

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## The Welcoming Jesus

*Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”* Matthew 19:13-14

How often do you take a look at the back page of our Sunday worship bulletin? Most Sundays what appears there is our Vision and Values statement. The original statement was carefully and prayerfully composed by our elders several years ago. Our Vision and Values tells us—as a unique church family—who we believe we are: An Inviting Community Following Christ for Life. The rest of the Vision and Values statement tells us—and anyone who joins us for worship as a guest—how we are trying to live out our identity.

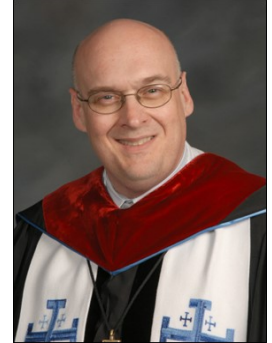
You probably have noticed that the six paragraphs of our Vision and Values are deeply formed by our biblical and theological understanding that we are—above all things—a community called to serve God by following Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. For sometime now, there has been discussion among the elders about editing our statement so it more accurately delineates our aspirations for our congregation as we worship our Triune Lord. Last month, the Session voted unanimously to add an important sentence to our statement. Below is the newly amended paragraph with the added sentence in bold print.

“At Trinity we affirm that members of all ages contribute to the rich tapestry of our witness, interests and talents. **We aspire to be a diverse community of faithful Christians that welcomes people of all ages, races, and gender affirmations.** We encourage others to join us. Through fellowship all members are supported on a communal and personal level as our church family gathers for many purposes.”

I like the language of *welcome*. Matthew’s Gospel tells us that Jesus welcomed the children to come to him and we know that the entire Jesus story is about Christ welcoming all kinds of people to walk with him. In truth, I suppose one could say that the entire witness of the New Testament is about God welcoming us. With that in mind, I hope you’ll turn your bulletin over some Sunday and read our Vision and Values statement and then pray that you, as an individual, and we, as a church family, might more closely live the Gospel-life to which we aspire. If we both will do that, we can be assured that that is indeed good reason to keep

Hoping Big,

Gregory



### Staff

#### **Pastor/Head of Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

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The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

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Alysia Sieh Badskey

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Pam Dougherty



## News & Notes

### In Memoriam:

***Diana D. Ergood***

United with Trinity, November 9, 1980; Died December 19, 2022

***George D. Norton***

United with Trinity, May 9, 1994; Died, January 23, 2023

### Sympathies:

*We extend our sympathies to the Ergood and Brown families on the death of Foster Ergood's wife, Diana Ergood.*

*We express our sympathies to Marty Flynn on the death of her husband, George Flynn.*

*We also express our sympathies to Ellen and Hillary Norton on the death of Ellen's husband and Hillary's father, George Norton.*

### Congratulations:

**We are wishing Rev. Sarah Craven congratulations on the birth of her baby boy! Fitzwilliam Cortland Craven arrived on New Year's Eve weighing in at six pounds.**

### Gratitude:

**Marguerite Houck** would like to thank everyone for the cards she has received. She really appreciated them.

## Session Update

At its stated meeting on January 9, 2023 the Session:

- Approved the membership count of 633.
- Celebrated the birth of Fitzwilliam Craven on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Reviewed Trinity's November Financial Statement.
- Voted to revise Trinity's *Vision and Values* Statement.
- Approved moving the Senior High Room from Witherspoon to the Main Building.
- Consented to continue pre-Covid seating arrangements.
- Agreed to review Trinity's Communion policy at the February meeting.
- Learned about the upcoming One Church/One Book discussion group beginning in February.
- Prayed for our members, friends, and the world.



