



Advent 2022

# Hope

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

9:30 am

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

**FROM MANY PLACES WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Welcome** The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Introit** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Mahalo Ukulele Band, Leah Marcelli, flute

**Gathering Around the Advent Wreath**

*Naomi Smith, David Lawton and Cara Mailahn*

**God's Prophetic Word** **Isaiah 2:2-5** Naomi Smith

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

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)** Cara Mailahn

**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!

**\*Processional Hymn 8**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

## SEEKING GOD'S MERCY

### Call to Confession (responsive)

Logan Watson

You know what time it is:

**Now is the time to wake from sleep.**

Salvation is near!

**Let us confess our sin.**

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Alex Ebiri

**God of grace and truth,**

**long ago your prophets told of your promises –  
a promise of restoration and salvation.**

**We confess that we have not believed your promise,  
that we have preferred brokenness to restoration,  
and have lingered with dis-ease rather than welcome salvation.**

**We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo,  
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change.**

**Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your promise,  
and live into that joy. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Mercy

Leah Marcelli

**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

The Rev. Ms. Craven

### Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

The Rev. Ms. Craven

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

The Rev. Ms. Craven

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**



**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:** Jenny Stark, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Heather Kern, 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:** Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), Jeff Mailahn (Cindy and Al Mailahn's son), Eileen McSparran (Kathy Eddleman's sister-in-law), 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), 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 Kreafler (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 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!

**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!

### Sunday Church School Schedule

**Church School will now be in the main building  
Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service**

Room #1 Nursery Care

Room #6 Twos and Threes (must be 2 1/2 yrs. old by Oct. 1, 2022)  
through Kindergarten

**TODAY– Grades 1-6 remain in worship.**

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

### Big changes for Church School!

All classes will be held in our main building on the lower level. The Nursery will remain in the same room. Room 6 will be for our Preschool through Kindergarten. When Grades 1-6 are in a traditional class, Room 4 will house Grades 1-3 and Room 3 will house Grades 4-6.



### **Trinity Planned Giving Seminar, Sunday, January 8, 2023, 11:00 am in the Community Room**

Please join Trinity member, Andrew Mackerer, for a seminar on ways to ensure your legacy and intentions are followed. Andrew is an attorney with a focus on Estate Law.



The seminar will focus on planned giving for Trinity as set forth in a will, living trust, or through beneficiary designations. In addition, various lifetime giving techniques will be discussed that can minimize your taxes and the effect on you while maximizing the benefit to Trinity. Andrew will discuss techniques and ways to arrange your Estate plans to ensure Trinity receives support, to ensure your wishes are carried out, and to simplify matters for your family. This can be accomplished through sound advice from financial advisors, attorneys and tax practitioners.



## Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign- *Forward in Faith*

### Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues.

The theme of this year's campaign is "**Forward in Faith**". This theme encourages us to have faith in God's promises to us. We need your support to follow the path God has provided. We are excited about the opportunities we have at Trinity if the resources are available.



All Church members should have received their stewardship letter and 2023 pledge card in the mail. If you have submitted your pledge, thank you! If you have not returned your pledge card, please promptly 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 11 is required to help us develop the 2023 church budget.

We hope that you carefully consider the needs of your church during these extraordinary and challenging 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*.

**NAMETAGS...** Have you been wearing your nametag? Since COVID, in-person attendance patterns have changed and we've also fallen out of the habit of wearing our nametags. We'd like to remove the nametag holder from the Narthex where it takes up A LOT of space. But we still like the idea of wearing name tags, especially for the benefit of our newest members. The Membership Committee is requesting that members take their nametags home with them; keep them in your car and wear them on Sunday mornings when you come in to church. This would be particularly helpful during Advent. You'll find the nametag holder in the social hall. Thanks for your consideration!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** we will again hold our Advent Festival following the children's Christmas music service. After the service in the Anteroom there will be bagels and cookies for both adults and children. We will also have crafts that any age can make for the holidays. **There will only be Church School that day for the Nursery and the preschool/kindergarten children.**



**PW COOKIE SALE - DECEMBER 4, 2022** — The Cookie Sale will be held During Coffee Hour following the Children's Choirs Christmas Presentation. Cookies will be packed 6 to a bag and sold for a free will donation. Cookie donations can be dropped off on the morning of December 4th. This is a good time to buy homemade treats you are too busy to make yourself!



**In-Person Nativity walk Returns on Sunday, December 18!**

Save the date for the return of the in-person Trinity Nativity Walk! Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Nativity Walk will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, December 18th. Bring in your favorite crèche before the service that morning and set it up in the designated location in Fellowship Hall. During Coffee Hour, members of the congregation will walk around to view the various nativity scenes. In addition to viewing the nativity scenes on display that morning, you can watch the video of the last two Virtual Nativity Walks! You'll take your crèche home with you that day! If you're interested in participating, please sign up during coffee hour today, December 4<sup>th</sup> or December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Deacons Coat Drive** The deacons will be collecting new and gently used adult men's, women's and children's coats during November. We are collecting children's coats for the Little Hands Little Feet program at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also welcome and are given to the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC), the R&M Boarding House, and Cathedral Kitchen for distribution to those in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Collection dates are on Sundays, thru November 27th. Collection bins for donations will be located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions in regard to the Deacon's Coat Drive, please contact Dipal Willoughby at 856-296-3045. Thank you Trinity for your Generosity!



