

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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

9:30 am

February 18, 2024

AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Minute for Mission

Jenny Stark

Introit

Schaffe in mir, Gott

Brahms

*Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, und gib, mir einen neuen gewissen Geist.
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

WITH HOPE, WE ADORE THE LORD OUR GOD

Call To Worship

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Many are the problems of those who are unrepentant,
but steadfast-love enfolds those who trust in God.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you people of faith!
Shout for joy all you who have found refuge in Gods grace!

Let us adore the God who is saving us.
We will give God all the glory!

Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***Processional Hymn 77**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Call to Confession

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Confession (selected verses from Psalm 51)

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Deliver me . . . O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;**

**if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Hear us, Heavenly Father, for we ask it in the Name of Jesus,
the Lord of the Journey. Amen.**

O Lamb of God Most Holy! (Hymn 82)

Assurance of God's Mercy

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Family of God, it is written:
While we were still sinners,
Christ Jesus died for us.
Believe the Gospel:
God has forgiven us in his Only-Begotten Son, Jesus the Lord.
**Most happy are they whose transgression is forgiven;
whose sins are covered by God.**
Be glad and rejoice, all you recipients of grace,
for the Lord has made us welcome at the divine banquet.
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.**

HEARING GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Second Testament Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Communion Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S CALL

***Hymn 356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Profession of Faith** The Belhar Confession The Rev. Ms. Craven
We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S CLAIM ON OUR LIVES

Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayer of Dedication The Rev. Ms. Craven

Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Johnson
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy Spirit, O Lord.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table The Rev. Ms. Craven

Words of Institution The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Prayer of Setting Aside for Holy Use The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Communion of the People of God The Rev. Ms. Craven

(The communion bread is gluten free)

Anthem *The Divine Image* Adams

To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love all pray in their distress;
and to these Virtues of delight return their thankfulness.
For Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love is Man, his child and care.
For Mercy has a human heart, Pity, a human face,
and Love, the human from divine, and Peace, the human dress.
Then ev'ry man, of e'ry clime, that prays in his distress,
prays to the human form divine,
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace, Love.

Prayer after Communion (unison) The Rev. Ms. Craven

God of our Baptism, you have once more strengthened us

to begin the Lenten journey

by feeding us in this Holy Sacrament.

Filled with your liberating power,

let us now demonstrate our faith

by the way we live in this world of need.

Send us out in faith and hope and love,

empowered by your Spirit to confess Jesus Christ to our aching world.

Answer this prayer for us, Holy Savior,

till we stand in the light of the Resurrection;

**this we ask in the name of him who died for us and our salvation,
Jesus the Lord.
Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER

***Hymn 508**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

***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

Flowers

The flowers in the Narthex were given by **Janet Cohen** in memory of **her parents and grandparents.**

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Steve Morton, Marty Flynn, Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Parks, Pat Turner, Carol Plimpton, Camrynn Curl, Elaine Lippincott, Carol Murray, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, 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: Donna Williams (friend of Barb and John Wilson), Jo Anne Talbott (Steve Talbott's mother), Nick D'Ambros, (Jillian Watson's cousin), Kathy Higdon (Greg Faulkner's sister-in-law) Frank Appello (Connie Groves's son-in-law), Jesse Benedict (friend of Pam Dougherty's daughter), Loretta Johnson (former long-term member), 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), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), 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 every Sunday through February 25th. 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 or 856-986-2012.

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!

***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.

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

Infants through 2 years,
Preschool (ages 2 1/2—Kindergarten) - in the Nursery today

It's the 3rd Sunday: Church School
Grades 1-5 meet in the classrooms

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!*



News and Notes from Rev. Faulkner

Help Holy Land Christians!

The situation for all in the Holy Land is terrible and, for many, only worsening. Stephanie Saldaña has reached out to Dr. Faulkner, asking if our church family might help her church family. Many of you met Stephanie when she led our spiritual renewal weekend in October, 2022 and saw her again when she visited last October. Stephanie's husband, Fr. Younan Masson, is a priest in the Syriac Catholic Church and is serving Saint Joseph's church in Bethlehem.

