



Advent 2023

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.  
-Isaiah 11:1

9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023

**WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD**

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**WITH JOY, WE CELEBRATE THE CREATOR'S LOVE**

**Gathering Around the Advent Wreath**

*Hersch, Linda, Meghan, Sarah, and Fitzwilliam Craven*

**God's Prophetic Word**      Isaiah 9:2-6

**Litany for the Advent Candles**

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 (Vs. 4)**

*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!

**\*Processional Hymn 2**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## **WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS**

<b>Call to Confession</b>	The Rev. Ms. Craven
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	The Rev. Ms. Craven
<b>Words of Assurance</b> <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	The Rev. Ms. Craven

<b>*Gloria Patri</b>	No. 579
<b>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.</b>	

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD**

<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>	The Rev. Dr. Faulkner
<b>Reading from Holy Scripture</b> This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Luke 1:26-38 The Rev. Dr. Faulkner Page 53 N. T.
<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

## **BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD GOD'S PROMISES, WE RESPOND WITH OUR PROFESSION**

<b>*The Apostle's Creed (unison)</b>	The Rev. Ms. Craven
<b>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.</b>	
<b>*Hymn of Response 25</b>	<i>Away in a Manger</i>

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

**Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Prayer of Dedication**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Offertory**

Brian Kain, Piano

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

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE**

**\*Sending Hymn 31**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**\*Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*(The congregation will please be seated)*

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

\*Those who are able may stand.

There is NO Coffee Hour this morning following the service.  
Please join us this evening for a Candlelight Communion Service at 7pm  
followed by a Christmas Eve Social including refreshments.

**Childcare is available** downstairs in the Nursery this morning

# 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

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Parks, Pat Turner, Carol Plimpton, Gail Van Dyke, 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:** Kathy Higdon (Greg Faulkner's sister-in-law) Frank Appello (Connie Groves's son-in-law), 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), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), 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.

**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. **It will be available on January 7th and 14th.** 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

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

**It's the 4th Sunday: Worship Together**  
*Grades 1-5, will remain in worship*

## 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



This is a friendly reminder that we are in the midst of our Stewardship campaign and your pledge is critical to maintain Trinity's programs, mission and staff.

**To date, we have achieved 71% of our financial goal and have received 124 pledges against our goal of 235.**

Thank you if you have already submitted your pledge. If you have not pledged, we encourage you to return your 2024 pledge card this week by mailing it to the Church office.

If you do not have your pledge card, a card can be obtained through the Church office or from the Church pews. Pledges can also be made online through EasyTithe or by emailing Debby Talbott @[Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org](mailto:Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org).

## 2024 Pledge Boxes are Here!



Please pick up your box in the ante room next to Fellowship Hall. If you do not see your pledge box and would like one, please email [Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org](mailto:Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org) and one will be provided. If you do not need a pledge box in the future please sign the sheet by the boxes or email Debby.

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



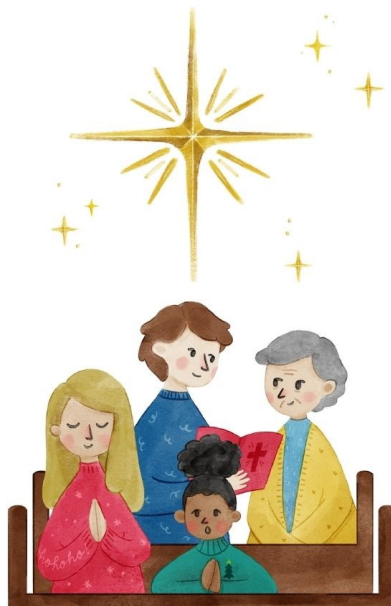
# Trinity News and Notes

**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. **Next Mission Thursday: December 28th.**

**Trinity's Racial Equity Advocacy Project (REAP) is excited to invite you to participate in several upcoming events:**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024, Jessica Zweig, Executive Director of Play On Philly (POP),** will share POP's mission & success following morning worship in the community room. Play On Philly is combatting institutional racism by providing transformative music education to children in underserved Philadelphia neighborhoods. Trinity has chosen Play On Philly to be the recipient of our first Negro Spiritual Royalty Project donation.

**Sunday, January 14, 2024-Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration** during coffee hour. Please consider signing up to bring a "small bite" representative of your family's heritage to share over coffee & conversation with other members of the congregation. Sign-ups start today during coffee hour or email Donna Wasik at [dvwasik@gmail.com](mailto:dvwasik@gmail.com) for more information.



## **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP FAMILY SERVICE - 4PM**

**A FESTIVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE AND  
NATIVITY PAGEANT. OPEN TO ALL AGES!**



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 7PM**

**CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE WITH  
PRESERVICE MUSIC, CHOIR, & BRASS**



**CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL**

**PLEASE STAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL  
FOLLOWING THE 7PM SERVICE. ENJOY SOME  
SWEET TREATS AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!**



*Glory  
to God*

**in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.**

**Luke 2:14**

**Merry Christmas  
from your Trinity Family!**

# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY OF CELEBRATION AND SERVICE AT TRINITY

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

Adult Ed presentation by Jessica Zweig, Executive Director of Play On Philly, the recipient of Trinity's first Negro Spiritual Royalty Project donation.

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**9:30-10:30 AM**

Celebratory worship service.

**10:30-11:30 AM**

Family Tradition Coffee Hour following worship service featuring cookies, baked goods, and "small bites"-- all prepared by members of Trinity to represent their family's cultural traditions.

**10:30 AM - Noon**

Mission "work stations" where families can work together to create items in support of Trinity's mission projects (e.g., making sandwiches, assembling comfort wraps, making "no-sew" blankets, making cards).

Special Collection boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall to support of Cherry Hill Food Pantry, Book Smiles, and Play On Philly.

**"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS  
'WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?'" - MLK JR**

## Trinity's Lenten Devotional

We are already planning the Lenten Devotional for 2024 and we're seeking submissions! 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 what this scripture means to you (about 250 words).
3. A short prayer (2-3 sentences).
4. Your name.

### **Why are we talking about this during Advent?**

Because Ash Wednesday is very early this year (February 14th!) and the devotionals need to be ready for distribution the weekend before...so please make a note:

**the deadline for submission is Sunday, January 21, 2024.**

Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at [sbastnagel@gmail.com](mailto:sbastnagel@gmail.com) and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey [alysia.sieh@trinpres.org](mailto:alysia.sieh@trinpres.org) and Beth Gammie at [bgammie917@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bgammie917@gmail.com) or Alysia Sieh Badskey at [alysia.sieh@trinpres.org](mailto:alysia.sieh@trinpres.org).

