

Trinity Tidings

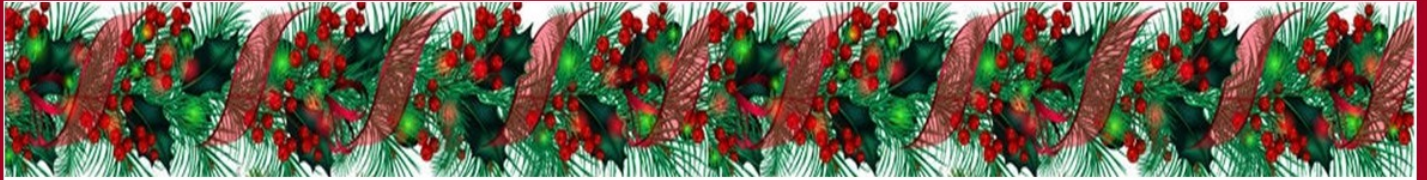
An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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I bring you good tidings of great *joy*,
which shall be to
all people. For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David a *Saviour*,
which is
Christ the Lord.

✻ Luke 2:10 & 11 ✻



*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*

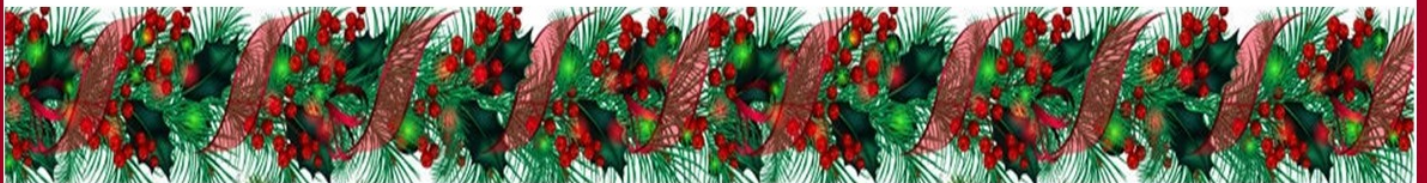
Sunday, December 12 - 9:30am
*Advent Service with Adult Choir
Family Church Time including Advent activities*

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



Trinity's Music News



YOU CAN MAKE MUSIC AT TRINITY!



Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Adult Bell Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Children's Rehearsals

Cherub Choir – Pre-K and Kindergarten;

Thursday 4:30-5:00pm

Carol Choir – 1st and 2nd grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Choir – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

Team Bells – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade; Thursday 6:00-6:30pm



Youth Rehearsals

Youth Choir – 6th -12th grade; Sundays 10:45am-11:15am

Youth Bell Ensemble 6th-12th grade; Sundays 11:15am-11:45am

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6th -12th grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

Trinity Band and

Mahalo Ukulele Band

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced



Please call the church office at 428-2050 or e-mail Lisa Marcelli,
Director of Music, at lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org for more
information.

TRINITY COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTS

ATLANTIC BRASS BAND

DECEMBER 3, 2021

7:30PM

A member of the North American Brass Band Association, the Atlantic Brass Band is a traditional British style brass band. The band's repertoire includes hymns, marches, orchestral transcriptions, pop music, and traditional brass band literature—and, of course, music to help TCCS attendees kick off the holiday season!

OUR CONCERTS
ARE OPEN TO ALL!
ADMISSION IS A
FREE-WILL OFFERING.



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News & Notes

Sympathies

We express our sympathies to Donna Allen and family on the death of her father, Jim Moore.



Session Update

At its stated meeting on November 1, 2021 the Session:

- Approved the October 11, 2021 Membership Count of 653.
- Welcomed Rev. Cynthia Parker, a volunteer for Camp Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat, to discuss the camp's 2022 capital campaign.
- Discussed the current mask requirement and what to do about rule breakers.
- Learned that a Stephen Ministry class will begin November 8, 2021.
- Reviewed the September financial statement.
- Heard there will be a new member class in November and approved mask rules be eased during lunch.
- Reviewed and approved Mission & Outreach's suggested annual benevolence giving.
- Adjusted the hymn verse limit during Advent—the final congregational song will include all verses.
- Shared prayer concerns and closed in prayer.



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Jen Dukelow

Children's Ministries

Gary Naumick

Finance & Stewardship

Brad Ritchie

Membership

Susan Bastnagel

Mission & Outreach

Eric Waraas

Personnel

John Young

Property & Buildings

Rick Fletcher

Worship & Music

Steve Talbott

Youth Ministries

Tracy Miller

Strategy Committee

John Young

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Moderator of Deacons

Doug Nork

Committee Chairs

Assistance

Pete Desjardins,

Trudie Levins

Fellowship

Cindy Mailahn

Service

Randy Southworth

Visitation

Deepa Albert

Children's Ministries



TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School has launched the new in-person rotation programs in November, and things are off to a great start! Things started on November 7 with “Mission Sunday”. Elementary School children stayed together for the lesson and this month’s activity, which involved making sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen. The lesson was on Jesus’s teaching about feeding the hungry. The children really felt good about helping those in need, and they did a great job of sandwich making. We made over 200 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen.

