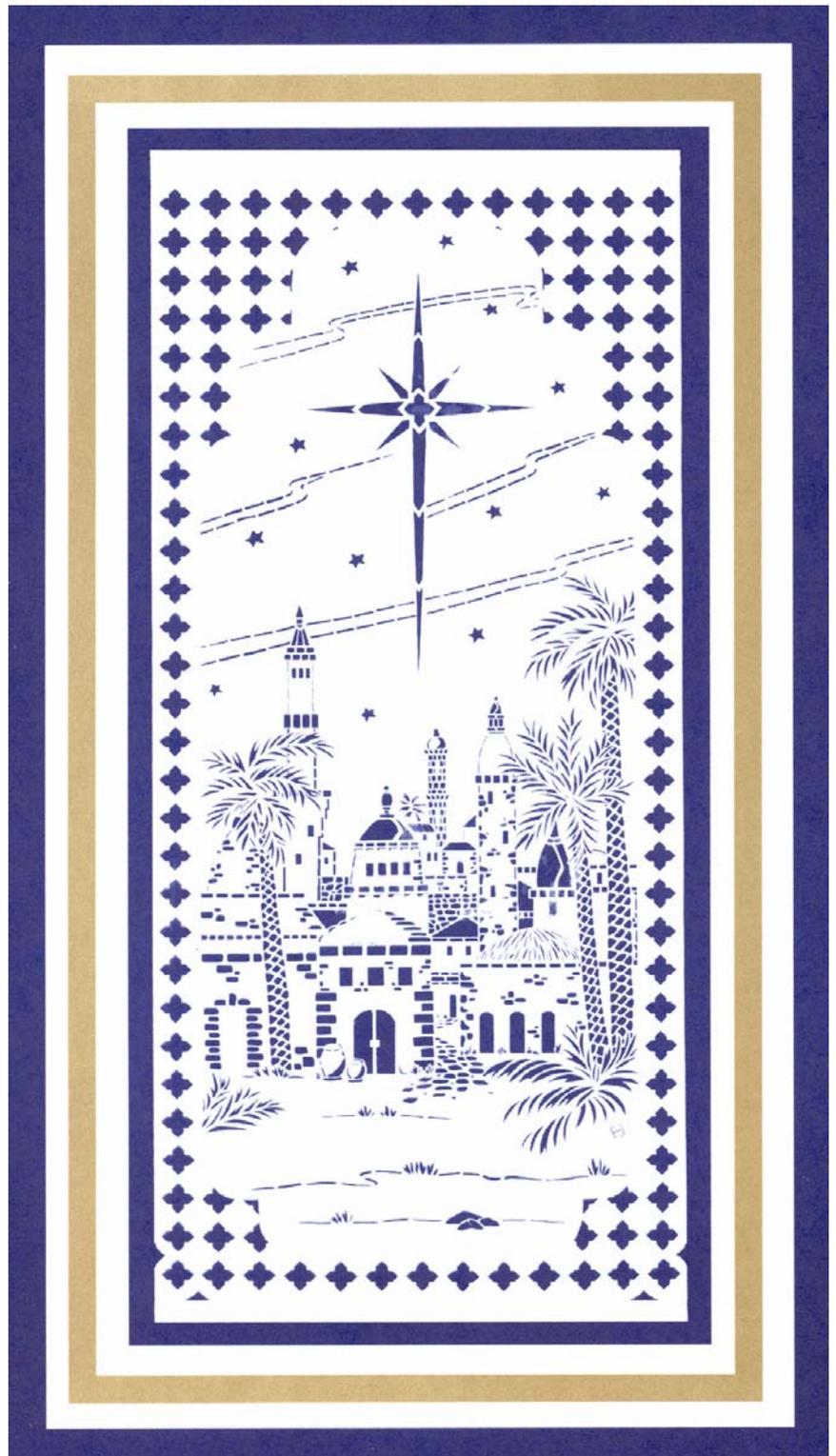


Hope

*Come let us walk in the light
of the Lord.*
— Isaiah 2:5

*Advent
2016*



Trinity Presbyterian Church
An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

