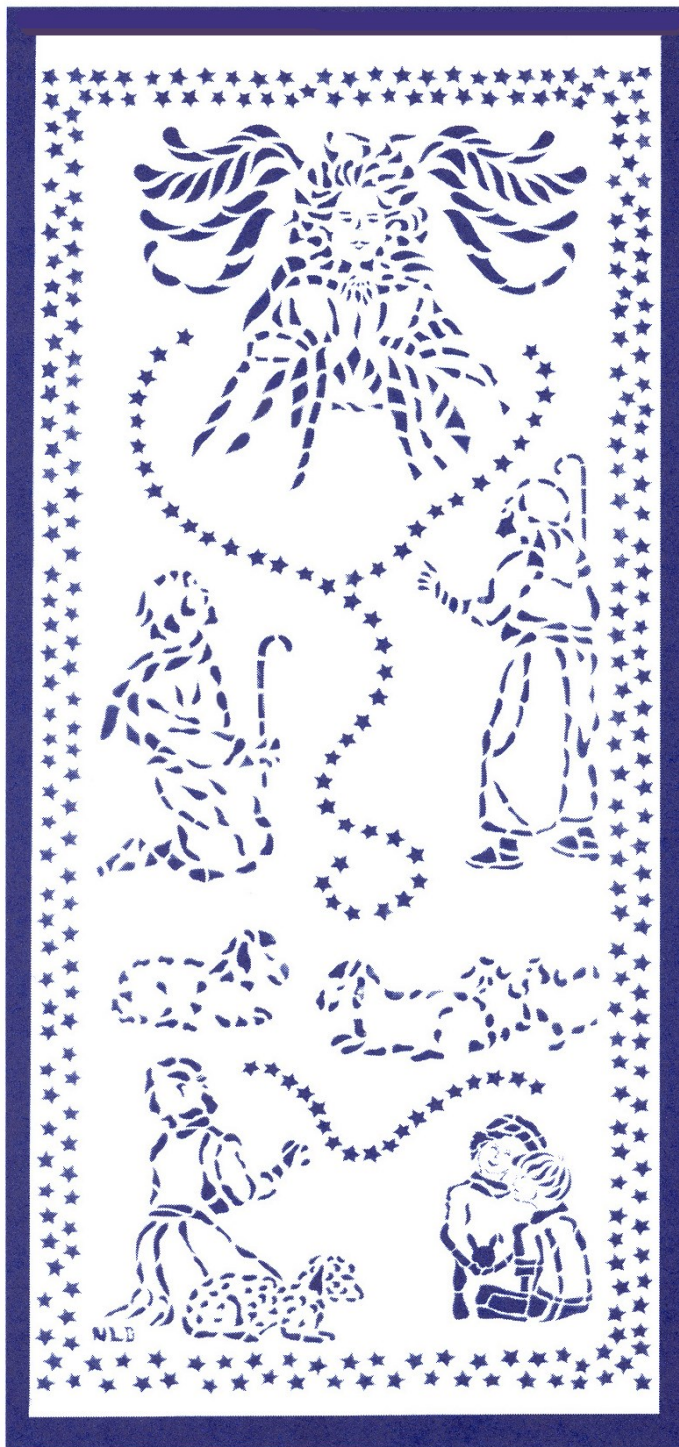


Joy

*Everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads.*

—Isaiah 35:10

Advent 2021



Trinity Presbyterian Church

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

9:30 am

Third Sunday in Advent

December 12, 2021

AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

*Daniel, MacKenzie and Benjamin Strasle, Chris Slusser,
Ed and Natalie Mitchell*

God's Prophetic Word Isaiah 40:1-5

Litany for the Advent Candles

In the night of our lives,

God is shining the light of his compassion.

**We light this candle to remember
that God's Light is coming close.**

Advent means coming.

We are full of expectation!

Lord, make us ready to receive your glory with obedience.

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

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

Prepare the way, O God, for your Son to enter our hearts.

**By the power of his mercy, love and grace,
may we be changed and made anew.**

**With the help of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate,
may we answer your invitation to abide with you.**

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Hymn 9 (verse 3 only)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Steadfast God,
with faith we acknowledge your care and love for us.
With joy we acknowledge that our help is in you,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
With hope, we acknowledge you as our Maker and also our Re-Maker
through the life and death of the One born in Bethlehem.
We ask your mercy in those places
where we do not live as your forgiven and remade people.
In those ways that we have not given witness to your great glory,
forgive us, good and gracious Lord.
Renew us in your love
and grant us solid joy that lasts long beyond this Christmas season
and that equips us to face the adversities of life
with the glory of your saving work in the Lord Jesus,
for this we ask in his holy Name. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Mercy
Thanks be to God!**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

***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.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Anthem

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Adult Choir

arr. Miller

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come.
Hope of all heaven and earth, come, Jesus, come, O Jesus come.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone,
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7-18

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Elder Chris Slusser

Questions to the Parents

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Question for the Congregation

Elder Chris Slusser

Baptismal Questions

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***Profession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

Elder Chris Slusser

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Baptism

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Blessing and Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S VOICE

Anthem

Our Hope Is in Emmanuel

Johnson

Adult Choir, Julia Clarke James, flute

The time has come, as the prophets foretold, to prepare for the soon coming King.