Sunday November 14 was the kick-off of the Family Worship, led by Rev. Sarah Craven in the Community Room. The worship was attended by 18 children and 12 adults. Rev. Sarah led a lesson about Abraham and Sarah, using props depicting Abraham and Sarah and the desert. The families had time for discussion about the Bible lesson, and then a hands-on activity.

MONTHLY ROTATION SCHEDULE

Below is a brief reminder of the monthly rotation cycle, along with a couple of special notes for December.

- 1st Sunday: Mission Sunday – Each Mission Sunday, **grade school-age children** will meet for a joint lesson and activity in Witherspoon. They will be taught a Bible story or lesson that will focus on service, followed by a mission-related activity. *Note: There will be no Church School for Elementary School aged children on December 5th, since the Children’s Choir will be singing in the worship service.* 
- 2nd Sunday: Family Church – Sarah will lead families in worship in the Community Room in a relaxed, casual atmosphere that will allow families to grow their faith together. **Children of all ages are welcome!** Come to the Community Room by 9:30am; parents / guardians should plan on staying with your child(ren) for the service. *On December 12th, children and families will make an Advent craft. There will not be a separate Advent Festival this year.* 
- 3rd Sunday: Church School – All children will participate in a traditional church school lesson in their respective classrooms.
- 4th Sunday: Let’s Worship Together – **Grade school children** will attend worship in the sanctuary with their parents.

Important Notes:

- In months having a 5th Sunday, children will have a traditional Church School lesson on the 5th Sunday.
- Church School for **pre-K through Kindergarten** will largely remain as it has in the past. That age group will participate in the new rotation only on Family Church weeks.
- Except for the 4th Sunday, Elementary-age children will report directly to that week’s activity (Witherspoon or Community Room).
- Our **Nursery** remains closed at this time, due to COVID safety precautions.

Mitten Tree

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 Fellowship Hall and also Witherspoon



Care 'n Share

CARE N' SHARE has had a great many new customers since our re-opening in September. Though this fall is different from others, we will still be able to make a sizable donation to local missions, thanks to your great donations!

Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & the "first Saturday" of the month from 10 am to 1 pm. Your donations of winter clothing, housewares, holiday decor, books, toys, etc. can be brought in during those hours and also on Sunday mornings following the worship service. Please do not leave items if no one is there to accept them.

Please make sure all items are clean & serviceable - no rips or missing buttons.

The "the first Saturday" in December is Dec. 4.

The shop will be closed on: December 21, 23, 28, 30 & Jan. 1.

FYI We have a large selection of special occasion dresses in most sizes as well as casual clothing.

May you have a blessed & healthy Christmas & New Year.

Deacon's Christmas Sharing

The Deacons will be continuing to collect gifts for children ages 5-18 for Urban Promise. **There will be bins located in the Narthex for drop-off during the Sunday services and in front of Witherspoon on Mission Thursdays.** Gifts should be \$25-\$40. **Please leave the gifts unwrapped but tag them with the age group and gender.** A list of suggested gift follows on the next page.

Trinity will also be including Acenda Health, formally Robin's Nest, in the Deacon's Christmas Sharing but this year the gift giving will be different. Instead of picking from 30 individuals and purchasing a gift for that individual, **the Deacons are asking for thirty \$30.00 gift cards (Visa or Mastercard preferred).** The reason for the change is that last years effort of using the internet for purchasing was not successful. As there is still no coffee hour, we ask that you purchase a gift card and drop it off at the church. The drop-off of the cards can be done on **Sundays (bins in the Narthex) or on Mission Thursdays.**

Collection Dates:

- Sundays thru December 11th
- Mission Thursdays, December 2nd & Dec 16th, 10am-12pm



Christmas Promise Store

UrbanPromise has 2 Christmas Promise Stores for the children and youth of our 2 schools and our afterschool programs serving nearly 700 children and youth! During the pandemic, we will still be offering the Christmas Promise Store, with the appropriate social distancing procedures in place. This store model has returned dignity to our families by allowing them to shop for gifts for their child - no money is exchanged, just love! **Gifts due by Friday Dec. 10th.**

Will you help UrbanPromise stock the shelves by providing a **new, unwrapped** gift for the Christmas Promise Store?