9:30 am

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2016

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Mahalo Ukulele Band
Kristi Paulson, flute

arr. Pirchard

*(At the sound of the music, the congregation begins the discipline of silent prayer,
so all might prepare their hearts and minds for worship.)*

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

Doug, Beth, Margaret, Amanda and Katherine Gammie

God's Prophetic Word Isaiah 2:1-5

Litany for the Advent Candles

We light this candle to remember that Christ has come to us.

We light this candle to remember that Christ will come again.

Advent means coming.

Our God is approaching even now

Lord, make us ready to receive you.

Lord, make us ready to greet you with open hearts

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

O Shepherd of our lives, you open our lips and we sing your praise. You come with mercy and compassion and you also come with righteousness and purity. Let your light shine in our lives; dispel the darkness that we might walk in the light of your holiness. Hear us, God of Advent, for we ask it in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Hymn 9 (verse 1 only)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of god appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

Ms. Olivia Marcelli

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Ms. Olivia Marcelli

Almighty God,

on this first Sunday in Advent

we begin a spiritual pilgrimage

**as we joyously anticipate Christmas day,
a reminder of the birth of our Savior.**

**As we celebrate the first coming of Jesus
and anticipate his second coming,**

**forgive us for failing to be open to your
saving and healing Light.**

**We repent for all the ways we have
not fought the good fight of love and justice.**

**Help us to be awake and ready to do battle,
for we know we battle against the powers of this dark world
and against the spiritual forces of evil.**

Clothe us with Jesus Christ

that we may walk in his light,

which is able to banish darkness.

In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Mercy

Ms. Olivia Marcelli

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

No. 579

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Children Grades 1–6 will be dismissed to Church School at this time. Church School teachers will be at the rear sanctuary doors to escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon, located in the rear parking lot, at 10:40 am.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Ms. Sarah Gagarin

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

Ms. Sarah Gagarin

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

arr. Morgan

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, thou wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.
Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand.
O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Christ on earth descending, comes our homage to demand.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Waking Up to the Times
The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

*Profession of Faith (unison)

The Apostle's Creed

Ms. Megan McFadden

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

*Hymn of Response 17

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
BY OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR THANKS**

Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord

Mr. Cole Parsons

Prayer of Dedication

Mr. Cole Parsons

Offertory Anthem

Comfort Ye My People

arr. Davis

Lauren Parsons, solo

Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.
Tell her that her sins I cover and that her warfare is over.
The herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men repentance since now the kingdom is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.
Make he straight what long was crooked, make the rough places plain.
Let your hearts be comforted as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth's shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.
Comfort ye my people.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Ms. Craven

WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE

***Sending Hymn 6**

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

Charge and Pastoral Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Amazing Grace

arr. Hopson

*Those who are able may stand.

TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver, Parish Associate

The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus

Margery Sly, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Rebecca Sayer Kain, Music Associate

Marina Pappas, Weekday Nursery School Director

The flowers were given to the glory of God by the Sieh family in loving memory of JoAnn, wife, mother and grandmother; and by the Buell family in loving memory of Evie, wife, mother and grammy.

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Nancy Applegate, Dorothy Cunliffe, Dick Wolbach, Tom Dukelow, Fran Stoll, Fran Werrell, Susan Greenwood, Nancy Hickman, Helen Prickitt.

