

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

Volume 55, Issue 3

March 2022

Loving Lent

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

The First Epistle of John 4:7-12

As this time of year rolls around, it has been fairly common for me to get this question from church members: why do we observe Lent? Isn't that a Catholic thing? My answer is always: yes and no. Yes, the Lenten practice of increased fasting, prayer and charity is an important part of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox approach to our shared faith. No, it's not just for those parts of the Church; the Lenten journey, when done right, can be a spiritual benefit to all Christians, including Presbyterians!

The deeper question is: what is the goal of Lent? The simplest answer is to go back to the top of the page and read the passage from First John again.

Lent is about deepening our life in Christ. Deepening our life in Christ is always about love. Love, as Andy Hunter has well-said, is always about acting in the interest of the other. Period. While we Reformed Christians have traditionally eschewed having special seasons of living the Christian life in a more focused manner, I'm of the opinion that having a few weeks to renew our commitment to Christ can bear fruit for the rest of the year. Its like when I miss my morning prayer time, that negatively impacts my day, but when I keep to that schedule of quiet prayer, the fruits are born throughout that given day.

Twenty years ago, the billionaire and philanthropist, Warren Buffet was speaking to a group of students at the University of Nebraska. In answering a question about what were some of the life-lessons Buffet had gained in his nearly 90 years of life, he replied, in part: At my age, you will measure your life . . . by how many people really love you. You know, you *can't* buy love; it doesn't work. You can buy sex. You can buy testimonial dinners. You can buy your name on buildings . . . but the only way you get love is to be lovable. It's kind of irritating, actually! If you've got a lot of money, it'd be more fun to write out a check for a million dollars so everybody you know from now on loves me—but it doesn't work that way."

Mr. Buffet is right: the only way to receive love is to be lovable. Lent is an opportunity to become more lovable. Lent is a time where you can decide you're going to make that time for morning (or nighttime) prayer. Lent is offered to us so we might give a bit more sustained attention to the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. Lent is about being more receptive to the Love of God, and that can only make us more lovable. To find our hearts carrying more of the Love of God means that there will be more love to share with others. If you think Lent is all about giving up chocolate and having to pray longer prayers, you have missed the mark entirely. Lent is about living the Christian life. The Christian life is about walking more closely with Christ. Walking more closely with Christ through prayer, Bible reading and service to others. Lent and the Christian life and attentively walking with Christ is about being more consciously receptive to God's love for you. In the end, becoming lovable is what matters in Lent.

Pray for me, that Lent will have that impact on my life. I promise, that's exactly what I'll be asking of the Lord for you, so while we are part of this loving Lent, we'll have good reason to also be... Hoping Big, Gregory



Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

Associate Pastor

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

Parish Associate

The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver

Director of Music

Lisa Marcelli

Music Associate

Brian Kain

Church Treasurer

Debby Talbott

Office Manager

Sue Nork

Media Associate

Alysia Sieh Badskey

Membership Associate

Pam Dougherty



News & Notes

Sympathies:

We express our sympathies to Melanie, Greg and Caroline Faulkner on the death of Melanie's mother, Betty Edwards.

Celebrations:

Congratulations to new grandparents, Debby and Steve Talbott, on the birth of their grandson, Tate Joseph Talbott!

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, March 2nd
12:30 pm and 7:00 pm in Sanctuary
(7:00 pm livestreamed)



Session Update

At its stated meeting on February 7, 2022 the Session:

- Approved the February 7, 2022 Membership Count of 635
- Voted to approve property use requests
- Thanked the outgoing class of elders for their dedication and service
- Reviewed and discussed, in this first reading, proposed revised bylaws
- Agreed with the ad hoc opening committee's suggestion to allow: the Lenten Soup and Sound series (minus the soup); the return of choral singing during Sunday services; and choral processions during the Easter season services.
- Agreed by **consensus** to have only one service on Easter Sunday with little or no compassionately spaced seating.
- Reviewed Trinity's December Financial Report
- Shared prayer concerns and closed in prayer