Gift Suggestions by age groups

K-4th grade: Superhero or Disney items - figures, shirts, pjs, towels
Board games - Connect Four, Don't Tip the Waiter, Clue Junior, Pictionary Junior
Apparel: positive logo t-shirts, sweat shirts, pjs
Arts and Craft items—jewelry making, science projects, art
Trucks, Legos, sports balls, Barbies and dolls of color

5th-8th grade: Costume jewelry, body lotions and sprays, make up and brushes,
sports balls, sporting equipment, weekend bags
Apparel: positive logo t-shirts, sweat shirts, team sport shirts, hats,
pocketbooks (cross-body), hair accessories
Gift cards: Wal Mart, Target, McDonalds, Wendy's, AMC (\$10, \$15, \$20, \$25)

High School: Costume jewelry, body lotions and sprays, makeup and brushes
Apparel: positive logo t-shirts, active wear, team sport shirts
Gift cards: Wal Mart, Target, McDonalds, Wendy's, AMC (\$10, \$15, \$20, \$25)

The best rule of thumb to use is: if your child or teen would like it, so will our children and youth. Thank you!

Gift Cards MUST have the amount clearly marked!

All gifts due by Friday, December 10, 2021

For questions or scheduling drop-offs, please contact Megan Ward, Development Associate,
at mward@urbanpromiseusa.org or [856-382-1877](tel:856-382-1877)



Christmas Promise Store

Specific Gift Suggestions

- Bluetooth headsets
- Bluetooth speakers
- Pokémon cards
- Funko Pop! (NBA/NFL, Disney, Marvel, etc.)
- Pop It fidget toys
- Legos
- Phone cases
- Phone chargers
- Winter hats and gloves
- Character socks
- Pop culture t-shirts
- Unique COVID-safe face masks
- Oil pastels
- Art kits
- NERF guns
- Sports equipment
- Toy drones
- Manga comics
- Action figures
- Makeup kits
- Unique lanyards
- Barbies of color
- Yu-Gi-Oh cards
- Remote control cars
- Hot Wheels cars and sets
- Party card games (like Apples to Apples)
- Dinosaur toys
- Purses and jewelry

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Virtual Nativity Walk

Trinity's Annual Nativity Walk Is Going Virtual Again!

As much as we would love to be having our annual Nativity Walk in the Fellowship Hall this Advent Season, we think a Virtual Nativity Walk can be bigger, better, and almost as much fun!

Send in a picture – or a video clip – of your favorite crèche by WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th. Whether it's a clothespin crèche made by your children at Church School or a family heirloom handed down through the generations, if you'd like to share it, we'd love to see it!

Here are the steps for sending in a photo:

- Take a photo of your crèche.
- Attach the photo (highest resolution possible) to an email.
- Within the body of the email, please include a few sentences about your nativity (Is it a family heirloom? Where did you get it? Why is it so special to you and your family?)
- Make sure you include your name.
- Send the email – with the photo attached – to sbastnagel@gmail.com. Please put **NATIVITY WALK 2021** in the subject line.

If you'd prefer, you can send in a video clip where you show your nativity scene while sharing some information about it. Keep it brief – under a minute! – then attach the clip to an email and send to sbastnagel@gmail.com.

We'll post the Nativity Walk video on Sunday, December 19; it will be available for viewing via our website or YouTube channel throughout the holiday season.

So... if you've been reluctant to participate in previous Nativity Walks because it's a PAIN to pack it all up, take it to church, then bring it all back home again, the 2021 VIRTUAL NATIVITY WALK is your big chance! No packing and transporting required!

Even if you've participated in years past, send in a photo or video this year. Let's make this our biggest Nativity Walk ever!

Any questions? Call Susan Bastnagel at 609-230-3556 or email her at sbastnagel@gmail.com



PW News & Notes

Merry Christmas! There are so many possibilities for Getting More Connected with Trinity PW...

We are happy to be worshipping in person for the **PW Communion Christmas Service**. All of the women of Trinity and your friends are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm**. For many of us this is an especially moving service where we celebrate with our Trinity Sisters in Christ.



We will be taking a monetary collection for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. The service will also be live streamed for those that are not able to join us in person.

Join us on March 6th for Gifts of Women Sunday. The women of Trinity will be participating in worship and singing our praises to the Lord.

Looking forward; we are planning our Spring Retreat at Port O Call in Ocean City New Jersey. Save the date, come for all or part of this wondrous weekend on March 25-27, 2022.