The Syriac Catholic Church is one of the smallest Christian communities in the Holy Land and this can mean life is a struggle, both as individuals and as congregations. In this devastating time, Stephenie has made an appeal for our assistance in helping her church family, as well as the staff of the congregation's pilgrimage hotel--a staff that it has become difficult to pay due to the complete lack of pilgrims.

The Session has approved a gift of \$500 and has also agreed to make Stephanie's request made known **to our entire church family in order for us to make a one time gift. Donations can be made by writing a check to Trinity Presbyterian Church, with the memo notation: "Gift to Stephanie." Donations will be received until Thursday, February 29.** No gift will be too small and no donation can be too large.

Our sisters and brothers, who worship only steps away from the birthplace of the Lord, need our help. May we hear their plea and respond as we are able.
- Dr. Faulkner

Outstanding Jerusalem Teacher at Trinity on March 3

Jared Goldfarb, a native of New Hampshire who has lived in Israel for over a quarter of a century, will be speaking following worship on March 3. A highly sought-after tour guide, Goldfarb has been **on the faculty of The Center for Biblical Formation at Ecce Homo for 20 years and has been an educational guide for 25 years.** A guide for all the Holy Land Pilgrimages led by Dr. Faulkner, Jared has had a lasting impact on our pilgrims and we are delighted to bring him to Trinity to teach us about the impact of the Land's geography on the Biblical narrative.

Jared will be speaking at 10:45 in the Community Room on Sunday, March 3rd.

Trinity invites you to join us for worship,
prayer, and music this

Lenten Season

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| Wednesday, February 14 | Ash Wednesday
11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch
12:30 pm & 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service |
| Wednesday, February 21 | Soup & Sound, A Lenten Concert Series
11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch
12:30 pm - Young Artist Feature, Jeremy Raden, Piano |
| Wednesday, February 28 | Soup & Sound, A Lenten Concert Series
11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch
12:30 pm - Jimmy Boyle, Trumpet & Reed Bodenstein, Piano |
| Friday, March 1 | 7:30 pm - Trinity Community Concert Series featuring
The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band |
| Wednesday, March 6 | Soup & Sound, A Lenten Concert Series
11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch
12:30 pm - Erik Meyer, Organ |
| Wednesday, March 13 | Soup & Sound, A Lenten Concert Series
11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch
12:30 pm - Pennsylvania Flute Duo |
| Sunday, March 17 | <i>Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet</i> by Mark Patterson
<i>Trinity Children's Choirs present the story of Elijah during our
9:30 am worship service</i> |
| Wednesday, March 20 | Soup & Sound, A Lenten Concert Series
11:45 am - Light Soup Lunch
12:30 pm - Cheryl Everill, Cello |
| Friday, March 22 -Saturday, March 23 | Day of Prayer
Friday, 12:00 pm-12:00 am
Saturday, 7:00 am-12:00 pm |
| Sunday, March 24 | 9:30 am - Palm Sunday Worship
10:30 am - Palm Sunday Festival
<i>Crafts and Family Fellowship in the Anteroom</i> |
| Thursday, March 28 | 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service |
| Sunday, March 31 | 9:30 am - Easter Sunday Worship
<i>Choir, Bells, Brass, and Organ</i> |

*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. - 1 Peter 1:3*

TRINITY CHURCH PRESENTS
A LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

SOUP & SOUND



Wednesdays during Lent

Soup 11:45 am (note the time change!)
Sound 12:30 pm

Soup downstairs in the Community Room followed by
a 30-Minute Concert in the Sanctuary