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Jen Dukelow

Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts

Finance & Stewardship

Coz Digneo

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Linda Wean

Personnel

Donna Croker

Property & Buildings

Dave Large & Jay Reinert

Worship & Music

Steve Talbott

Youth Ministries

Tracy Miller

Strategy Committee

John Young

Deacons

Moderator of Deacons

Doug Nork

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Pete Desjardins,

Trudie Levins

Fellowship

Cindy Mailahn

Service

Randy Southworth

Visitation

Deepa Albert



*Trinity invites you to join us
for
worship, prayer & music during the
Lenten Season*



| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Wednesday, March 2 | Ash Wednesday 12:30 pm service 7:00 pm service |
| Friday, March 11 | 7:30 pm- TCCS Concert, <i>Barbone Street Jazz Band</i> |
| Wednesday, March 9 | 12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Christopher Shin, piano—Young Artist Feature |
| Wednesday, March 16 | 12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Jimmy Boyle, trumpet with Reed Bodenstein, piano |
| Sunday, March 20 | 9:30 am- Don't Rock the Ark! by Mary Donnelly and George L.O. Strid, <i>The story of Noah's ark presented by Trinity's Children's Choirs</i> |
| Wednesday, March 23 | 12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Cindy Vidal, harp |
| Wednesday, March 30 | 12:30pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Sharon Neff, soprano with Diane Goldsmith, piano |
| Wednesday, April 6 | 12:30pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Erik Meyer, organ |
| Saturday, April 9 | 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Day of Prayer: 12 Hour Prayer Vigil @ Trinity |
| Sunday, April 10 | 9:30am- Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am– Palm Sunday Family Worship & Celebration to follow immediately after the children sing in worship |
| Thursday, April 14 | 7:30pm- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service |
| Sunday, April 17 | 9:30 am- Easter Sunday Worship <i>Choir, bells, brass and organ</i> |

*1 Peter 1:3
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Lenten Concert Series

Wednesdays at 12:30pm

Admission—freewill donation

Please Join Us for a 1/2 hour concert in the SANCTUARY

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| Wednesday, March 9 | Christopher Shin, piano—Young Artist Feature |
| Wednesday, March 16 | Jimmy Boyle, trumpet with Reed Bodenstein, piano |
| Wednesday, March 23 | Cindy Vidal, harp |
| Wednesday, March 30 | Sharon Neff, soprano with Diane Goldsmith, piano |
| Wednesday, April 6 | Erik Meyer, organ |



Trinity Presbyterian Church (USA)

499 Route 70 East

Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

856.428.2050

Email: trinpres@trinpres.org

Website: www.trinpres.org

Trinity's Music News



YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Children's Rehearsals

Cherub Choir – Pre-K and Kindergarten;

Thursday 4:30-5:00pm

Carol Choir – 1st and 2nd grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Choir – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

Team Bells – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 6:00-6:30pm



Youth Rehearsals

Youth Choir – 6th -12th grade; Sundays 10:45am-11:15am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6th -12th grade; Sundays 11:15am-11:45am

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6th -12th grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

Trinity Band and

Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli,
Director of Music, at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org for more
information.

Children's Ministries



Church school continues to be alive and well. On February 6th our school age children decorated rocks to be shared with others. The young people enjoy participating in these Mission Sundays where they are learning to help others. The morning always begins with a lesson before they work on the project for the month.

Here is the schedule for March:

March 6: Our school age children will make cards to send to those members that are unable to attend worship in person.

March 13: Family Church – Rev. Sarah will lead families in worship in the Community Room in a relaxed, casual atmosphere that will allow families to grow their faith together. **Children of all ages are welcome!** Come to the Community Room by 9:30am; parents/guardians should plan on staying with their child(ren) for the service.

March 20: All children will participate in a traditional church school lesson in their respective classrooms.