You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:14

We wish you all the blessing of joy that Christmas brings.—Carolyn Kramer

PW December Circles

WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2021

Miriam Circle: 9:30am. Ante Room
Virtual & In person Meeting Circle Moderator: Carolyn Kramer

MONDAY, December 13, 2021

Deborah Circle: 1:00pm Witherspoon Center
Circle Moderator: Doris Sapp

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Priscilla Circle: 1:00pm Virtual Meeting
Circle Moderator: Jenny Stark Carboni
Ruth Circle: 6:00pm Appetizers & Christmas dinner at home of Eileen Rankin...
Circle Moderators: Susan Bastnagel & Nancy Roberts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

Rebekah Circle: 6:30pm Appetizers, desserts & wine @ home of Deepa Albert.
Circle Moderator: Michele Strobel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

Esther Circle: 11am Witherspoon Center
Circle Moderator: Linda Craven



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**". The pandemic temporarily restricted our opportunities for in-person worship together and significantly impacted many of Trinity's group activities and programs. It has required everyone to work, pray and think differently. We all missed the connection of being physically together as our Trinity Church family. Fortunately, our Church staff and many volunteers accepted the connectivity challenges presented by the pandemic and have been very creative in finding solutions. Our virtual worship services have been professionally presented, in-person worship has returned and has successfully adapted to the pandemic requirements, and many Church groups have reconnected. Many of our new ways of connecting will serve Trinity well into the future.



During the Stewardship Campaign in November, speakers addressed how we have transitioned to virtual worship, been creative with our youth education and kept Church programs viable during the pandemic. While all of these initiatives were necessary to achieve the mission of the Church, they also resulted in additional costs that will require your financial support.

Since our sanctuary has reopened for worship, our expenses have increased. Investments in technology have allowed our livestream services to continue. Our mission outreach has increased as we help others during these difficult times. Trinity remains a great place to worship and a church home for all of us due to the dedication of our congregation and staff. However, we also need your financial support to sustain our mission and programs.

Your generous financial support of the Church during the pandemic has been amazing! Hopefully, this support will continue in 2022 to help maintain current staffing levels, programs and mission while securing Trinity's future. You should have received your pledge card during the week of November 14. If you have made your 2022 pledge, thank you! If you have not returned your pledge card, please promptly mail it to or drop it off at the Church office by December 12 so we can develop our 2022 operating budget.

Again, thank you for your generous support of Trinity's mission and church family.

2022 PLEDGE BOXES ARE READY FOR PICK UP

Your 2022 envelopes are ready to be picked up outside the church office. Please pick them up after church or during church office hours.

If you don't need envelopes for 2023 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

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 at 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.

Sign our Church Register from Home!



With a new program year underway, we've resumed the in-church practice of passing the Membership Registers to record our attendance at church. But what if you're watching at home?

Please let us know that you've tuned in! **Open the photo app on your smartphone and point the camera at the QR Code that appears in the announcements at the end of the service.** The code also appears here – and it's the same code every week. If you are already a Trinity member, you can just fill out your name and click submit...no need to enter other contact information.

Of course, if you'd like to be contacted by one of our pastors, or you want to leave a comment, you can use the form to do that too.

No SmartPhone? No problem! You can also access the Online Guest Book at www.trinpres.org/GuestBook.

By using our online guest book, you'll help our pastoral staff and Membership Committee know who we are reaching, who we might be missing, and who might be missing us. Thank you for your help!



Christmas Eve Service Times

4pm– Children's Service

*All ages welcome, lively environment
for the little ones*

**7pm– In-Person & Virtual—
Candlelight Service, Choir & Brass**

**11pm—Virtual— Prerecorded 7pm service
will be available for online viewing.**



Stay Connected!



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Instagram: [Instagram.com/trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres)

Mailing Address: 499 Route 70 East,
Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034

Ways of Connecting with Trinity

Virtual Worship– Check our website every Sunday for our Virtual Worship services.

Phone Calls & Email– We are here for you! Call or email the Church Office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. Pastors will also be making calls and reaching out to you.

Website– Visit our website to stay up-to-date with all happenings at Trinity, the scrolling web banner at the top of the page will link you to our most important information.

Eblasts– Check your inbox (and spam folders) for up-to-date Trinity news.

Facebook– Our Facebook site will also keep you informed. This is also where you can post comments and share photos!

YouTube Videos– Check out our Virtual Worship videos but also videos of past musical performances and congregants sharing what makes Trinity such a great place to worship!

Instagram– Trinity now has an Instagram page! Follow us in this new venture on Instagram at [@trinpres](https://www.instagram.com/trinpres).

Prayer Wall– Do you know you can post prayer requests to our website? Look for more information to come on just how to do this.

Zoom Groups– Many groups at Trinity are connecting through zoom– it's like a giant FaceTime session for a whole group of people! It can be done through a computer or phone– check with your group leaders to see if they are offering this.

Please check with your group leaders to see if any Trinity groups will be meeting online or in-person December



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Next Tidings deadline is December 15th for January Issue



In-Person &
Virtual
Worship:

9:30am