February 21 - Young Artist Jeremy Raden, Piano

February 28 - Jimmy Boyle, Trumpet, and
Reed Bodenstien, Piano

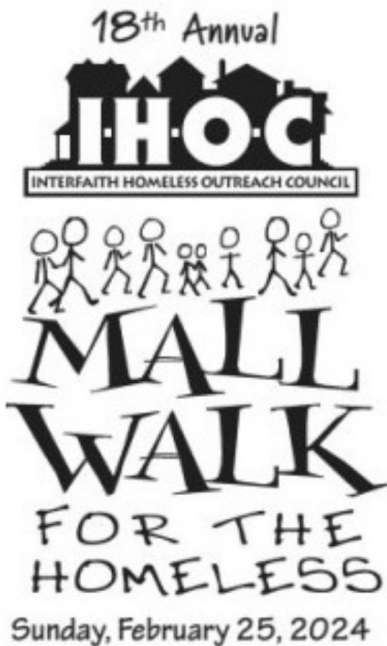
March 6 - Erik Meyer, Organ

March 13 - Pennsylvania Flute Duet

March 20 - Cheryl Everill, Cello

Open to the Community!
Invite your friends!
Admission is a Free Will Offering

Support Team Trinity at the IHOC Mall Walk!



**Sunday, February 25th,
Voorhees Town Center
Fun activities start at 1:30 pm
Walk kicks off at 2:30 pm**

IHOC is the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council and Trinity has been a member for years. Help support this important local mission by either joining Team Trinity at this year's MALL WALK or **pledging to support one of our walkers**. To hear more about IHOC and read their most recent newsletter, visit the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

Or visit their website at <https://ihoc.givecloud.co> and hit the Mall Walk Tab. If you donate through the site, please note Trinity in the Team line.

A special thank you to Care n Share for their ongoing support of IHOC!

Did you know C&S has donated over \$500,000 towards (mostly) local mission since its founding?

Trinity Community Concert Series

**The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band
Friday, March 1, 2024, 7:30 pm**

More than 20 years ago, five guys got together to form a Thursday night club to play the traditional bluegrass music of Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, and the Stanley Brothers. The band has discovered that many folks truly appreciate the old tunes, and for many young listeners, the classic sound is a whole new experience.

The Whippoorwills have entertained traditional bluegrass music lovers and others all around the tri-state area and the festival circuit. Trinity Community Concert Series is excited to welcome them back!

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



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EMMA GRITSCH HAS BEEN CALLED TO THE TRINITY PASTORAL TEAM!

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is excited to announce that Emma Gritsch has accepted the call to join our pastoral team as an Associate Pastor; her ministry will focus on our children, youth and young adults. Emma is a 2023 graduate of Union Theological Seminary, where she received a Master of Divinity with a concentration in psychology and religion. She first felt called to ministry in high school while helping her associate pastor lead middle school youth group.

Through her home church in northern New Jersey Emma has served as a Sunday school teacher, confirmation mentor, youth group leader, deacon, ruling elder, and as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly. During her final two years of seminary she served as an intern at a church in New York City where some highlights of her experience were spending time with children during the children's prayer, leading the college ministry program, teaching classes, and experiencing weekly worship leadership as part of a pastoral team. Emma is passionate about supporting people of all ages wherever their faith journey takes them and prays that she can serve as a pastor to whom people can turn in times of struggle and in times of joy. She feels deeply called to ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church, and is excited to soon experience the faith and joy of the Trinity community.

Please join us on Saturday, March 9th, when we will host an Open House from 1pm - 3pm in Fellowship Hall for members to meet Emma.

Emma will be preaching at the service on Sunday, March 10th, which will be followed by a congregational meeting to approve her call.

We plan for Emma to join us officially on Palm Sunday.

**JOIN
US FOR A**

**JOYFUL
NOISE!**

**March 17th,
9:30am**



Trinity Children's Choirs Present:

Elijah!

