



Trinity Presbyterian Church
An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

9:30 am

September 18, 2022

**BECAUSE WE LOVE GOD,
WE GATHER TO BRING OUR PRAISE**

Pre Service Music

House of the Lord

And Jesus said to his disciples: *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*
Matthew 18:20

Prelude

Here I Am to Worship

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

Seek Ye First
Mahalo Ukulele Band

Lafferty

**BECAUSE WE HAVE KNOWN GOD'S LOVE,
WE ADORE THE TRIUNE GOD**

Call To Worship (responsive)

When we remember God's goodness,
our hearts swell with gratitude.

Barbara Clarke
PW Moderator

When we remember all the ways we have seen Christ
at work here in our midst,
our souls leap for joy.

When we remember how the Spirit
has worked through our church family to transform our lives,
our lips sing God's praise.

Remembering God's mercy toward us,
let us offer our thanks and praise.
Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Adoration (unison)**

**God, we are grateful for your steadfast love
for us and the entire world.**

**We know that your compassion is boundless
because of what you have shown us
in Jesus Christ.**

**Send the Holy Spirit among us this morning
so we might experience your loving presence
and so find strength to serve you
in faith, hope and love.**

**Hear us, powerful Lord, for we ask this
in the Name of Christ Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

Deacon John Smith, Moderator
Board of Deacons

*Hymn (see below)

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You step down into darkness.
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you.

[Refrain]

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor. **[Refrain]**

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. **[Refrain]**
[Refrain]

Backpack Blessing (responsive)

Jacob Peelman
Church School

ONE: Children of the Living God: the Gospel is good news
for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words,
and also with markers, new books, songs and recess time.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

ONE: We come together with different abilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

ONE: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed,
"Let the children come!"

ALL: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

Morning Psalm (responsive)

Psalm 103:13-22

Margaret Gammie
BASIC

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
**For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
**for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

(cont.'d)

But the steadfast love of the LORD
is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
**to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
**Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
**Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

Anthem

Day by Day
Rally Day Choir

Schwartz

Children Grade 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 10:45 am.

**BECAUSE WE TRUST CHRIST,
WE ASK FOR THE LORD'S MERCY**

Call to Confession

Marissa McGrath
Sr. Highs

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Marissa McGrath
Sr. Highs

**Holy and righteous God,
we lower our heads before you
and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.
Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God
and we fall short of being a credible witness to You.
For these things we ask your forgiveness
and we also ask for your strength.
Give us clear minds and open hearts
so we may witness to You in our world.
Remind us to be who You would have us be
regardless of what we are doing or who we are with.
Hold us to You and build our relationship with You
and with those You have given us on earth
and then we will live our thanksgiving in all that we do.
Hear us, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

We have acknowledged our shortcomings
in failing to live lives of faith, hope and love.
Our only hope is in the God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Elder Jenny Stark
Clerk of Session

Hear then the Good News and be at peace:
God so loved the world that
he sent the sole-begotten Son of God, Jesus.
Christ Jesus died for us and rose from the dead.
**In Christ, our sins have been washed away
and we have been reborn to eternal life!
Thanks be to God forever and ever!**

***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.**

**BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE
WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD**

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Camrynn Curl
Commissioning

**Creator God,
in the beginning
your Spirit moved over the chaos
and brought forth order and beauty.
Grant us the gift of that same Holy Spirit
that we might hear your Word
and find the jumble of our lives
set right by your commands
and made beautiful by your message of love.
This we ask through Christ Jesus, our Redeeming Lord. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:37-47

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

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

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Anthem

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Brian Kain, Lisa Marcelli, and Lauren Parsons-Lam

Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

***Hymn of Response**

House of the Lord

Leader:

*We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors,
He parted the raging sea,
My God, He holds the victory.*

Congregation: Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise.

Leader:

*We sing to the God who heals,
we sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross,
then He rose up from that grave,
My God's still rolling stones away.*

Congregation: Chorus

Leader:

*We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.*

Congregation:

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Welcome of New Members

Presentation

Elder Susan Bastnagel

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Newly Received Members

***Profession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD GOD'S PROMISES,
WE RESPOND WITH OUR PROFESSION**

Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Dedication

Eileen Rankin
Care 'n Share Shop

Offertory

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Rejoicing Ringers

arr. Krug

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Ms. Craven

GOING, WE PLEDGE TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR

*Sending Hymn

The Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

[Refrain]

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

[Refrain]

There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah.
There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Charge and Pastoral Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

(The congregation will please be seated.)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

The Days of Elijah

*Those who are able may stand.

Thank you to Adam Crognale, drums
and all the Trinity musicians and readers who participated in this morning's service.

TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP
An Inviting Community Following 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
Marina Pappas, Weekday Nursery School Director

We welcome our New Members this morning:
Robert C. Timms, Jr.
Elizabeth Wasik

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Beverly and Jim Whipple, Nancy Morton, Heather Kern, Ed Sanborn, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty and George Flynn, Elissa Goss, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

Friends and Family: Paula Keen and family (Debby and Steve Talbott's' friends), Jordan Meier (Susan Bastnagel's niece), Linda and Brian Kent (Gail van Dyke's sister-in-law), Laurie Duffin (Gail and Bruce van Dyke's friend), Al Tremoglie (Veronica Oster's father), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Anna Sharp (friend of Melanie Faulkner), Susan W. Heilshorn & Susan F. Heilshorn (Janet Cohen's sisters-in-laws), Derrick Maruski (Jenny Leitinger's brother), Ken Turnbull (Kurt Goetz's grandfather) & Nancy Goetz (Kurt Goetz's mother), Norma Oram (Nancy Applegate's mother), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Mel Haines (Marguerite Houck's friend), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), Kathy Nahill (Jillian Watson's friend), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), Ilene Kreamfle (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, Aaron Bill, Tyler Parsons 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 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!

Please sign the cards in Fellowship Hall every Sunday—the goal is to get as many signatures as possible! All you need to do is sign your name! The cards mean so much to those who are in need of a cheery hello, get well wishes, or words of sympathy. Thank you for participating in this important outreach to members of our Trinity family!

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!

Sunday Church School Schedule– TODAY

Nursery-Kindergarten (main building)

Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

Nursery Infant up to 2 years old
Room #6 PreK & K (2 years old by Oct. 1, 2022)

Witherspoon Center

Dismissal is at 10:40 am.

Room # 1 Grades 1-3
Room #2 Grades 4-6

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

- **September 18th- Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks**
Help us kick off the school year with a blessing for the year ahead. **We invite all school age children (preschool through high school) and teachers to bring their backpack/ totes to church this Sunday.** We will bless the bags during the start of the service and pray together for a successful school year!



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*.

Rally Day 2022

Let's Rally! Rally Day is: TODAY!

Rally Day signifies the start of a new program year for the Trinity community and is an opportunity to explore all the activities that Trinity has to offer.

After worship in our sanctuary, grab a cup of coffee in O'Dell Fellowship Hall. You can sign up for an activity on the spot, or just browse and decide later where your interests are leading you.

Then, head down to the **Community Room** – our **Annual Congregational Picnic** is back! The Membership Committee will provide hot dogs, beverages, and desserts. **Rally Day is a great day to reconnect with old friends, get to know new folks, and enjoy good food and fellowship!** We hope you will join us as we kick off another great year of programs at Trinity!



Spiritual Renewal Weekend

October 28-30, 2022

Registration continues at each coffee hour for this inspirational weekend with noted-author, Stephanie Saldaña.

Stephanie Saldaña is a writer, teacher and journalist who specializes in religious diversity in the Middle East, with a focus on refugees. She first traveled to the region over twenty five years ago on a Thomas Watson fellowship, where she became fascinated by conversations between local Christians and Muslims. After starting her career as a journalist at the Lebanon Daily Star in Beirut, she returned to the United States to pursue a Masters in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, where she focused on Muslim-Christian dialogue and Arabic. In 2004, she moved to Syria on a Fulbright Islamic Civilizations Initiative Grant to study the Prophet Jesus in Islam. Her year there became the basis of her first book, *The Bread of Angels*. In 2006 she moved to Jerusalem, where she has lived till moving to Bethlehem this year. Her articles and essays have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, America, Plough, and other publications. In 2016, as an Abraham Path Fellow, she launched The Mosaic Stories to tell the stories of disappearing cultural heritage in the Middle East, particularly among refugees fleeing Iraq and Syria. Her second book, *A Country Between*, was released in 2017. Stephanie, and with her husband, Fr. Jonah (Frederic) Masson and their three children live in Bethlehem, where Fr. Jonah is the priest for the Syriac Catholic Church.

Care 'n Share will be accepting donations of clothing, housewares, books, jewelry, etc. Items can be dropped off on Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 1 pm. Also on Sundays, following the worship service, someone will be there to accept donations. Tax receipt forms are available for your donations.



Please make sure that all items are serviceable, clean & in working order!

