Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Worshipping the God Who is Everywhere

His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. Habakkuk 3:3b

Last month, the Session voted to return to gathered worship in the sanctuary. Our first worship as a gathered community will be at 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2021. Since this announcement was made, I have heard from many of you about your excitement that we will once again be *physically* together for worship. I also have heard from others of you who are not quite ready to return to gathered worship and are rejoicing that our livestream ministry will continue.

The truth that has grounded our worship has been that the God to whom we offer our praise is, as the Eastern Orthodox prayer says, the God who "is the Treasury of blessings whose being fills all things." The worship we have offered over the last 16 months has been <u>different</u> from any other time in Trinity Presbyterian Church's history, but wherever we have been for worship, it has been the worship of the God that is everywhere. Still, worshipping from home while watching the service on our screens has indeed been different. The truth is, it will continue to be a bit different as we transition into gathered worship.

How we do things—as we assemble in the sanctuary will be guided, as always, by what the Lord Jesus told us, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35), when we gather for worship, we will be wearing face coverings throughout our time together and we will maintain compassionate spacing. Some of you have asked how long we will be following the current protocols and I have responded candidly with: "I have no idea." In short, we are keenly aware that both national and state guidelines will continue to change as the impact of the pandemic—God willing!—continues to decline. Since change is the one thing of which we are certain, you can expect that the guidelines for our corporate worship will continue to change in response to both national and state guidance. What will not change is that we will worship together—whether you do that in the sanctuary or at home via livestream.

Whether in the sanctuary or in our homes, we find peace and hope...

Hoping Big, Gregory



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Session Update

At its stated meeting on May 3, 2021 the Session:

- Learned that FEMA aid is available to families who have lost loved ones to Covid-19.
- Celebrated in the baptism of Landon James Johnson on April 25th.
- Heard Rev. Faulkner's plans to slowly transition to in-person meetings over the next few months.
- Learned from Rev. Craven of the varied season end activities planned for the church's youth: Mission and Mixers, Commissioning and Youth Sundays, and Sunday School outdoor event.
- **Approved unanimously** to begin in person worship in the sanctuary on June 6, 2021. An information letter will be mailed to all members.
- Reviewed the March financial report.
- Heard that all outdoor lighting is being replaced with new, brighter, and cheaper LED lights.
- Prayed for members, friends, and the world.



News & Notes

In Memoriam:

Robert P. DePuy
United with Trinity, November 8, 1959; Died May 8, 2021

Constance L. Brownell
United with Trinity, November 15, 1970: Died May 13, 2021

Sympathies:

We extend our sympathies to Nancy and Fiona Parks on the death of Nancy's father, Henry Parks; and to Audrey DePuy and family on the death of her husband, Robert DePuy.

We extend our sympathies to **Debby and Steve Talbott** and family on the death of Debby's mom, **Connie Brownell.**

Congratulations:

Congratulations to DJ and Diana Nork on the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Rose Nork; and to the very proud new grandparents, Sue and Doug Nork.



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Church School



for more details coming soon!

Our "normal" Church School year ended in May (although nothing was quite normal about this past year!). Thank you to the volunteer teachers and helpers that kept the virtual program going throughout the year with videos, crafts, and stories. Happily, we were able to end the year with an outdoor, in-person cookie decorating event for the children.

Starting in July, Pastor Sarah and Lisa Marcelli will be leading a weekly virtual Vacation Bible School program. Keep an eye out

Mixers & Mission

We all know that this has been a very different year for Trinity. As we all journeyed together through 2020 into 2021, we had to charter new roads and find new ways to connect. While Mixers and Mission had to evolve to fit the year, we are thankful for another wonderful, complete year of fellowship and mission. We give thanks for the weather holding out so we could make sandwiches and package care packages and stockings for R&M outside. We give thanks for technology that allowed us to connect in the months it was too cold to be outside but allowed us to gather to make blankets for children in need and have fun with a Chopped Challenge. Mostly we give thanks for each and every youth and adult volunteer who came out and reminded us all that church isn't a building but the people and this year of Mixers and Mission could still bring hope, faith, and laughter. We look forward to another wonderful year of Mixers and Mission beginning next fall!









Trinity Music News



Dear Trinity Music Friends,

Thank you for walking with me on the journey of Virtual Music Making during 2020 and 2021. Collectively between the Adult, Children and Youth Choirs we recorded 9 anthems to be shared in various worship services during the program year.

What an amazing accomplishment.

Rejoice in the music that is inside of you. You are important and you are APPRECIATED !!!

5th Grade Bio:

Giovannina Viglietta

Giovannina lives in Cherry Hill with her sister Carmella who is 13. Giovi started singing in choir when she was about 4 years old. Giovi also plays the trumpet and lacrosse and loves to read, write and take walks. Giovi's favorite ice cream is white mint chocolate chip. Giovi likes many different types of foods but some favorites are... Potatoes, vanilla granola for cereal, pizza from Speedy Romeos, Back Door Pizza, Paulie Gee's and De Lorenzo's. Giovi likes having Sunday dinner with her family. Giovi's favorite part of Trinity is "everything about the sanctuary" and her favorite time to sing is Christmastime. During quarantine Giovi had fun on a trip to the Poconos, having a pizza making competition with her family and taking long walks with her dad.