Let Us Also Pray for Friends and Family: Betty Hubner (Betty Penney's mother), Tracey Smith (Stacey Blackmer's sister), Chris Davis (friend of Bob and Linda Thorpe), Brian Alden (John and Barb Wilson's nephew), Jeff Kreadle (John and Barb Wilson's brother-in-law), Louisa B. Coffin (Louisa Coffin-Tilsner's mother), Gordon Jones (Marguerite Houck's son), Elsie Pearson (Donna Bordner's mother), David Parks (Nancy Parks' brother), Jim Higdon (Greg Faulkner's brother), Savannah Phillips (Greg Faulkner's cousin), Chuck Inman-Sergott (Rev. Mary Jane Inman's son), Rev. Kate Killebrew, Larry Hansen (Linda Thorpe's brother), Frances Parsons (Carol Parsons' mother-in-law), Colin Bainbridge (Sammy Henderson's friend), Ron Bishop (Martha Stem's brother), Bruce and Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's parents), Robert Spatola (Joe Spatola's brother), Rosemary Halpin (Mary Ellen Litton's sister).

Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military: Troy Graham, Cory Allen, Keith Mailahn, Peter Slusser Jr., William Bohm

We extend our sympathies to Cindy Mailahn and family on the death of her mother, Carolyn Freed; and to Cheryl Gurtese on the death of her mother-in-law, Lois Guretse.

Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

Please silence all electronic equipment during the worship service.

Having trouble hearing what's going on during worship? Please see one of the ushers or our sound tech and they will supply you with an **Assisted Listening Device**. They're very easy to use and they really work!

Pastoral Care – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Rev. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

Visit our website at www.trinpres.org for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

Hospital Visitation – Please keep our pastor informed about present or pending hospital stays or if you know of a member who is in the hospital. Your help in notifying the pastor would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register. Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

Please provide us with your email address—The majority of our communication with members is done via email. Our monthly newsletter, Tidings, is available online and notification is sent out as soon as it's available for viewing. E-blasts are sent out on a regular basis to notify you of upcoming special events. Don't be left out in the cold—notify the church office today! Send your request to be added to the email list to pam.dougherty@trinpres.org. Thank you!

Trinity is on Facebook! For quick updates on events and happenings at Trinity, become a fan by "liking" our page at www.facebook.com/trinpres.

The Church School is collecting canned goods during the month of November. The canned goods can be dropped off in the classrooms or brought over to Witherspoon Center. The food will be donated to the Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you for your donations!



Please join us for the Advent Festival after worship on December 4th. There will be crafts for children and treats for everyone. Please stop by the Anteroom next to Fellowship Hall after worship.

Sunday Church School Schedule

Nursery-Kindergarten (main building)

Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

- Room #1 Infant through Toddler
- Room #6 Twos and Threes, must be 24 months by Oct. 1, 2016
- Room #4 Fours, Fives and Kindergarten

Witherspoon Center

Dismissal is at 10:40 am.

- Room #1 First and Second grade
- Room #2 Third and Fourth grade
- Room #5 Fifth and Sixth Grade

*****Parents, please drop off children kindergarten age and younger at their classrooms *before* the service.**

******December 4– No Church School for 1st –6th grades. Childcare will be provided as usual for Infants through Kindergarten. All children are invited to stay in worship for the Children’s Choirs Christmas Presentation.**

***EasyTithe* Users-** For those using EasyTithe to make their offering, please acknowledge your offering by placing an EasyTithe bookmark in the collection plate. You will find the bookmarks in each pew.

EasyTithe, our online giving option, allows you to make your offering electronically. This option makes giving more convenient for you (no more checks to write) and ensures consistency in your giving which helps the church manage its cash flow requirements better. EasyTithe can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. The setup process is very straightforward and can be accomplished in just a couple of minutes. To sign up, go to Trinity’s home page and click on “Online Giving” or go directly to www.easytithe.com/trinpres.

An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you’re set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444.

We encourage all members to establish automatic recurring gifts using *EasyTithe*.



Our Stewardship Campaign continues during November. The theme of this year's campaign is "**Generations of Generosity**". This theme highlights how generations of families have contributed to Trinity's growth and benefited from the enduring presence of our Church. Speakers have recognized the vibrant Trinity programs and the importance of a church family that spans and supports all generations.