March 27: Let's Worship Together – Grade school children will attend worship in the sanctuary with their parents. An activity page will be available for the children.

If you have any questions about our Church School program or would like more information, you can contact Rev. Craven, at sarah.craven@trins.org or Nancy Roberts at nancyroberts2202@yahoo.com.

Mixers and Mission Sandwich Making



Children's Spring Musical

Don't Rock the Ark!

Sunday,
March 20th,
9:30am



Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share has been busy in February despite the cold weather. Everything will be 1/2 price prior to our "\$5 bag sale" on March 10. The sale days are Saturday, March 5; Tuesday, March 8; Thursday, March 10.

Please, no more winter clothing as of March 1. We will be accepting spring & summer clothing as well as housewares etc. after March 17. Items may be brought in during our business hours ; Tuesdays, Thursdays & 1st Saturday 10am - 1pm as well as Sunday mornings following the 9:30 Worship service.

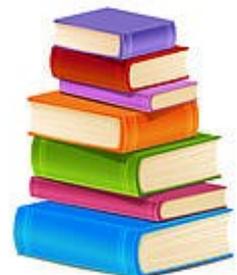
The shop will be closed on Tuesday, March 15 & Thursday, March 17 as we change over the racks.

Thanks again for your generous donations. We were able to donate \$4,500 from our fall sales to local missions.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Eileen Rankin. eileenrank@comcast.net

Library Corner

Our books are lonely! The Library is still open to the congregation and is currently displaying books for Lent and Dr. Seuss' birthday (which is March 2). Our displays change seasonally and we have books for both children and adults. Please stop in during church office hours or on Sundays to take out some books!



MISSION UPDATE

Cathedral Kitchen, the Cherry Hill Food Pantry and Mission Thursday

Trinity's Mission Statement states that "Through Trinity's Mission and Outreach, we actively seek to ensure all people's basic necessities are met: physical, spiritual and civil – through engaging with the community in which we worship and beyond, with our time, gifts and voices"

Through our support of both the Cherry Hill Food Pantry and the Cathedral Kitchen our congregation has provided support to individuals and families in our community that face the daily challenge of simply not having enough food to eat.



Cathedral Kitchen – During 2021 we donated well over 10,000 sandwiches, almost 6000 bottles of water, over 500 bags of fruit and over 250 bags/boxes of snacks to CK. This includes sandwiches donated through Mission Thursday and sandwiches made by the youth of our church during Sunday School and Mixers and Mission. Since the start of the pandemic, we have donated 23,798 sandwiches and counting! Enough for almost 12,000 meals!

Cathedral Kitchen is extremely excited to be reopening their dining room on March 1st for in-person dining. Our plan is to allow a couple of months for CK to refine their operation and see where COVID sorts out before organizing any opportunities for our congregation to volunteer at Cathedral Kitchen.

Cherry Hill Food Pantry – During 2021, we donated over 7,000 pounds of food and supplies to the CHFP. This includes the donations made through the Deacon's Summer and Winter Sharing. In addition, 32 members of our congregation volunteered to work one or more days at the Food Pantry.



Mission Thursday – Mission Thursday continued to be a tremendous success. In addition to collecting food for CK and the CHFP, Mission Thursday supported mission activities by both the Deacons and Presbyterian Women including Mothers Matter, SistaTalkPHL Diaper Mission, Military Families, R&M Boarding Home, Deacon's school supply and coat drives and the Christmas toy drive. We plan to continue Mission Thursday as long as it continues to be an effective way to support Trinity's Mission & Outreach.



A big thanks to the congregation for your ongoing support of Trinity's Mission and Outreach. Together we are making a real difference in our community. If you have any ideas or want to talk about how you can get more involved, please reach out to Eric Waraas or Hersch Craven.

