



**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

9:30 am

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Brian Kain

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*“Connected Now and Tomorrow”*

Elder Gary Naumick

## PRAISING THE LORD OUR GOD

Call To Worship

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Hymn 260 (vss. 1 & 2)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Celebration Litany

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Almighty God, creator of all,  
Jesus Christ, head of the church,  
Holy Spirit, bond of peace,  
**We praise your Holy Name.**

For your promise to build up your church,  
for your calling and training of the apostles,  
for your preserving of the saints down the ages,  
**We praise your Holy Name.**

For the faithfulness of Reformers, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox,  
for Katharina Schütz Zell and Jeanne d'Albret and countless others;  
and the founders and generations of saints  
in this congregation and presbytery,  
**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the newly established Presbytery FOR Southern New Jersey,  
with all our sister congregations, from Bordentown to Cape May,  
from the river to the shore, in cities, towns and countryside,  
**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Together may we serve you in this time and place.  
Grant us gifts and graces, wisdom, power and love,  
and call us to the work of ministry,  
**Help us, O Lord.**

Empower us to proclaim good news to all  
and to make disciples of all people,  
caring for the places and needs to which you have called us.  
**Help us, O Lord.**

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Almighty God, We celebrate the Presbytery *FOR* Southern New Jersey  
and pray for your blessing on its work and worship.  
May its missions be fruitful and its deliberations wise.  
May its congregations be encouraged and strengthened.  
May all its pastors and people rejoice in unity and peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946 and 2018)

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Almighty and gracious God,  
since our whole salvation stands  
in our knowledge of your holy word,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin,  
so that we may hear and receive your word,  
recognizing your gracious will for us.  
Teach us by scripture to love and serve you with delight,  
praising and glorifying you  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(John Calvin, 1509-1564)

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!  
Believe the good news and give thanks;  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
Amen.**

**\*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.**

**HEARING GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

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**New Testament Lesson**

Romans 3:19-28

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

**Anthem**

*In God's Hands*

arr. Whitehill

Carol and TEAM Choirs

Julia Wilson, piano

The whole world is in God's hands.

The whole wide world is in God's hands.

The sun and the rain, the moon and the stars,  
the wind and the clouds, the whole world's in God's hands.

Ourselves and our fam'lies, our friends and our neighbors,  
all people and nations, the whole world's in God's hands.

The whole world is in God's hands.

**RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S CALL**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Celebration Hymn** (see insert)

*O God, You Have Called Us*

(sung to the tune of 485 *To God Be the Glory*)

**GOING OUT TO SERVE IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER**

**Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

*O God, You Have Called Us*

Brian Kain

On March 1, 2021, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) confirmed the establishment of the Presbytery *For* Southern New Jersey. Our newly reformed Presbytery has asked us to take time today, on Reformation Sunday, to celebrate by singing the new presbytery hymn, and praying for the Presbytery and its churches. We bid your prayers for the continued ministry of our congregations, including Trinity.

\*\*\*We regret to inform you that Fellowship Hour after worship is suspended until further notice. This decision was made in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.\*\*\*

**TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP**  
*An Inviting Community Serving Christ For Life*  
*Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

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  
Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session  
Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music  
Brian Kain, Music Associate

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Marie Willem, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Marcia Spatola, Dick Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

**Friends and Family:** David Behrens (Ed Behrens' son), Jim Moore (Donna Allen's father), Ilene Kreadle (Wilson family friend), Jan (George Sanders' friend), Terri Skill (Steve Skill's wife), Richard D'Eustachio (Carol D'Eustachio's husband), Drew Young (Heather Young Keagle's uncle).

**Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military:** Cory Allen, Connor Barnes, and Connor Strobel. We thank them all for their service to our country.

**Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the Narthex. Along with Bulletins!**

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

**Please silence** all electronic equipment during the worship service.

**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!

**Visit our website** at [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org) for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

**PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes.** You can email Pam Dougherty at [pam.dougherty@trinpres.org](mailto:pam.dougherty@trinpres.org) **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

**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](http://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*.

### **Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign- Connected Now and Tomorrow**

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign commenced begin today. The theme of this year's campaign is "**Connected Now and Tomorrow**". The pandemic temporarily restricted our opportunities for in-person worship together and significantly impacted many of Trinity's group activities and programs. It has required everyone to work, pray and think differently. We all missed the connection of being physically together as our Trinity Church family. Fortunately, our Church staff and many volunteers accepted the connectivity challenges presented by the pandemic and have been very creative in finding solutions. Our virtual worship services have been professionally presented, in-person worship has returned and has successfully adapted to the pandemic requirements, and many Church groups have reconnected. Many of our new ways of connecting will serve Trinity well into the future. However, while all of these initiatives were necessary to achieve the mission of the Church, they also resulted in additional costs that will require your financial support.