He will bring us new love, and will fill our hearts with light,
and will vanquish the darkness from night.

Our hope is in Emmanuel, the promised One, God's holy Son.

Our hope is in Emmanuel, the One who has come to save.

We have patiently waited for the King to appear,
and bring us hope, joy, and peace.

Now we wipe away our tears and no longer stand in fear,
for we know that salvation draws near.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, our Messiah, Emmanuel

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE

***Sending Hymn 3**

Comfort, Comfort You My People

***Pastoral Charge and Benediction**

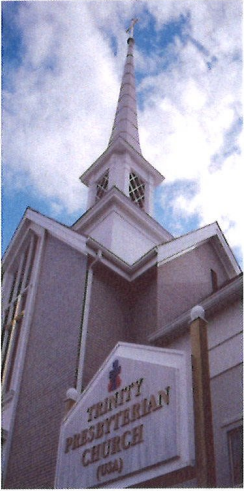
The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort You My People

*Those who are able may stand.



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Dear Church Family,

Below is important information about our Christmas Eve worship services, and a special worship opportunity which you need to know about so you will be prepared for our celebration of Christ's Nativity. **At 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19th we will hold a Blue Christmas Prayer Service.** This worship time will offer us a quiet space to acknowledge that we often come to this season with sadnesses and regrets, as well as joy and hope. You are invited to bring a photo (or photos) of loved ones you are missing or some other object that represents for you something that makes you blue at this time of the year.

On Christmas Eve, we will have two worship services. **The Family Service takes place at 4:00 p.m.** and will be led by our children. The traditional **Candlelight Communion Service will be at 7:00 p.m.** Please note that at both services, in an attempt to provide space for as many worshippers as possible, there will be a small area for compassionately-spaced seating. This seating will be located at the front of the sanctuary on the lectern side and at the front of the balcony. The rest of the sanctuary will allow for regular seating. All worshippers are asked to wear a face covering while in the building. Childcare will not be provided during either Christmas Eve service.

Be assured that our livestream ministry will provide both Christmas Eve services to you virtually and the Candlelight Communion Service will be shown again at 11:00 p.m. For those of you who will not be attending the 7:00 p.m. service, you will have an opportunity to come by the church to pick up a candle to use at home; you may pick up a candle on Sunday, December 19th from 10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

I hope that you will be with us to celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, whether that's in our sanctuary or from your home. Know that the Session and staff joins me in continuing to do all that we can to make worship meaningful, inspirational and safe. So, in that spirit, I invite you once more:

Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Gregory C. Faulkner

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TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP
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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

We rejoice this morning on the occasion of the following baptism:
Benjamin Peter Strasle
son of MacKenzie & Dan Strasle

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!

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

Community Room (Family Church TODAY)
Grades Pre-School—6th

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. This is a friendly reminder that our Stewardship Campaign continues and your pledge is critical to maintain Trinity's programs, mission and staff. At this point in the Campaign, we have achieved only 71% of our financial goal and have received 129 pledges against our goal of 225.

All Church members should have received their stewardship letter and 2022 pledge card in the mail. You can also submit your pledge through your EasyTithe account. If you have submitted your pledge, thank you!

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

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR MISSION THURSDAY FOOD DONATIONS

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

December 16th

December 30th

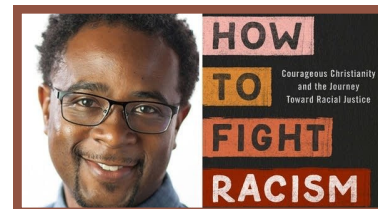
If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Hersch Craven at herschcraven@aol.com or 862-226-1117.

Deacons Christmas Sharing: The Deacons will be collecting gifts for children ages 5-18 for Urban Promise. The collection will go through thru TODAY. 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. 16th.”

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

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.



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 sbastnagel@gmail.com



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 12

9:30 am Worship Service/ Baptism
9:30 am Family Church Preschool- 6 grade Community Room, lower level
11:00am Youth & Adult Bells Rehearsal– Sanctuary
11:30 am Worship Reflections– Witherspoon Center
12:00 pm Sr. Highs

Monday, December 13

1:00 pm Deborah Circle– Witherspoon Center

Tuesday, December 14

10:00 am Care ‘n Share Shop

Wednesday, December 15

6:15 pm Commissioning– Witherspoon Center
7:00 pm Cub Scouts– Community Room

Thursday, December 16

10:00 am Mission Thursday– Witherspoon Center
10:00 am Care ‘n Share Shop
12:00 pm Alzheimer’s Support Group—Witherspoon Center
8:00 pm AA Group—Witherspoon Center

Friday, December 17

6:30 pm Rebekah Circle– at the home of Deepa Albert

Sunday, December 19

9:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Church School (PreK-6th Grade)
11:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary
5:00 pm Blue Christmas Service



FOR

unto us a

Child <sup>is
born</sup>

UNTO US A *Son*

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

His name will be called
WONDERFUL,

Counselor, <sup>THE
MIGHTY
GOD</sup>

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH

9:6

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