To date, \$414,082.00 in pledges have been received. This amount is 65% of our pledge goal of \$640,000, which is required to simply support the current staff, programs and mission at Trinity.

All Church members should have received their 2017 pledge cards during the first week in November. The pledge card was accompanied by a letter that outlines the financial commitment needed to support the life of our Church. We prayerfully request that all pledges be mailed to the Church office. A timely return of your pledge is required to develop our 2017 budget. Please also consider using EasyTithe to manage and monitor your pledge throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity!

"We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Psalm 78:3



Calling All Bakers! PW Cookie Sale – After the service on **December 4th**, PW will be holding a cookie sale to raise money for scholarships to the Women’s Retreat in March. If you like to bake, please consider donating a batch of your delicious cookies! If you are donating:



Label ingredients, especially tree nuts and chocolate

Pack cookies 6 to a sandwich zip lock bag

Drop off in Fellowship Hall on December 4th.

Thank you in advance!

Calling ALL Trinity Women! Tuesday, December 6- Prepare for Christmas! Christmas is such a busy time for us, but we need to make time and space for Jesus. The Women’s Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to relax and renew your heart for Christmas. A catered dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by Worship and Communion at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner (which will be gluten-free) cost \$15.00, and will be sold during coffee hour TODAY and December 4th.



If you cannot make dinner at 6:30, come to the Worship Service at 8:00!

Stocking Stuffers for R and M. Our young people will be visiting R and M in December. We would like to provide each resident with a winter stocking hat, a bundle of toiletries - bars of soap, small shampoo, deodorant, a pair of white socks, toothpaste, tooth brushes. There will be a collection box in Fellowship Hall TODAY through December 4. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cohen, 856-983-5180.



Personal Hygiene Samples to Aid Local Shelters: Calling All Travelers!! PW Missions will be collecting single use travel-size items like those distributed at hotels, motels and resorts. Requested items include unopened soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, shaving supplies and other personal items.