God's Faithful Prophet

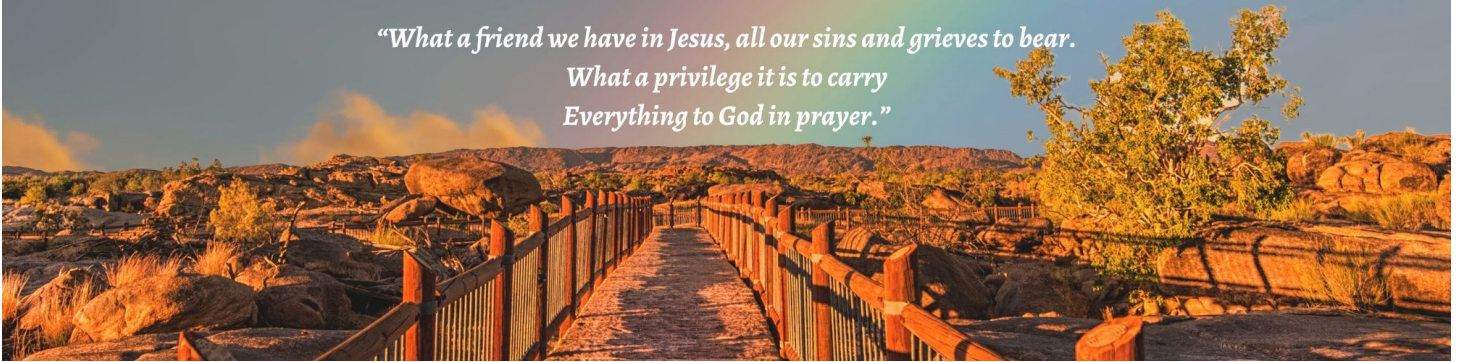
Day of Prayer



Friday, March 22, 12pm-12am,
Saturday, March 23, 7am-12pm

Look for sign-ups during coffee hour,
Or call the church office at 856-428-2050 .

*“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grieves to bear.
What a privilege it is to carry
Everything to God in prayer.”*



CALLING ALL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT TRINITY!

Social Workers, Therapists, School Psychologists, Guidance Counselors, Insurance Case Managers, Clinical Supervisors, undergrad/grad students, or even retired from one or all of the above... whatever you call yourself, whether working in the field of mental health, hospice, substance disorders, intellectually disabled, or private practice ...

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a
“meet and greet” light brunch!



Sunday, April 14th
10:45am - 11:45pm
Community Room



There are A LOT of us here at Trinity!
Let's get together to see “Who's Who in the Pew” and then maybe create some more reasons to get together for support this year.

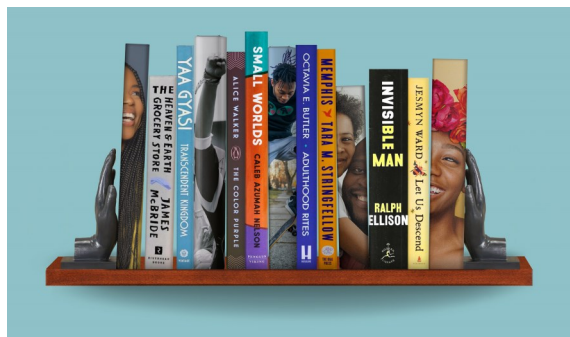
RSVP by 4/1/24 to Kristi Cheney-Paulson, MSW, LSW
paulsonkristi020@gmail.com or text at 609-744-5831
**Children welcome or childcare can be provided - let Kristi know.

No psychosocial assessments involved. 😊

Trinity News and Notes

MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES: The Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the winter Cathedral Kitchen has expressed their gratitude many times for our congregation's tremendous support. We collect: sandwiches, fruit, and snacks for Cathedral Kitchen and Non-perishable food and household items for Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Most needed items: Laundry Detergent, Coffee, Cake Mix, Toothpaste, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Canned Fruit, & Napkins. **Next Mission Thursday: February 22nd.**

BOOKSMILES UPDATE:



In recognition of Black History month, we encourage the Trinity community to donate new & gently used books featuring authors, illustrators, and characters of diverse cultural & ethnic backgrounds to Book Smiles. Please use the following link to find excellent suggestions for both Book Smiles donations & your personal enjoyment.

<https://bookshop.org/info/black-history-month-2024>

Throughout the Lenten Season a Prayer Tree:

will be located in the Atrium (right outside of the Columbarium). You are invited to write the name of a person, a place, or a situation you wish to pray for onto a tag. You then can hang the tag on the tree. At the end of the Lenten season, all of the tags placed on the tree will be taken into the sanctuary and lifted-up in prayer during the church service.





Palm Sunday Festival

Sunday, March 24th

Children's Ministries invite you to come to
the anteroom after worship for crafts,
snacks, and family fellowship!

All ages are invited!

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