### Session of Elders

#### Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

#### Adult Ministries

Beth Gammie, Chair

Jen Dukelow

#### Children's Ministries

Nancy Roberts, Chair

Liz Nieradka

#### Finance & Stewardship

Coz Digneo, Chair

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Jay Reinert, Co-Chair

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#### Worship & Music

Steve Talbott, Chair

Bonnie Jones

#### Youth Ministries

Tracy Miller, Chair

Rich Fletcher

#### Strategy Committee

John Young, Chair

### Deacons

#### Moderator of Deacons

John Smith

#### Committee Chairs

##### *Assistance*

Dipal Willoughby

##### *Fellowship*

Michele Strobel

##### *Visitation*

Janelle Curl



*Trinity invites you to join us  
for  
worship, prayer & music during the  
Lenten Season*



<b>Wednesday, February 22</b>	Ash Wednesday <i>12:00 pm light soup lunch</i> 12:30 pm service 7:00 pm service
<b>Wednesday, March 1</b>	12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Christopher Shin, piano—Young Artist Feature
<b>Wednesday, March 8</b>	12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Jimmy Boyle, trumpet with Reed Bodenstein, piano
<b>Friday, March 10</b>	7:30 pm- TCCS Concert, featuring Dennis James, Cinema Organist accompanying the 1923 silent movie, <i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Cindy Vidal, harp
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<i>Moses and the Freedom Fanatics</i> by Hal H. Hopson <i>The story of Moses leading the slaves out of Egypt, presented by Trinity's Children's Choirs during our 9:30am worship service.</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b>	12:30 pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Adam Abrams, alto sax
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>	12:30pm- Lenten Concert Series- Sanctuary Erik Meyer, organ
<b>Friday, March 31 – Saturday, April 1</b>	24-hour Prayer Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 am. <i>Palm Sunday Celebration immediately following worship in the Anteroom (crafts and family fellowship)</i>
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>	7:30pm- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service
<b>Sunday, April 9</b>	9:30 am- Easter Sunday Worship <i>Choir, bells, brass and organ</i>

*1 Peter 1:3*

*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.*

# 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:00-5:30pm

Team Choir – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade;

Thursday 5:30-6:00pm

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



## **Youth Rehearsals**

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

Youth Bell Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade; Sundays 11:15am-11:45am

Youth Instrumental Ensemble 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade;

Rehearsal Dates to be Announced

## **Trinity Band and**

## **Mahalo Ukulele Band**

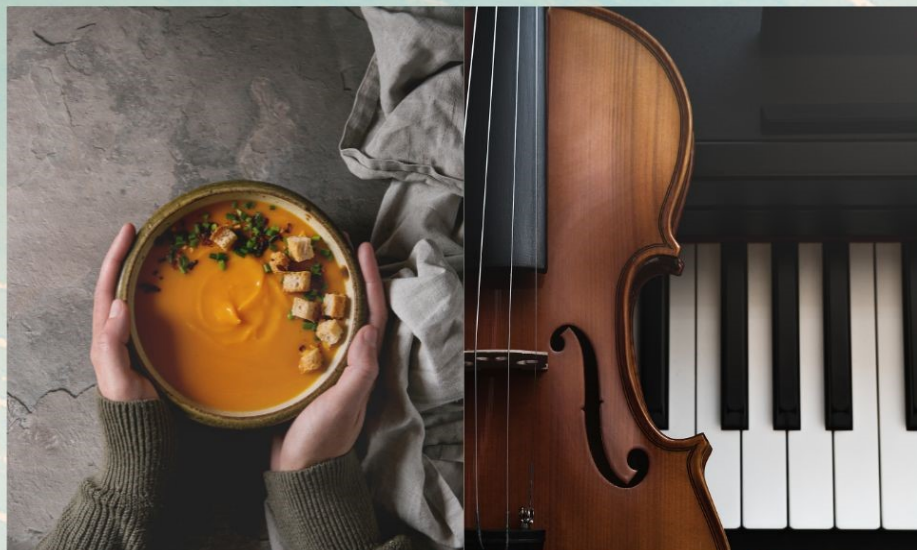
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Please call the church office at 428-2050 or email Lisa Marcelli,  
Director of Music, at [lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org) for more  
information.



