

Love

*And the Spirit of the Lord
shall rest upon Him.
—Isaiah 11:1*

*Advent
2021*



Trinity Presbyterian Church
***An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life
Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many***

9:30 am

Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Prelude

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
TEAM Bells

arr. Moglebust

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

DJ, Diana & Aubrey Nork, Doug, Sue & Kelsey Nork, Dick Buell

God's Prophetic Word

Malachi 3:1-3

Litany for the Advent Candles

We light this candle to remember that Christ is the eternal Child of God.

**We light this candle to remember that Christ
has made us the beloved children of God.**

Advent means coming.

Our God is approaching even now!

Lord, make us ready to receive you

Lord, make us ready to greet you with child-like wonder!

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and descend to us with your abundant grace.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, abide with us and grant us to serve you
with abandon and so know the joy of being your beloved children. This we
ask of you, God of Advent, in the name of your only-begotten Child,
Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Hymn 9 (verse 2 only)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Welcome of New Members

Presentation

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elder Susan Bastnagel
Newly Received Members
The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Reading

Everything Past and Everything Future

Kim Bui

Call to Confession

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,
you entered the world as a tiny baby
and when you became a man,**

You welcomed children into your embrace.

**We confess that we sometimes get caught up in appearances,
needing to look sophisticated and wise,
afraid to admit our weaknesses, our fragility.**

Yet, in Your birth and life,

You have shown us that you accept us as we are,

**and that we would do well to learn from the example of children
whose openness and trust You called us to emulate.**

Forgive us for failing to be childlike in our faith. Amen.

Assurance of God's Mercy

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

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.

Reading

The Turning Around of All Things

Blessy Rajan

Anthem

Donkey

Miller

Cherub & Carol Choir

Donkey walking to Bethlehem. Donkey in your coat of brown.
Donkey, who would ever think that you would see the baby, Jesus the boy?

Reading

Those Who Go to the Manger Will be Transformed

Scott Watson

Anthem *Light of Hope* Patterson
Carol & TEAM Choirs
Light of hope, light of peace, you are just the light we need.
Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.
Light of hope, light of peace, promise of the love he brings,
Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.

Reading *Where God Wants to Be* Jill Powell

Anthem *Sing We Nowell* Taylor
Carol & TEAM Choirs
Readers: Ryan Bui, Justin Odille, Logan Watson and Nikki Charles

Nowell, nowell, nowell we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring!
Christ has come with us to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Nowell, nowell, nowell we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring!
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father.
Jesus, Messiah, the Prince of Peace, come to reign forever. Nowell!

WE LISTEN FOR THE FATHER'S MESSAGE OF LOVE

Reading *The Moment of Fulfillment* Andrew Mackerer

Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Ms. Craven

New Testament Lesson Luke 3:1-6 The Rev. Ms. Craven
This is the Word of the Lord. Page 56 N. T.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Meditation The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

WE REJOICE AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Anthem *Born, Born in Bethlehem* arr. Moore
Youth Choir
Solos - Matt and Emily Yeary and Connor and Sarah Lausi

Mary had a baby, a-oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem.
The hay is his pillow, the manger his bed,
The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on his head, yet there where he lies,
he's so weak and so poor, come shepherd and wisemen to kneel at his door.
The glory surrounds them with angels on high, and
"Peace upon earth!" heav'nly voices reply, then come,
little children, and hear what they say,
that gladdened the world on that first Christmas day.
Mary had a baby born in Bethlehem.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Setting Aside for Holy Use

Communion of the People of God

Prayer after Communion (unison)

The Rev. Ms. Craven

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

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The Rev. Ms. Craven

Jesus, you truly are Immanuel “God with us”.

In this season of hope, may the meal we`ve shared together

nourish us to be your body in the world,

your kingdom come,

your will done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

WE LEAVE READY TO SERVE

***Sending Hymn 13**

Prepare the Way

***Benediction**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Choral Response

Children, Go Where I Send Thee
Youth, TEAM, Carol and Cherub Choirs

arr. Schram

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you one by one,
one for the itty bitty baby born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you two by two, two for Paul and Silas,
one for the itty bitty baby, born, in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you three by three, three for the Hebrew children,
two for Paul and Silas, one for the itty bitty baby, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I`m gonna send you four by four, four come a knockin` at the door,
three for the Hebrew children, two for Paul and Silas,

one for the itty bitty baby, born in Bethlehem.

Anyway I send you, better go now.

Go and find that itty bitty baby born in Bethlehem.

Yes, he was born in Bethlehem.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

arr. Schram

*Those who are able may stand.