Visit our table on Rally Day... Check out volunteer opportunities for fun and fellowship! We donated over \$14,000 out to local missions in the past year!

eileenrank@comcast.net

CROP WALK 2022- This year the CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th at the Challenge Grove Pavilion from 1-3PM. Trinity is seeking volunteer walkers and sponsors. Challenge Grove is located at the corner of Borton's Mill Road and Caldwell Road in Camden County (near Jake's Place). To volunteer to walk, please visit the signup table during Trinity coffee hour on Sundays from Sept. 11th to Oct.9th. There will be walker envelopes, instructions on what to do, where and when to meet, etc. If you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring a walker to support Church World Service (CWS). CWS supports hunger projects worldwide. 25% of the money raised will be donated directly to local Cherry Hill Food Pantry. You can get information about CWS on their website and at the signup table. You can also sponsor Sue Nork and Sarah Craven by dropping by the signup table at coffee hour. For any further information call Chris Bryfogle at 609-234-0691. Thank You.



MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES After consulting with Cathedral Kitchen regarding their need for food donations during the fall, the Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the end of the year. Since we started this mission at the beginning of the pandemic, Trinity has donated almost 30,000 sandwiches, 12,000 bottles of water, 1,000 bags of fruit and 400 bags/boxes of snacks. On many occasions, Alex Wills, Community Relations Director for CK, has expressed her gratitude for our congregation's tremendous support of Cathedral Kitchen. **The dates for Mission Thursday in September and October are: September 22 and October 6 and 20.**





PW Fall Gathering

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend our Fall Gathering on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Presbyterian Church. We are also welcoming women from all of the churches in our Presbytery.

Our speaker is our own Dipal Willoughby, LSCW. Dipal's program will focus on moving forward into the New Normal.

The cost of the event is \$15 which will be collected at the door on October 4th. You can sign up during coffee hour at Trinity on September 18, 25 & October 2. You can also sign up online by contacting Carolyn Fletcher twinkletoes57@verizon.net. The cost of the event includes a box dinner from Foodwerx. The Foodwerx dinner box will include a wrap, pasta salad, fruit, salad, chips, and a brownie. Drinks will be provided. The wrap choices are:

1. Chicken Caesar Wrap
2. Grilled Vegetable Wrap
3. Cuban Chicken & Honey Ham Wrap

We will be collecting items for the Urban Promise Wellness Center. The Wellness Center's mission is to reduce the impact of stress on our students and provide for each child's well-being of body, mind and spirit.

Here are a few items needed:

- Fidgets (all types)
- Kinetic Sand kits
- Essential Oils & Oil Diffuser
- Chair Bands

Also gift cards to Amazon and Wawa in denominations of \$10 and \$20 are needed.



Questions, contact: BARBARA CLARKE, sparky11142@verizon.net

Opening to God through Prayer

A Spiritual Renewal Weekend

With Author & Speaker Stephanie Saldaña

Friday, October 28th - Saturday, October 29th

From Fiat to Magnificat: Let it Be. My Soul Magnifies the Lord.

The story of our salvation in Christ begins with a young woman responding to the divine call with a simple response: Let it be (Fiat in Latin!) What led Mary to be able to respond so wholeheartedly to God? What would bring her to sing, "Magnificat! My soul magnifies the Lord"? How might Mary's response to God help us grow in a closer following of Jesus? Join us for this important time of reflection and growth as we seek to learn more of what it means to be people of prayer.

Friday evening, October 28 Series begins at 7:30p.m.

Saturday morning, October 29

8:30 Bagels and Coffee

9:00am - 12:30pm - Stephanie leads us in
Bible reflections and prayer.



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 18

- 7:45 am Men's Fellowship Group– Anteroom
9:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Church School– Nursery, Pre K– K, Room 6, lower level
Grades 1-6 Witherspoon Center
10:30am **Rally Day!** Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for information on becoming involved in the life of our church! Refreshments (hot dogs, sides and the ice cream truck) will also be served in the Community Room, lower level.
7:00 pm Sr. Highs– Witherspoon Center

Monday, September 19

- 1:00 pm Priscilla Circle on Zoom
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle at the home of Eileen Rankin

Tuesday, September 20

- 10:00 am Care 'n Share Shop
7:00 p.m. Shiphrah Circle in the Community Room
7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle on Zoom

Wednesday, September 21

- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts– Community Room

Thursday, September 22

- 10:00 am Mission Thursday– Witherspoon Center
10:00 am Care 'n Share Shop
12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group– Witherspoon Center
6:30-9:00 pm AA Groups– Witherspoon Center

Friday, September 23

- 7:00 pm Commissioning Retreat– Witherspoon Center/ Community Room

Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Church School (N-K) lower level, Grades 1-6 remain in worship TODAY
11:00 am Esther Circle– Witherspoon Center

Trinity Presbyterian Church Vision and Values
An Inviting Community Following 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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