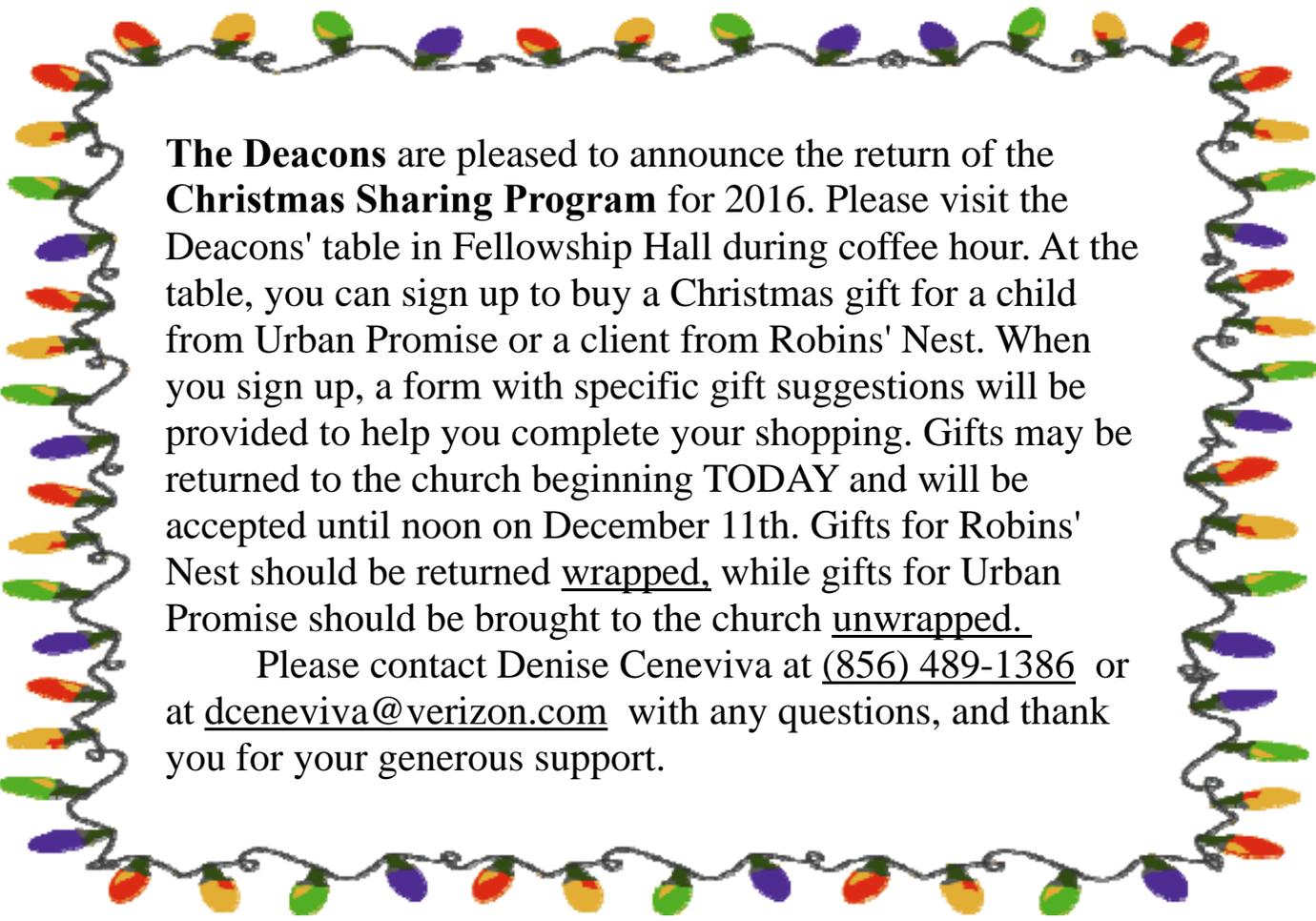


Samples will be donated to Volunteers of America for use at local shelters. Two local shelters in Camden are Anna Sample Complex and Aletha R. Wright “Vision of Hope” Center. Look for our basket (Soap for Hope) under the PW Bulletin Board (between Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall) to place donations during the month of NOVEMBER. We appreciate your support. Please contact Jan Caffrey (856) 667-3687 or jancaff@verizon.net with questions.

Save the Date!! Trinity Women's Retreat will be March 24-26, 2017. The bi-annual Women's Retreat will take place this spring in Cape May, NJ. Please mark your calendar now and hold the weekend of March 24-26, 2017 for this enriching retreat experience led by our own Rev. Sarah Craven.