All the readings this morning are from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), a Lutheran pastor, professor and theologian who participated in the German Resistance during World War II. For his witness to Jesus Christ in the face of Nazism, he was imprisoned, and finally martyred in the concentration camp of Flossenbug only three weeks before it was liberated. Bonhoeffer was especially moved by the meaning of God's eternal Son taking on our humanity and the centrality the Incarnation has for the Christian life in the midst of difficult times. Today's readings can be found in the collection, *The Mystery of Holy Night*. Edited by Manfred Weber. Translated by Peter Heinegg. (The Crossroad Publishing Company: New York, 1996)

Thank you to Julia Wilson, Music Assistant, Sean Desjardins, bass & Adam Crognale, drums for participating in this morning's service.

Many thanks to all of the parents/grandparents and volunteers for their contributions to the Youth Music program.

It's not too late to join a choir!
If your child or teen is interested in participating in the choir/bells program,
please contact Lisa Marcelli via the church office at 428-2050 or at
lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org.

Choir Participants

Cherub Choir

Ada Badskey
Noah Mackerer
Alexandra Nieradka
Lily Powell
Ronel Rajan

Carol Choir

Lela Badskey
Rhett Clark
Madelyn D'Amico
Zaine Keagle
Aubrey Nieradka
Steven Oster
Nora Roncinske
Paige Powell

TEAM Choir

Celina Albert B
Nathan Bandi B
Ryan Bui B
Grace Burgess B
Nicole Charles B
Kiera Hobbs B
Tyler Hobbs B
Henry Kain B
Milo Kain B
Braydon Mast B
Landon Mast
Justin Odille B
Alayna Strobel B
Logan Watson B

Youth Choir

Selena Bandi B
Alexis Bui B
Nitin Charles
Camrynn Curl B
Cory Ebiri B
Connor Lausi B
Sarah Lausi B
Hannah Mast
Marissa McGrath B
Tyler McGrath B
Naomi Smith B, S
Claire Speas B
Rebecca Strobel B
Giovannina Viglietta B
Gabriella Watson B
Emily Yeary B
Matthew Yeary B

B = Bells

S = Senior

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: Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Marie Willem, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Marcia and Joe Spatola, Dick Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

Friends and Family: David Behrens (Ed Behrens' son), Ilene Kreadle (Wilson family friend), Jan (George Sanders' friend), Terri Skill (Steve Skill's wife), Richard D'Eustachio (Carol D'Eustachio's husband).

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!

****The hearing device equipment** that we have purchased remains on back order. We hope to receive this equipment by mid-December. We regret this delay and appreciate your patience.

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 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 **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

Sunday Church School Schedule

*****TODAY - There will be no Church School for Grades 1-6 as well as Pre-School & Kindergarten. ALL children are invited to be in worship for the Children's Choirs Christmas presentation.**

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign- Connected Now and Tomorrow

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues. The theme of this year's campaign is "**Connected Now and Tomorrow**". This theme highlights how we have adapted Trinity's worship, programs and group activities to remain a vibrant Church during the pandemic. However, while our new ways of connecting and serving God have progressed, they have also resulted in additional costs that will require your financial support.

All Church members should have received their stewardship letter and 2022 pledge card in the mail. If you have submitted your pledge, thank you! If you have not returned your pledge card, please mail the completed card to the Church office. You may also submit your pledge through your online EasyTithe account. A return of your pledge card by December 12 is required to help us develop the 2022 church budget.

We hope that you carefully consider the needs of your church during these extraordinary times. Please answer God's call by offering your generous financial support to secure Trinity's future.



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*.

2022 Pledge Boxes are now available for pick up. Please visit the tables outside of the Church Office where you can find your box alphabetically by last name. Due to high postage fees, they will not be mailed out. Please help conserve costs and materials by picking up your box and consider delivering one to a friend who might not be able to make it to church to pick theirs up! If you don't need envelope boxes in the future please sign the sheet next to the boxes. If you have already let me know you don't need boxes, you don't need to sign again. Thank you, Debby Talbott

Trinity Women Annual Christmas Communion Service - Come relax and renew your heart for Christmas by enjoying an in-person worship service with Communion in the Sanctuary on **Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm.** The offering collected that evening will be donated to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. If you can't join us at Trinity, the service will be livestreamed.



Children's Ministries: The Children's Ministries will again this year collect new hats, mittens, and scarfs for children that need some warmth during the long winter months. We will have trees set up in the atrium by the PW bulletin board and also in Witherspoon Center.



REVISED SCHEDULE FOR MISSION THURSDAY FOOD DONATIONS

The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

December 16th

December 30th

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Hersch Craven at herschcraven@aol.com or 862-226-1117.

