

# Hope

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

*Advent  
2021*



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

9:30 am

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

**FROM MANY PLACES WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Welcome**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Gathering Around the Advent Wreath**

*Ivana Albert, Leah Marcelli and Ryan McGrath*

**God's Prophetic Word**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Ivana Albert

**Litany for the Advent Candles** (responsive)

Leah Marcelli

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)**

Ryan McGrath

**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!

**SEEKING GOD'S MERCY**

**Call to Confession**

Abby Leitinger

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Alex Ebiri

Lord,  
Have mercy on us.  
We are not ready for your coming.  
We live in sin,  
as though there was no justice.  
We live in fear,  
as though there was no grace.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.  
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,  
for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Mercy**

Alex Ebiri

**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.

**ATTENDING TO THE WISDOM OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Brielle Willoughby

**Epistle Lesson**

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Maddie Desjardins

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 21:25-36

Dylan Cardea

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

**Anthem**

*People Look East*  
Gen Z Bells

arr. Krug

Keller Bean, Brendan & Maddie Desjardins, Cate & Leah Marcelli

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

The Rev. Ms. Craven

# ENTERING THE WORLD TO SERVE WITH GLADNESS

**\*Sending Hymn 8**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

\*Those who are able may stand.

\*\*\*Thank you to all the young adults  
for participating in this morning's service.\*\*\*

**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](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!

## **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](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*.

## 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.**

**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.



### **REVISED SCHEDULE FOR MISSION THURSDAY FOOD DONATIONS**

The Mission Thursday that was originally scheduled for Thanksgiving day has been canceled. Mission Thursday will resume the following week. The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

December 2nd

December 16th

December 30th

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

**Deacons Coat Drive:** The Deacons will be collecting for the Coat Drive until December 2. We are looking for new to lightly used coats for adults and children. There is a bin located in the Narthex for drop-off during Sunday services and also Thursday, December 2nd from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Witherspoon Center during Mission Thursdays.

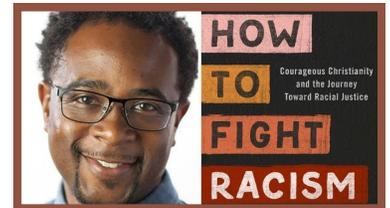


**Deacons Christmas Sharing:** The Deacons will be collecting gifts for children ages 5-18 for Urban Promise. The collection will go through thru December 12th. There will be bins located in the Narthex for drop-off during the Sunday services and also Thursdays, December 2nd and 16th from 10:00am to 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.”

**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)

# TRINITY COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTS

## ATLANTIC BRASS BAND

DECEMBER 3, 2021  
7:30PM

A member of the North American Brass Band Association, the Atlantic Brass Band is a traditional British style brass band. The band's repertoire includes hymns, marches, orchestral transcriptions, pop music, and traditional brass band literature—and, of course, music to help TCCS attendees kick off the holiday season!

OUR CONCERTS  
ARE OPEN TO ALL!  
ADMISSION IS A  
FREE-WILL OFFERING.

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## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, November 28**

- 9:30 am           Worship Service
- 9:30 am           Church School (PreK-6th Grade)
- 10:45 am          Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 11:15 am          Youth Bells

### **Tuesday, November 30**

- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop
- 8:00 pm           Gen Z– Zoom mtg.

### **Wednesday, December 1**

- 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 2**

- 10:00 am          Mission Thursday– Witherspoon Center
- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop
- 12:00 pm          Alzheimer's Support Group—Witherspoon Center
- 4:30-5:00 pm      Cherub Choir
- 5:00-5:30 pm      Carol Choir
- 5:30-6:00 pm      TEAM Choir
- 6:00-6:30 pm      TEAM Bells
- 8:00 pm           AA Group—Witherspoon Center

### **Friday, December 3**

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

### **Saturday, December 4**

- 9:00 am           Children's Choirs Rehearsal– Sanctuary
- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop

### **Sunday, December 5**

- 9:30 am           Worship Service/ Communion

**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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*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*