TRINITY CHURCH PRESENTS  
A LENTEN CONCERT SERIES  
SOUP & SOUND



Wednesdays during Lent

Soup 12 pm | Sound 12:30 pm

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

Open to the Community | Free Will Offering

PERFORMANCES BY:

CHRIS SHIN, PIANO, YOUNG ARTIST- **MARCH 1**

JIMMY BOYLE, TRUMPET WITH

REED BODENSTEIN, PIANO- **MARCH 8**

CINDY VIDAL, HARP- **MARCH 15**

ADAM ABRAMS, ALTO SAX- **MARCH 22**

ERIK MEYER, ORGAN- **MARCH 29**

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Enter at the back of building or use the doors marked church office for directions.

# Adult Education Offerings...

## Gender Expression and Identity



### They/Them, She/They, He/Him, HUH?

Please join us after church on Sunday 2/5/23 in the Witherspoon Center for an:

*“Introduction to Gender Expression and Identity in Today’s World.”*

We are honored to have as our speaker, Dr. Rebecca Boswell, PhD.

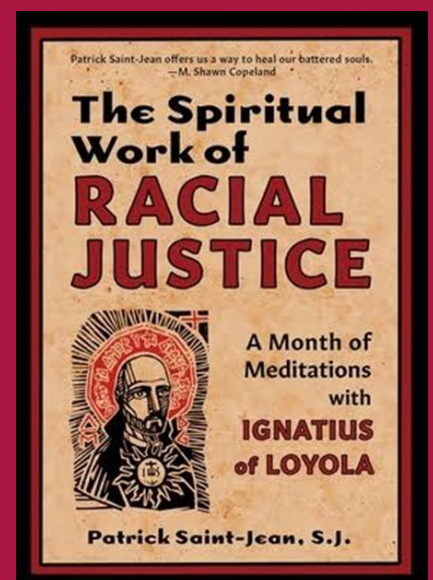
Dr. Boswell is the Supervising Psychologist at the Princeton Center for Eating Disorders (PCED), Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center. Dr. Boswell is appointed as Visiting Research Faculty at Princeton University. In her current role, she is leading clinical training and research initiatives at PCED, including training in gender-affirming care for patients with eating disorders.

Dr. Boswell will be covering basics for us such as: what is “Gender Expression,” why pronouns matter, what being transgender or non-binary looks like, what it means to be an “ally” and the importance of community support in protecting against mental health problems.

## REAP (Racial Equity Advocacy Project)

Trinity’s **REAP (Racial Equity Advocacy Project)** a joint endeavor of the Adult Ministries and Mission & Outreach Committees is excited to announce the return of A ONE CHURCH/ONE BOOK Study Project. Rev. Pat Weikart will facilitate this group using Patrick Saint-Jean’s text, “The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice” as a guide.

Beginning on **Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7 P.M.** the ONE CHURCH/ONE BOOK study group will gather via Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Building on the inspiration of last year’s study book, “How To Fight Racism,” it is our hope that “The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice” will help us move forward in bridging the divide that racism has wrought among us by building spiritual strength through Bible study, meditation, and reflection. Please register by stopping by the Mission & Outreach/BookSmiles table in Fellowship Hall following Sunday worship services or email Pam Dougherty in the church office at [pam.dougherty@trinpres.org](mailto:pam.dougherty@trinpres.org). The study guide may be purchased through Amazon (Print & Kindle versions available) or Barnes & Noble.





# Children's Ministry

Our Church School program continues for children age 2½ through Grade 6. Some January highlights:

The January Family Church service explored the meaning of Three Kings Day with crafts, cakes, and Bible stories. Children made crowns while listening to the different gifts that were presented by the Kings to baby Jesus. Students then made Kings Cake in the kitchen with the help of their family members.

Our February Mission Project will be making centerpieces for Cathedral Kitchen. We will follow the theme of Acts of Kindness for February. Students will be encouraged to write messages of kindness to go along with the centerpieces.

The congregation collected 33 hats, 29 sets of mittens and gloves, and 2 scarves for the Mitten tree this year. Thank you to all who donated!



## Interested in Membership?



**Are you searching for a church home?** Plan to attend our Membership Information Session on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, after worship. Enjoy a relaxed opportunity to meet new people, ask questions, and learn what it means to be a Presbyterian. The Rev. Dr. Gregory Faulkner will lead the discussion and a light brunch will be served.

