



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

9:30 am

November 12, 2023

## AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE COME TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*Hands to Work, Hearts to God*

Deacon Judy Spotto

## WITH HOPE, WE ADORE THE LORD OUR GOD

Call To Worship

Henry Kain

People of God, are you awake? Are you alert?  
**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**  
Are you watching the signs?

**Christ is approaching even now.**

Are you interpreting what is happening today?  
**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**  
Do you see opportunities for ministry?

**Christ is approaching even now.**

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?  
**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**  
Come, let us welcome God in worshipful praise.

**Christ is approaching even now.**

Prayer of Adoration

Henry Kain

\*Opening Hymn 462      *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*      Sung to Hymn 63

Call to Confession

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

It is never easy to admit  
how foolish we are, Approaching God.  
You have chosen us for yourself,  
and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts.  
You promise to be with us in every moment,  
but we can find little time for you.

**You send your Word to us,  
but we are too busy listening  
to the noise of our culture to pay attention.  
Have mercy, Loving Savior, and forgive us.  
Fill the lamps of our hearts with holiness,  
so we might go forth to give ourselves to others.  
Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely,  
even as did Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

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

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**\*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.**

## **HEARING GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Second Testament Lesson**

Matthew 25:1-13

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 Wendy Anders

**Questions to the Parents**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Question for the Congregation**

Elder Wendy Anders

**Baptismal Questions**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

Elder Wendy Anders

**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**  
**Baptism**  
**Blessing and Welcome**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner  
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## **RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S CALL**

**\*Hymn of Response 17**

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

**Call to Present Our Offering**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Prayer of Dedication**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Offertory Anthem**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Brian Kain and Lisa Marcelli, duet

arr. Armstrong

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!  
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER**

**\*Sending Hymn 15**

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

Sung to hymn 89

**\*Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*(The congregation will please be seated.)*

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

\*Those who are able may stand.

# 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. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus

Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Brian Kain, Music Associate

## **In Memoriam:**

*Joan A. Neptun*

United with Trinity January 15, 1967, Deceased October 26, 2023

## **Baptism**

*We Rejoice with Tom and Mary Dowds on the baptism of their son,  
Noah Michael Dowds.*

*The Flowers in the Narthex were given by:*

**Barbara Clarke** on behalf of **Julia and Brendan James** in memory of their  
**fathers, Robert Clarke and Stephen James**

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Nancy Parks, Pat Turner, Carol Plimpton, Ed Sanborn, Gail Van Dyke, Donna Bordner, Camrynn Curl, Elaine Lippincott, Carol Murray, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty Flynn, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

**Friends and Family:** Jesse Benedict (friend of Pam Dougherty's daughter), Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's Mother), Kristina Heck (Alison's Schwarz's niece), Loretta Johnson (former long-term member), Martha Delaney (Debby and Steve Talbott's niece), Nancy McIlvain (Kathy Eddleman's sister), Larry Carter (Emily Carter's uncle), Tristan Kabai-Tokes, Matt Ruggles, Myrna Roberts (Nancy Roberts' sister-in-law), Joan Malloy (Nancy Roberts' friend), Chuck Inman (Mary Jane Inman's son), Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), 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), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Susan F. Heilshorn (Janet Cohen's sister-in-law), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), 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, Aaron Bill, Tyler Parsons and Connor Strobel. We thank them all for their service to our country.

**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!

**Signing in online using the QR code?** Remember, if you're a **Trinity member**, you don't need to fill out the entire form—just type in your first and last name.

**The Flower Chart** will be available in Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of every month. Since the cost has increased, we are asking for payment of \$55 at the time of sign-up. Hopefully this will once again become a special part of our worship and giving for our shut-ins. Please text or email Bonnie Jones for further information: [bjones34@verizon.net](mailto:bjones34@verizon.net) or 856-986-2012.

**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!

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***EasyTithe*, our online giving option,  
allows you to make your offering electronically.**

This option makes giving more convenient for you and can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. 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.

**You can now go right to the EasyTithe giving portal by using the QR code.** Simply turn your camera on your phone and direct it to the code and the link to the website will come right up!



# Church School Schedule

All Church School rooms located in main building.  
Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

Nursery care - Infants through 2 years  
Preschool (ages 2 1/2—Kindergarten) - Room #6

**It's the 2nd Sunday: Family Church**  
*Please meet in the Community Room*

## Monthly Rotation of Worship, Learning, and Service For Grade School-Age Children

**1st Sunday of Every Month: Mission Sunday**

**2nd Sunday of Every Month: Family Church**

**3rd Sunday of Every Month: Church School**

**4th Sunday: Let's Worship Together**



**Preschoolers & Kindergartners:** Church School for pre-K through Kindergarten takes place in a classroom under the sanctuary. On the second Sunday of each month, these children participate with their families in Family Church.