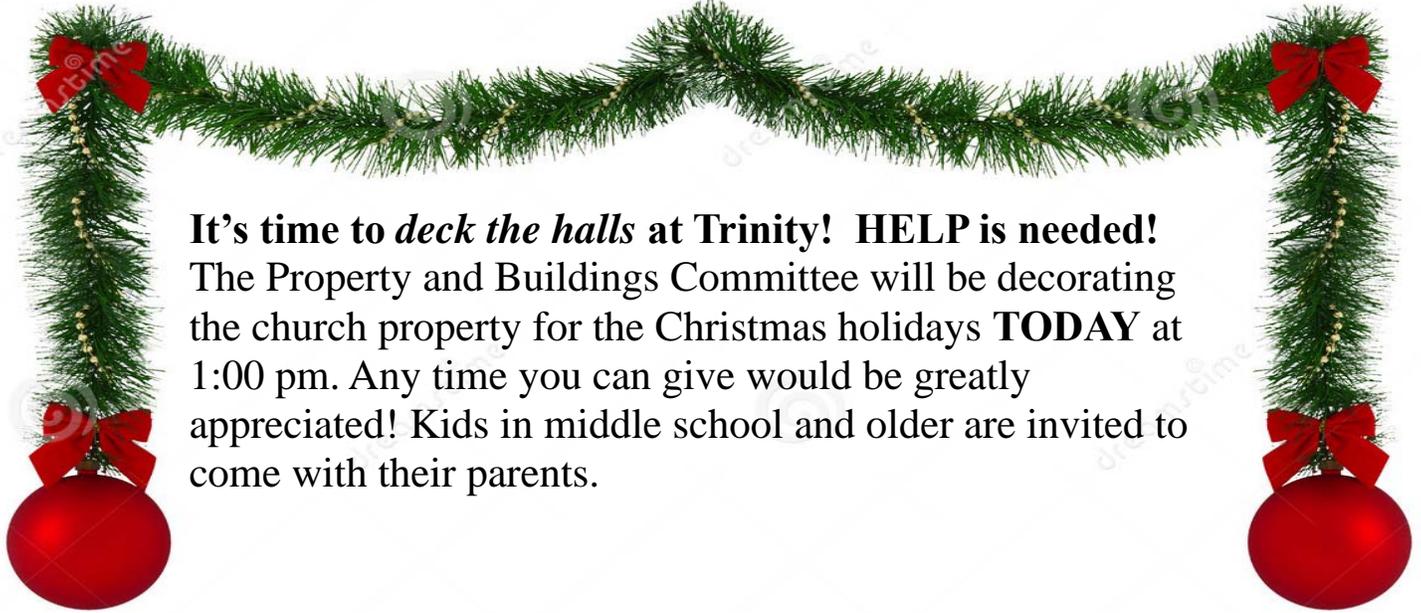


Care 'n Share is now accepting Christmas decor. Please make sure all items are clean & serviceable. You may drop off on Tuesdays, Thursdays & first Saturday of the month (Dec. 3) from 10am to 1 pm. Also FOLLOWING the 9:30 worship service on Sundays. (please do not leave BEFORE church.)



The Deacons are pleased to announce the return of the **Christmas Sharing Program** for 2016. Please visit the Deacons' table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. At the table, you can sign up to buy a Christmas gift for a child from Urban Promise or a client from Robins' Nest. When you sign up, a form with specific gift suggestions will be provided to help you complete your shopping. Gifts may be returned to the church beginning TODAY and will be accepted until noon on December 11th. Gifts for Robins' Nest should be returned wrapped, while gifts for Urban Promise should be brought to the church unwrapped.

Please contact Denise Ceneviva at (856) 489-1386 or at dceneviva@verizon.com with any questions, and thank you for your generous support.



It's time to *deck the halls* at Trinity! HELP is needed!
The Property and Buildings Committee will be decorating the church property for the Christmas holidays **TODAY** at 1:00 pm. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated! Kids in middle school and older are invited to come with their parents.

One Basket, So Many Blessings! *Have you signed up to provide flowers for Sunday Worship? It is a small mission that means more than you know! The 2017 chart is now available.*

One basket of flowers is given to honor someone you love and words of sentiment appear in the bulletin on the Sunday for which the flowers are donated. That same basket of flowers then blesses all who enjoy it during Sunday morning worship. When the service is over, our deacons take the basket you donated to someone whose spirits need lifting, or who is celebrating a life milestone, such as a baptism. The church has received countless calls and letters of thanks from members after receiving the flowers— what we hear most is that the flowers truly meant more than we could know.



This is a year round mission, and there is an opportunity for two people to donate baskets of flowers every Sunday of the year. Many donate around a date of significance in their lives, to remember loved ones, and to celebrate anniversaries, new life and new beginnings. To donate flowers, sign up for a spot on the flower calendar in Fellowship Hall.

Please consider honoring a loved one, worshiping God, and blessing the congregation and its members with this small but meaningful mission!

Trinity Community Concert Series

Our 2016-2017 Season



Tri-County Symphonic Band

*Friday, December 2, 2016 * 7:30 PM*

Kick off the holiday season as these talented musicians from throughout the region present an evening of great music for the whole family.