Childcare is available with advance notice. Please email Susan Bastnagel at [sbastnagel@gmail.com](mailto:sbastnagel@gmail.com) or call the church office at 856-428-2050. All you need to bring is an open heart. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share started January with a couple of days of half price. We are still accepting winter clothing until February 28th. We have some storage but not a lot.

The beginning of March we will have our half price sale & bag sale of winter clothing. We will start accepting spring & summer clothing March 14th.

Please make sure that all items are in good condition! No missing buttons or missing parts.

Please read our article & financial report in Trinity's Annual Report. Thank you for your generous donations that allow us, in turn, to donate to local missions!



**Care 'n Share**

# MISSION THURSDAY UPDATE

*Trinity's Mission Statement states that  
"Through Trinity's Mission and Outreach, we actively seek to ensure all people's basic necessities are met: physical, spiritual and civil – through engaging with the community in which we worship and beyond, with our time, gifts and voices"*

Mission Thursday continues to be a tremendous success. Through our support of both the Cherry Hill Food Pantry and the Cathedral Kitchen our congregation has provided support to individuals and families in our community that face the daily challenge of simply not having enough food to eat. In addition to collecting food for CK and the CHFP, Mission Thursday supported mission activities by both the Deacons and Presbyterian Women.



**Cathedral Kitchen** – During 2022 we donated almost **10,000 sandwiches, over 4300 bottles of water, approximately 500 bags of fruit and over 170 bags/boxes of snacks to CK.** This includes sandwiches donated through Mission Thursday and sandwiches made by the children of our church during Sunday School and the youth during Mixers and Mission. The children also made centerpieces to brighten up the dining room at CK. **Since the start of the pandemic, we have donated over 32,000 sandwiches and counting! Enough for over 16,000 meals!**

**Cherry Hill Food Pantry** – During 2022, we donated over **4,000 pounds of food and supplies to the CHFP.** This includes the donations made through the Deacon's Summer and Winter Sharing. In addition, 37 members of our congregation volunteered to work one or more days at the Food Pantry.

Speaking with Cathedral Kitchen and the CH Food Pantry, both organizations see the need in our community increasing as the supplemental governmental programs that were put in place during the pandemic are winding down. **CK is projecting a 40% increase in meals served during 2023. We plan to continue Mission Thursday as long as it continues to be an effective way to support Trinity's Mission & Outreach.**



*A big thanks to the congregation for your ongoing support.  
Together we are making a real difference in our community.*

If you have any ideas or want to talk about how you can get more involved, please reach out to Hersch Craven.



# PW Retreat

SAVE THE DATE !

All women of Trinity are invited to participate in the PW Spring Retreat on:

**Friday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 pm  
and Saturday, April 22,  
from 9 am – 12:30 pm.**



The theme will be:

## **Mustard Seed Moments:**

*How God Works in the Unseen and  
Unexpected Moments of Our Lives.*

A group mission project will be part of the Saturday morning schedule.  
Signups will begin in late March. Stay tuned for more details!

## **PW February Circles**

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

MIRIAM CIRCLE 9:30am Anteroom  
Virtual & in person  
*Circle Moderators: Georgeanne Moore & Melissa Smith*

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

PRISCILLA CIRCLE 1pm Virtual Meeting  
*Circle Moderator: Jenny Stark*

RUTH CIRCLE. 7pm Beth Krchnavek's home  
*Circle Moderators: Audrey Azevedo & Donna Wasik*

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

REBEKAH CIRCLE 7pm Virtual Meeting  
*Circle Moderator: Judy Spotto*

SHIPHRAH CIRCLE. 7pm Jenny McFadden's home  
*Circle Moderator: Meagan Mackerer*

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

ESTHER CIRCLE 11am Witherspoon Center  
*Circle Moderator: Linda Craven*



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

# BookSmiles

## *Black History Month Collection*

Mission & Outreach Committee is grateful for the 600+ books donated by the Trinity community this year for **BookSmiles** to distribute to children in local communities who have limited access to literary resources.