**Nursery (Birth - Age 2):** The nursery is supervised by adult volunteers. It is equipped with its own restroom and changing table as well as age-appropriate toys.

*Find Your Place at  
Our Place!*





# Hands to Work, Hearts to God

## Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign



### Giving with God's guidance...

Trinity's annual Stewardship Campaign begins today. The theme of this year's campaign is "Hands to Work, Hearts to God". This theme emphasizes that God is guiding us to share the resources and wealth that each of us have accumulated through our work. This sharing is needed to support our church, our community and those in need around the world. We are excited about the opportunities we have at Trinity when these resources are made available through your stewardship.



Let the favor of the Lord  
our God be upon us and  
establish the work of  
our hands!

Psalm 90:17

### Stewardship Sunday is November 19

During the Stewardship Campaign, speakers will address the benefits of being involved in Trinity's programs and how your church provides for our members and the community. Last week, Dipal Willoughby discussed Trinity's mission and the valuable work of our Deacons. This week, Judy Spotto will present her experiences with Trinity's music program which is supported through your financial and volunteer stewardship.



Your past generous financial support of our Church is greatly appreciated and critical to our success. Hopefully, this support will continue in 2024 to help maintain current staffing levels, programs and mission while securing Trinity's future.

You should receive your pledge card during the week of November 12. Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office or make your pledge in easyTithe so we can develop our 2024 operating budget.

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED AS WE GIVE  
OUR HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD.



# Trinity Community Concert Series

**Friday, December 1st, 7:30 pm**

## **Atlantic Brass Band**

Get into the holiday spirit with the three-time national champion Atlantic Brass Band, one of the premier volunteer performing ensembles in the greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey area.

**Our concerts are open to all! Admission is a free-will offering.**



***Save the date: Friday, March 1st, 7:30 pm  
The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band***



## **FREECYCLE EVENT**

**Do you need preschool toys, educational materials, bins and baskets, and similar items?**

**Visit the Community Room on **Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 am - 1 pm**  
to “shop” for FREE items that were left behind following the closing of Trinity Nursery School.**

**BRING YOUR OWN BOXES OR BAGS!**

**Care & Share will be open that day, too, with lots of great clothing,  
shoes, accessories, and home decor items, all available at thrift store prices!**

**Make progress on that Christmas list and shop till you drop -  
or till 1:00 pm, whichever comes first!**



SAVE THE DATE

**PW**  
*Advent Dinner*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2023

6:30 DINNER

8:00 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**CATERING BY CATHEDRAL KITCHEN**

**TICKETS: \$25 (STARTING 11/12)**

**\*DIETARY QUESTIONS?: CONTACT JENNY FOLEY AT  
[JERSEYJENNY13@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JERSEYJENNY13@GMAIL.COM)\***

**MISSION: MOTHER CHILD RESIDENCE**



# Trinity News and Notes

**MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES:** The Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the fall Cathedral Kitchen has expressed their gratitude many times for our congregation's tremendous support. **Next Mission Thursday: November 16th**

**Virtual Women's Bible Study Group:** Priscilla Circle is a group of caring thoughtful Christian women. We meet monthly on Zoom at 1:00 pm on the third Monday of each month. This year we are studying Luke-Acts. Please join us. Technical help is available. Call Jenny with questions: 609-680-6090

**Parents! Grandparents! Teachers!** We have been sorting through the supplies and materials that were left behind following the closing of Trinity Nursery School. Do you need preschool toys, educational materials, bins and baskets, or other related items? If you're interested in any of these items, please contact Alysia Badskey in the church office to set up a time to "go shopping." Appointments to "shop" must be set Monday-Thursday 9:30am-12pm so a volunteer is available to unlock the resource room. On December 2nd, we'll be organizing a weekend event for Trinity and the larger community, see W&W advertisement for more details.



## Deacons Coat Drive



### Donations Needed!

We are asking for donations of new and gently used coats, children and adult sizes AND blankets and throws (new this year).

Collection bins will be in Fellowship Hall starting this Sunday. Donations will go to local organizations.



CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH

# Trinity Church

**Friday, December 1 - 7:30 pm**

Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the  
Atlantic Brass Band

**Sunday, December 3 - 9:30am**

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

**Tuesday, December 5 - 6:30pm**

Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

**Sunday, December 10 - 9:30am**

Advent Service with Adult Choir

**Sunday, December 17 - 9:30am**

Christmas Worship with Handbell Music, Trinity Band, & Ukeleles  
10:30am - Nativity Walk  
11:00am - *Blue Christmas*, Adult Ed

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Worship & Christmas Eve**

9:30am - Christmas Worship  
4:00pm - Family Worship Service & Pageant  
7:00 pm - Candlelight Communion Service with  
Pre-service music, choir, and brass

**Sunday, December 31 - 9:30am**

Sunday Worship Service

**Sunday, January 7 - 9:30am**

Epiphany Sunday with  
Communion, Choir & Handbells