Deacons Christmas Sharing: The Deacons will be collecting gifts for children ages 5-18 for Urban Promise. The collection will go through thru December 12th. There will be bins located in the Narthex for drop-off during the Sunday services and also Thursday, December 16th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Witherspoon Center during Mission Thursdays. Information for appropriate gift buying is on the church website and an email blast has been sent out.



“Trinity will be including Acenda Health, formally Robin's Nest, in the Deacon's Christmas Sharing again but this year the gift giving will be different. Instead of picking from 30 individuals and purchasing a gift for that individual the Deacons are asking for a thirty \$30.00 gift cards (Visa or Mastercard preferred). The reason for the change is the previous year as like this year there is no social gathering after the services and last years effort of using the internet was not successful. The drop-off of the cards can be done at each service (bins in the Narthex), or the Mission Thursday drop-offs on Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16th.”

Trinity's Annual Nativity Walk Is Going Virtual Again!

As much as we would love to be having our annual Nativity Walk in the social hall this Advent Season, we think a Virtual Nativity Walk can be bigger, better, and almost as much fun!

Send a picture – or a video clip – of your favorite crèche by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th**. Check *Tidings* for details on submitting your photo or video clip.



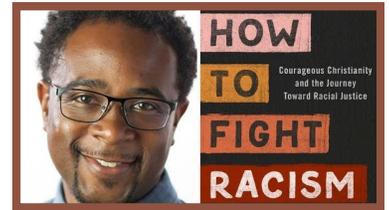
We'll post the Nativity Walk video on Sunday, December 19; it will be available for viewing via our website or YouTube channel throughout the holiday season.

So... if you've been reluctant to participate in previous Nativity Walks because it's a PAIN to pack it all up, take it to church, then bring it all back home again, the 2021 VIRTUAL NATIVITY WALK is your big chance! No packing and transporting required.

Even if you've participated in years past, send in a photo or video this year. Let's make this our biggest Nativity Walk ever!

Any questions? Call Susan Bastnagel at 609-230-3556 or email her at

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



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

Lenten Devotional

Trinity will publish a Lenten Devotional with reflections from our own congregation. You may remember from devotionals of the last few years that we are seeking submissions much in the style of These Days, Daily Guideposts, or another devotional with which you may be familiar. Submission to the devotional should include:

1. A verse or verses of scripture that comforts, challenges and/or teaches you.
2. A short discussion of how this scripture has been important to you (about 250 words).
3. A short prayer (2 or 3 sentences are fine).
4. Your name.

Since the devotionals need to be printed to be ready for distribution beginning the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the date due for submission has been established as **Sunday, January 23rd**.

Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com. Also please put Lenten Devotional in the subject line of the email. All members of the Trinity community, both youth and adult, are invited to participate in this church wide publication. If you have any questions, please contact: Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 5

9:30 am Worship Service/ Communion
All children invited to stay in worship today for the children's choirs
Christmas presentation

Monday, December 6

10:30 am Library Committee
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 7

10:00 am Care 'n Share Shop
7:00 pm Trinity Women Christmas Communion Service in-person & livestream

Wednesday, December 8

9:30 am Miriam Circle– Anteroom
6:15 pm Commissioning– Witherspoon Center
6:40 pm Adult Bells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Cub Scouts– Community Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 12

9:30 am Worship Service/ Baptism
9:30 am Family Church– Community Rooms, lower level
11:00am Youth & Adult Bells Rehearsal– Sanctuary
11:30 am Worship Reflections– 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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FOR

unto us a

Child is born

UNTO US A *Son*

is given; and the government shall be upon *His* shoulder. And

His name will be called **WONDERFUL,**

Counselor, THE MIGHTY GOD

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH

9:6



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

Sunday, November 28 - 9:30am
Advent Service with Handbell music

Friday, December 3 - 7:30 pm
*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the
Atlantic Brass Band*

Sunday, December 5 - 9:30am
Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music

Tuesday, December 7 - 7:00pm
*Trinity Women's
Christmas Communion Service*

Sunday, December 12 - 9:30am
*Advent Service with Adult Choir
Family Church Time including Advent activities*

Sunday, December 19 - 9:30am
*Christmas Worship with handbell music
Virtual Nativity Walk*

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00pm *Family Worship Service & Pageant*
7:00 pm *Candlelight Communion Service with
Pre-service music, choir and brass*
11:00 pm *Prerecorded 7pm Service available online*

Sunday, December 26 - 9:30am *Sunday Worship Service*

Sunday, January 2 - 9:30am *Epiphany Sunday
Communion, Choir & Handbells*