Our **Mitten Tree** is making a return again this year! Please look for it in Fellowship Hall. New hats and mittens for any age group are welcome and will be sent to those that are in need to keep warm in the cold weather.





**Mission & Outreach** is encouraging your support of The Deacon's Annual Coat Drive. Among the beneficiaries of "**The Gift of Warmth**" are the residents of R & M Boarding Home in Chesilhurst, NJ. M & O recently received an updated request from R & M indicating a greater need, particularly for larger sizes. Please consider donating new or gently used coats/jackets to support the residents who already are experiencing many challenges. These items may be dropped off in front of Witherspoon on Mission Thursdays or in Fellowship Hall following Sunday Worship until **12/4/2022**. R & M needs the following quantities & sizes:  
For Men: 1 medium, 7 large, 11- XL, 3-2XL, 14XL  
For women: 1 small, 3 medium, 3 large, 2 XL, 3-2XL, 1-3XL, 2-4XL  
**Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the R & M residents.**



### **Christmas Sharing Returns....**

The Deacons are proud to announce the return of the Christmas Sharing Program for 2022. Please visit the Deacons' table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour starting TODAY for more information. This year we will be collecting \$30 Visa and Master Card gift cards for Acenda Health. Look for our gift card collection box next to our Coat Drive bins in Fellowship Hall. As always, thank you for your generosity this holiday season.



### **Trinity Women's Candlelight Christmas Dinner and Communion Service- December 6, 2022**

— We are planning to have a dinner followed by the Candlelight Communion service. **TODAY is the last day to sign up for dinner.** You can come just for the Candlelight Service which will begin at 8:00 pm., or you can enjoy a catered dinner and fellowship time with Trinity friends and family at 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us on this very special evening with the women of Trinity. Invite a friend!



### **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. **Dates through the end of the year: Dec. 1, 15 & 29.**



# Trinity Community Concert Series

Presents the

## Tri-County Symphonic Band

Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

A Trinity favorite! Get into the holiday spirit as these talented musicians from throughout the region present an evening of great seasonal music for the whole family.

Founded in 1976 as the Hammonton Bicentennial Band, the Tri-County Symphonic Band has been based at Camden County College Blackwood Campus as the Ensemble-in-Residence since 1986.

The band, which is mostly comprised of residents of the Burlington/Camden/Gloucester County area, attracts the highest caliber of community and semi-professional musicians. The members proudly come together creating an ensemble of unique versatility that entertains audiences throughout South Jersey.

And save the date, Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm (note the earlier start time), when Dennis James, Cinema Organist, will accompany the showing of the 1923 silent film classic, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame!*

TCCS events are open to the public. Admission is a free-will offering.  
Visit [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org) for more information.



## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, November 27**

9:30 am           Worship Service  
9:30 am           Childcare– Nursery & Preschool - Grade2 1-6 remain in worship  
10:45 am          Youth Choir  
11:00 am          Esther Circle– Witherspoon Center  
11:15 am          Youth Bells  
11:45 am          Trinity Band Rehearsal– Atrium  
7:00 pm           Sr. Highs– Escape Room

### **Monday, November 28**

8:15 PM           BASIC– Zoom

### **Tuesday, November 29**

10:00 am          Care ‘n Share Shop

### **Wednesday, December 30**

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 1**

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  
7:00 pm           PW Coordinating Team Mtg– Zoom  
8:00 pm           AA Group—Witherspoon Center

### **Friday, December 2**

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

### **Saturday, December 3**

9:00 am           Children's Choirs Rehearsal– Sanctuary  
10:00 am          Care ‘n Share Shop  
12:00 pm          Mixers & Mission

### **Sunday, December 4**

9:30 am           Worship Service/ Communion  
9:30 am           Childcare– Nursery-Kindergarten, Grades 1-6 remain in worship  
10:30 am          Advent Festival– Anteroom  
PW Cookie Sale– Fellowship Hall, free will donations accepted  
Enjoy some Christmas cheer in the Atrium featuring the Trinity Band!





*You are cordially invited to spend the  
Christmas Season  
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

**Sunday, November 27 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Handbell and Ukulele music*

**Friday, December 2 - 7:30 pm**

*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the  
Tri County Symphonic Band*

**Sunday, December 4 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music  
followed by Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

**Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm**

*Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service*

**Sunday, December 11 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Adult Choir*

**Sunday, December 18 - 9:30am**

*Christmas Worship with handbell music & Trinity Band  
Nativity Walk*

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm** *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

**7:00 pm** *Candlelight Communion Service with  
Pre-service music, choir and brass*

**Sunday, December 25 - 9:30am** *Sunday Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 1 - 9:30am** *Sunday Communion Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 8 - 9:30am** **Epiphany Sunday**

*Communion, Choir & Handbells*