Virtual Choir. Real Memories. 2020-2021

























It looks like the Care 'n Share Thrift Shop will be able to open in September! If this a reality, we will begin to accept donations of **fall and winter clothing & housewares in August**, the dates to be decided later. Hopefully, our volunteers will be able to work over the summer to get us back in time for a September opening.

Check Work & Worship and Tidings for updates over the summer. Thanks again to all of our volunteers who have been so faithful to our mission. Also, thanks to our congregation for all of your past donations of quality items. It allows us to make monetary gifts to local missions.

Virtual Coffee Hour



Miss seeing all of your Trinity friends and catching up over a cup of coffee or lemonade at Coffee Hour? Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30am. Members from 2 to 90 years old have jumped on! Kids and families are joyfully welcomed.

We gather together on Zoom at 10:30am, and once everyone has signed on, we split into breakout groups of about ten to catch up. It's a great way to see familiar faces or even have the opportunity to get to know different Trinity members. We finish around 11:15am with everyone together again

and a short prayer to send us out for the rest of our Sundays.

Since this meeting is for Trinity members only, the link will not be posted to the website. Instead to join, please click the link in your Trinity virtual & coffee hour email or contact Pastor Sarah at, sarah.craven@trinpres.org for the link. Hope to see you there!

Pledge Box Pick Up Reminder

2021 PLEDGE BOXES ARE HERE

For people that want their 2021 pledge boxes they will be ready in ABC order in front of the office doors. You may stop by to pick them up Mon thru Thursday 9 to 4.

The boxes are very expensive to mail, so please take the time to pick them up. Also if you don't need your box please email me or call the church office at 856-428-2050 and we will be sure to not send it. We will also save money by not ordering your box for the following year since I am now able to order only the boxes that are needed.

Thanks so much!

Debby Talbott, Treasurer debby. talbott @ trinpres.org

PW Virtual Circle Meeting for June

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

Miriam Circle 9:30am Circle Leaders: Pam Dougherty & Smita

Simpatico

(meeting for brunch at the home of Linda Flanary)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

Rebekah Circle 7pm Circle Leader: Louisa Tilsner Coffin

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

Deborah Circle 1pm Circle Leader: Doris Sapp

Ruth Circle 7pm Circle Leaders: Susan Bastnagel &

Nancy Roberts

(Ruth Circle will be held outside at Susan Bastnagel's house, weather permitting.)

Priscilla Circle 1pm Circle Leader Jenny Stark

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

Esther Circle 11am Circle Leader Linda Craven

PW Circle of the Month for June: Shiphrah



This month we celebrate the women of Shiphrah. As our celebration of our circle sisters concludes, we honor our largest circle. With 22 members, the women of Shiphrah, like their namesake, do wondrous things for Trinity and for our community. They are leaders and innovators. They explore different topics with their Bible studies and enjoy meeting together and supporting each other.

We are sure that they would love hearing from their fellow Trinity members. God bless and keep these outstanding women of Trinity.

MOTHERS MATTER COLLECTION

THANK YOU to PW Circles and everyone in the congregation who donated items to the Mothers Matter (MM) Project. We collected 616 items that were used to make gift bags for deserving mothers. Many were delivered for Mother's Day and that is the only gift these women received. Other gift bags will be delivered during the year. We appreciate your help with this very worthwhile project. Thank you again.







SAVE THE DATE

PW Trinity Spring Gathering

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 7:00 PM

Please join us for an evening from the comfort of your home to see and reconnect with your Sisters in Christ at Trinity on Zoom. We will socialize for the first part of the meeting in small groups. Then we will join back together to install the individuals of the PW Coordinating Team for 2021-2022, and then enjoy a presentation by Jenna Rao on chair yoga.

Although we will be unable to physically take a monetary collection at the meeting, the PW Board voted that donations could be sent to The Mudgirls Studio, which is located in St. Michael's Church, 10 North Mississippi Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401, or made directly on their website, which is www.mudgirlsstudios.org.





One lucky individual, in attendance that night at the Zoom Spring Gathering, will be the winner of a piece of the beautiful MudGirls Studios' pottery. All women of Trinity are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting through your Circle Moderator. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Croker at (609) 238-0746.



Stay Connected!



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Ways of Connecting with Trinity

Virtual Worship—Check our website every Sunday for our Virtual Worship services.

Phone Calls & Email— We are here for you! Call or email the Church Office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. Pastors will also be making calls and reaching out to you.

Website— Visit our website to stay up-to-date with all happenings at Trinity, the scrolling web banner at the top of the page will link you to our most important information.

Eblasts— Check your inbox (and spam folders) for up-to-date Trinity news.

Facebook– Our Facebook site will also keep you informed. This is also where you can post comments and share photos!

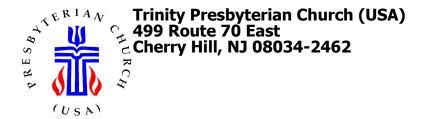
YouTube Videos— Check out our Virtual Worship videos but also videos of past musical performances and congregants sharing what makes Trinity such a great place to worship!

Instagram – Trinity now has an Instagram page! Follow us in this new venture on Instagram at @trinpres.

Prayer Wall— Do you know you can post prayer requests to our website? Look for more information to come on just how to do this.

Zoom Groups— Many groups at Trinity are connecting through zoom— it's like a giant FaceTime session for a whole group of people! It can be done through a computer or phone— check with your group leaders to see if they are offering this.

Please check with your group leaders to see if any Trinity groups will be meeting online in June



Next Tidings deadline is June 15th for July Issue