COLLECTION OF MOTHERS MATTER ITEMS TO BEGIN THIS MONTH



It's that time of year again! Time to collect health and beauty items for the Mother's Day gift basket project sponsored by the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation (LRAF). **Mothers Matter** assembles gift packages filled with women's health and beauty care products and then distributes them to women facing difficult challenges. Packages are delivered to women's shelters, children's pediatric hospital wards and centers, day care centers and other facilities. Each gift carries the message that "Mothers Matter" and for many, this is their only Mother's Day present.

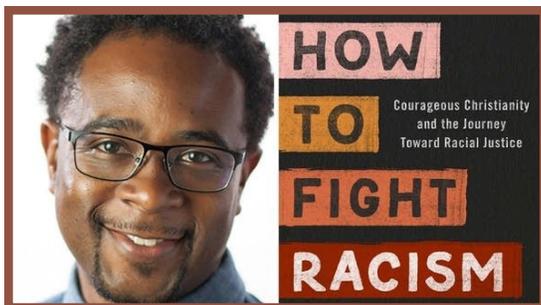
Some of Trinity Circles will be collecting for Mothers Matter gift packages during March. In addition, there will be a large basket at Church located between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (underneath the PW Bulletin Board) for donated items. You can also use the no contact drop-off in front of Witherspoon Building from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on March 10th and 24th. **We appreciate the support of all Church members.**

Here are the items that can be donated: **shampoo & conditioner, body lotion, body wash/gel, nail polish, eye shadow, mascara, lipstick.** The products need to be new and unopened (**no oversized products and no sample sizes except Bath & Body Works Products of any size**).

Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please contact Jan Caffrey at (856) 667-3687 or jancaff@verizon.net. If you need assistance purchasing items, please contact me.

HOW TO FIGHT RACISM:

A ONE CHURCH/ONE BOOK Study Project *at Trinity Presbyterian Church*



Read Chapter 7

Next Meeting Date:

In-person lunch on **Sunday, March 27,**
at **11:00 am**

It is not too late! To join this group or to get on our mailing list [REGISTER HERE](#) or email/call the church office.

PW March Circles

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

Miriam Circle 9:30am Virtual Meeting

Circle Moderator: Carolyn Kramer

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

Deborah Circle 1:00pm Witherspoon Bldg

Circle Moderator: Doris Sapp

TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2022

Shiphrah Circle 7:00pm Community Room

Circle Moderators: Pati Baechler & Sue Nork

Rebekah Circle 7:00pm Virtual Meeting

Circle Moderator: Michele Strobel

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

Priscilla Circle 1:00pm Virtual Meeting

Circle Moderator: Jenny Stark Carboni

Ruth Circle 7:00pm Patricia Turner's home

Circle Moderators: Susan Bastnagel & Nancy Roberts

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Esther Circle Meeting after church service, Witherspoon Bldg

Circle Moderator: Linda Craven



Save the Date

Trinity PW One Day In-Person Retreat

Saturday, March 26, in Fellowship Hall, time to be determine

Dear Women of Trinity,



We are so looking forward to getting together in March for a one day in-person retreat. We are planning a wonderful day of exploration and spiritual growth together. We hope that you will be able to join us.

We were hoping that this would be the year that we would be able to hold our weekend retreat at Port O Call in Ocean City, but out of an abundance of caution, we have pushed the date back for that and are looking for new dates to get together for a weekend away.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We endeavor to continue to "get more connected".

Take care and stay safe,
Carolyn Kramer, PW Moderator

Stay Connected!



Connect with Trinity:

Web: www.trinpres.org

Email: trinpres@trinpres.org

Phone: 856-428-2050

Facebook: [Facebook.com/trinpres](https://www.facebook.com/trinpres)

Instagram: [Instagram.com/trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres)

Mailing Address: 499 Route 70 East,
Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 or in-person in March



Trinity Presbyterian Church (USA)
499 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-2462

Next Tidings deadline is March 15th for April Issue



In-Person
& Virtual
Worship:

9:30am