During the Stewardship Campaign, speakers will address how we have been creative to adapt our Church to our changing world. This week, Gary Naumick will discuss our new approach to our Sunday School program.

Your generous financial support of the Church during the pandemic has been amazing! Hopefully, this support will continue in 2022 to help maintain current staffing levels, programs and mission while securing Trinity's future. You should receive your pledge card during the week of November 14. Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office so we can develop our 2022 operating budget. **Stewardship Sunday is November 21.**

## **Sunday Church School Schedule**

### **Nursery-Kindergarten (main building)**

**Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service**

**No Nursery care** is being at this time (for the children's safety)

Room #6 Twos and Threes (must be 2 1/2 yrs. old by Oct. 1, 2021)  
through Kindergarten

### **Witherspoon Center**

**Dismissal is 10 minutes after the conclusion of the worship service**

Room #2 First- Third grades

Room #5 Fourth- Sixth grades

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

**From Children's Ministries** – In-person Church School has resumed for children age 2-1/2 through Grade 6. Three groups are offered (2-1/2 year old through Kindergarten, class meets downstairs in the main Church building), Grades 1-3 and 4-6 (classes meet in Witherspoon Center). Children should report directly to their class location on Sunday mornings.

And we're excited to announce the launch of ***new and exciting Church School programs, starting on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>***. These new programs will help our children to participate in Trinity's mission programs and promote family worship and learning. Watch for more details in November Tidings!

**Concert Benefiting the Cherry Hill Food Pantry-** AristaCare Health Services is partnering with the Cherry Hill Food Pantry to assist members of our community that are struggling with food insecurity. They will be sponsoring a concert to benefit the food pantry on Sunday, November 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The concert will be held at 1399 Chapel Ave. in Cherry Hill. Music will be provided by The Kootz Band and there will be "kid friendly crafts and games". This is a great way you can support the food pantry and have a little family fun and entertainment. The concert is free, but a donation of either food or funds for the food pantry would be greatly appreciated. Rain Date: Saturday, November 13th from noon to 2:00 PM.

**Racism Study-** Join our ONE CHURCH ONE BOOK study project for the 2021-2022 program year by reading Jemar Tisby's book **How to Fight Racism**. We are also offering two ZOOM opportunities each month for small group discussion and response planning to this compelling text. We will read one or two chapters each month according to the schedule. The calendar and more information can be found in the September issue of Tidings or email the study leader, Pat Weikart at: [patweikart1952@gmail.com](mailto:patweikart1952@gmail.com)

**Discussing the Gospel of John**— has begun this month. If you are interested in this study or want more information about it, please contact Dr. Faulkner directly at: [greg@trinpres.org](mailto:greg@trinpres.org)

## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, October 31**

- 9:30 am           Worship Service
- 9:30 am           Church School (PreK & K) 1st—6th grades will attend worship TODAY
- 10:45 am          Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 11:15 am          Youth Bells

### **Monday, November 1**

- 2:00 pm           Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive— Community Room, until 7:00 pm
- 7:00 pm           Session Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 2**

- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop
- 6:00 pm           PW Coordinating Team mtg. (note: change in time and day)
- 8:00 pm           Gen Z mtg.

### **Wednesday, November 3**

- 6:40 pm           Adult Bells Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm           Cub Scouts— Community Room
- 7:30 pm           Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, November 4**

- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop
- 12:00 pm          Alzheimer's Support Group—Witherspoon Center
- 8:00 pm           AA Group—Witherspoon Center

### **Sunday, November 7**

- 9:30 am           Worship Service/ Communion
- 9:30 am           Church School (PreK— 6th grade)
- 7:00 pm           Sr. Highs— Witherspoon Center

**Trinity Presbyterian Church Vision and Values**  
*An Inviting Community Serving Christ for Life*  
*Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

**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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