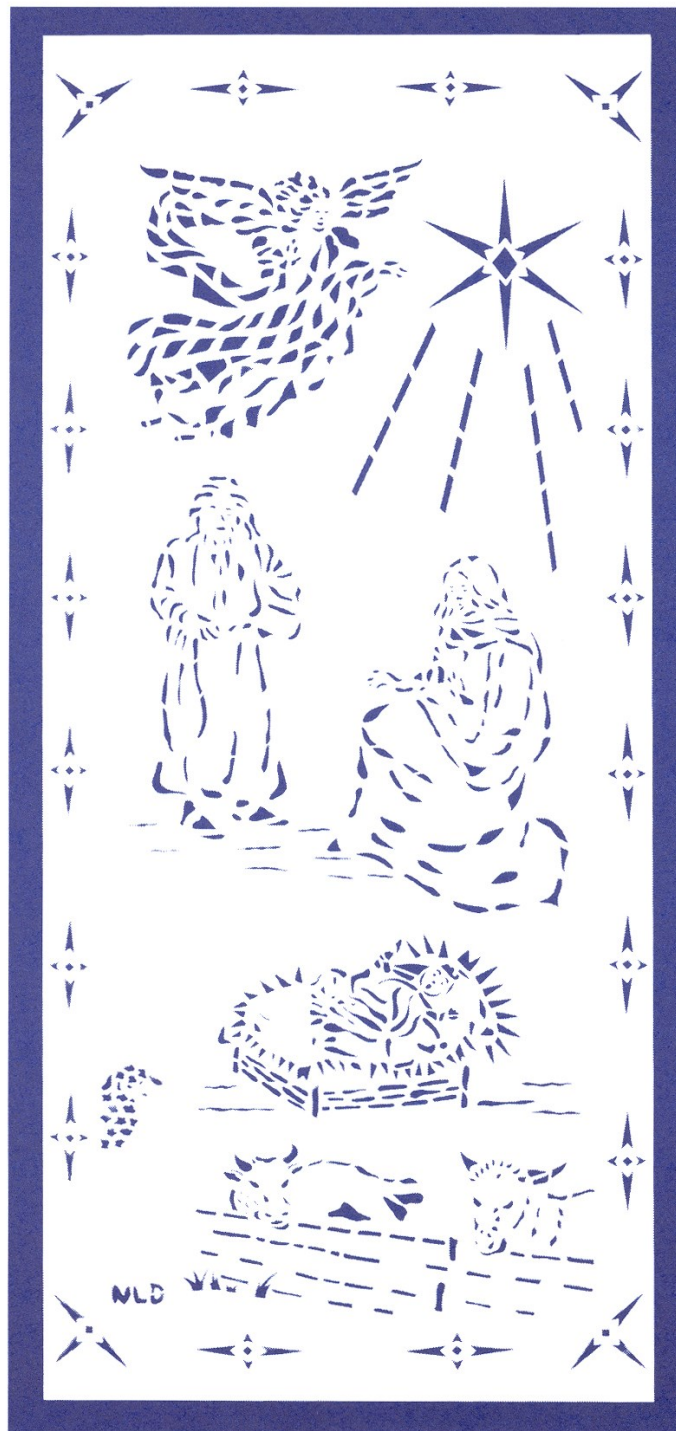


Peace

*Look, the virgin is with child
and shall bear a son, and
shall name him Immanuel.
—Isaiah 7:14*

Advent 2021



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

9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Prelude

Joy to the World
Youth and Adult Bells

arr. Stephenson

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

George, Kelly and Chase Raymond, Steve and Sandy Czajka

God's Prophetic Word

Micah 5:2-5a

Litany for the Advent Candles (responsively)

We light this candle to express our trust in God's love for us.

We light this candle to say once more: We belong to God!

The advent of the Father's only-begotten Son is near.

Our God is approaching even now!

Lord, make us ready to receive you.

Lord, make us ready to greet you with a willing spirit.

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 redeemed people. This we ask you, God of Advent, in the name of your only-begotten Son, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,

Who ordered all things mightily;

To us the path of knowledge show,

and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to you, O Israel!

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Ms. Craven

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.
Though we know your story,
we resist the costs of following you.
We pass by those considered lowly in this world.
We turn away from hungry people
who still wait to be filled.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to work for the justice you intend.
Make us messengers of the peace you bring.
As we wait for you,
turn our apathy into acts of love and service.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Assurance of God's Mercy

The Rev. Ms. Craven

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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

Bell Anthem

O How Joyfully
Youth & Adult Bells
Brian Kain, percussion

arr. Moglebust

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
BY OFFERING OUR THANKS**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Ms. Craven

WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE

***Sending Hymn 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*Those who are able may stand.

Thank you to Laurie Lausi and Cherry Hill High School East for loaning Trinity handbells for this morning's service.

Youth Bells

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

Adult Bells

Donna Allen	Erica Heyer
Kim Bui	Bill Kain
Janet Cohen	Karen Kain
Linda Craven	Sue Nork
Sean Desjardins	Lauren Parsons
Pam Dougherty	Melissa Trent
Linda Flanary	

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: Dick Nipe, 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: Rev. Pat Weikart (Pam Dougherty's sister). 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!

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 74% of our financial goal and have received 140 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

Sunday Church School Schedule

Nursery-Kindergarten (main building)

Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

No Nursery care is offered 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.**

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.



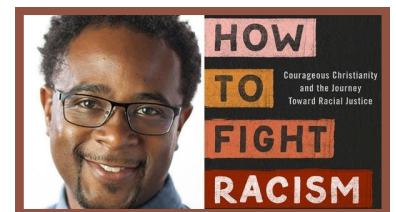
SCHEDULE FOR MISSION THURSDAY FOOD DONATIONS

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

December 30th

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

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 19

- 7:45 am Men's Fellowship– Anteroom
- 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

Monday, December 20

- 1:00 pm Priscilla Circle– Witherspoon Center
- 4:30 pm Kid's Choir Pageant Rehearsal– Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Ruth Circle– at the home of Eileen Rankin

Thursday, December 23

- 12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group– Witherspoon center
- 8:00 pm AA– Witherspoon Center

Friday, December 24

- 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

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Esther Circle– Witherspoon Center



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,

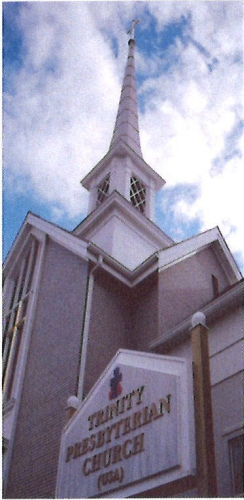
Counselor, ^{THE}
^{MIGHTY}
^{GOD}

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH

9:6



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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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*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*