And save the date for the final event in our 2016-2017 season:

*DePue Brothers Band * Friday, March 17, 2017 * 7:30 PM*

Our concerts are open to all! Admission is a free-will offering.

A reception with light refreshments will follow each concert.



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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, November 27

- 9:30 am Worship Service/ 1st Sunday in Advent
- 9:30 am Church School (N-6th Grade)
- 10:50 am Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm Church Decorating for Christmas

Monday, November 28

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts– Witherspoon Center

Tuesday, November 29

- 10:00 am Care ‘n Share Shop

Wednesday, November 30

- 6:15 pm Commissioning– Witherspoon Center
- 6:45 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts– Community Room
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

- 10:00 am Care ‘n Share Shop
- 12:00 pm Alzheimer’s Support Group—Witherspoon Center
- 4:30-5:00 pm Cherub Choir
- 5:00-5:40 pm Carol Choir
- 5:40-6:20 pm TEAM Choir
- 6:20-6:50 pm TEAM Bells
- 6:30-9:00 pm AA Groups—Witherspoon Center

Friday, December 2

- 7:30 pm Trinity Community Concert Series (TCCS) concert

Saturday, December 3

- 9:00 am Children’s Choirs Rehearsal– Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Care ‘n Share Shop
- 12:30 pm Trinity Band Rehearsal– Atrium

Sunday, December 4

- 9:30 am Worship Service/ Communion/ 2nd Sunday in Advent
- 9:30 am Child Care (N-Kindergarten), Grades 1-6 in worship– no church school
- 10:30 am Advent Festival– Anteroom
- 10:30 am PW Cookie Sale– Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 pm Youth Music “Elf” movie party, at the home of Lisa & Joe Marcelli
- 7:00 pm Senior Highs– Witherspoon Center

Trinity Presbyterian Church Vision and Values
An Inviting Community Following Christ for Life

At Trinity we:

- believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to reach out to others in order to serve God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. It is this truth that governs all that we do and all that we are.
- worship as a community of faith gathering in the Triune God's presence to further our knowledge of Scripture, participate in the Sacraments and gain inspiration for our lives. Music is part of our worship in that it enhances the spoken words of worship in an uplifting multigenerational manner. We offer our musical gifts to the Lord.
- affirm that members of all ages contribute to the rich tapestry of our witness, interests and talents. We encourage others to join us. Through fellowship all members are supported on a communal and personal level as our church family gathers for many purposes.
- acknowledge the blessings the Triune God has bestowed upon us and we respond by offering our time, talents and treasure as a dynamic sacrifice in gratitude to the loving and caring God.
- recognize the importance of life long learning to further our knowledge of God and better grow in our relationship with God, our families and our Community.
- experience the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ and go from our worshipping fellowship into the world to serve others.

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*You are cordially invited to spend the
Christmas Season
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

Sunday, November 27—9:30am

First Sunday in Advent

Friday, December 2— 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series

Tri-County Symphonic Band

Sunday, December 4—9:30am

Children & Youth Christmas Music followed by

Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale

Tuesday, December 6—6:30pm

Presbyterian Women

Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 11—9:30am

Adult Choir presents Randol Alan Bass' "Gloria"

Christmas Sharing Delivery—our Deacons

deliver gifts to needy families

Sunday, December 18—9:30am

Christmas Worship with hand bell music & concert band

Nativity Walk immediately following the service—enjoy a cup of coffee while

viewing dozens of favorite crèches shared by our members

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00pm *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

7:00 and 11:00 pm *Candlelight Communion with*

Pre-service music, choir and brass

Christmas Eve Social following the 7 pm service

Sunday, December 25— 9:30 am *Sunday Worship (no childcare)*

Sunday, January 1— 9:30 am *Communion*

Sunday, January 8— 9:30 am *Epiphany Sunday*

Communion & Choir