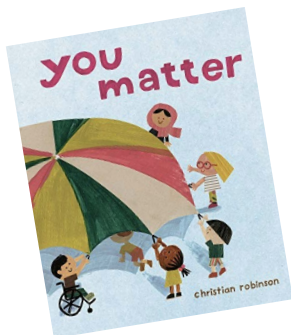
# BookSmiles

We are excited to announce that our Church Wide **BookSmiles** Collection will take place during the month of **February in 2023!**

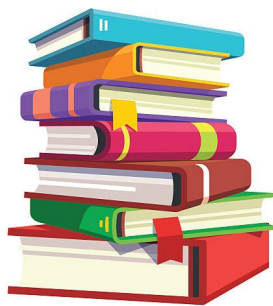
In celebration of Black History Month, we encourage you to donate new & gently used children's books featuring authors, illustrators, and characters that represent cultural & ethnic diversity in our community.

BookSmiles has partnered with Jeanine Cook, owner of Ida's Bookstore in Collingswood to make it possible for you to purchase books that will be shipped directly to BookSmiles. You can browse their suggested books by using the following email address: <https://booksmiles.bigcartel.com/>.

A Book Collection Box will be available in Fellowship Hall following worship service each Sunday in February. And yes, there will be BROWNIES for you to enjoy too!



## Trinity Library



Most of the work in the library has been completed - Dewey decimal numbers confirmed, all paperwork updated, and everything put back where it is supposed to be. The juvenile books are now on a cart that can be found in the back right corner of the library. We hope to move it to where the youth spend more time so they have greater access to it. We have created a Men's section, to the right of the window at the end of the Easy books. Any suggestions for the Men's section, please let us know. Every section should be labeled by the end of February. **The online program that was mentioned in last month's Tidings? To access it, go to [www.libib.com/u/trinpresch](http://www.libib.com/u/trinpresch).** You should be able to see what we have been working on for months. If you'd like to be added to the program in order to reserve books, please let Michele Strobel know at [kndlka1@comcast.net](mailto:kndlka1@comcast.net) or 856-649-4087. Thank you for all of your support!"

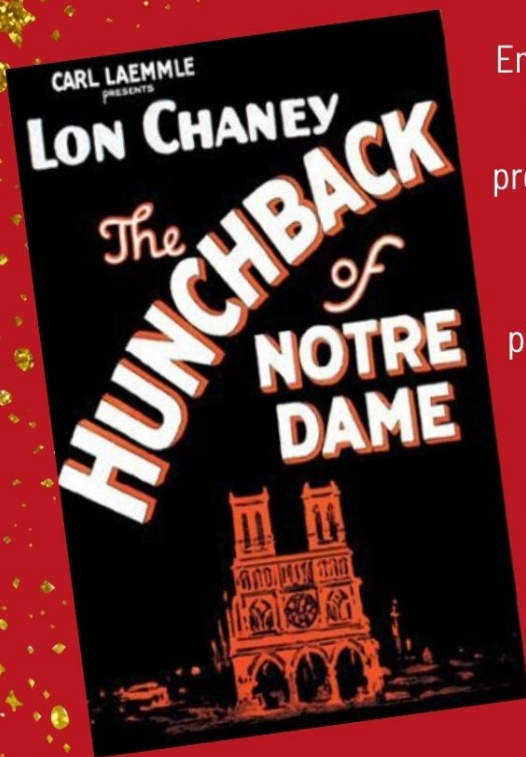
# Trinity Community Concert Series

Presents

**Dennis James, Cinema Organist**

**Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm**

*Please note the earlier start time!*



Enjoy this screening of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the 1923 silent film classic, with live organ music provided by renowned cinema organist Dennis James.

For more than 50 years, Mr. James has played a pivotal role in the international revival of silent films with live music. Performing to film at an ever-increasing number of sites throughout the world, Mr. James is celebrated for providing the most comprehensive selection of historically authentic silent film with live music presentations available today.

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





# Stay Connected!



## Connect with Trinity:

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## *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 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? Simply click the connect tab on the top of our webpage. Then click “Prayer Requests” to type and submit a prayer.

**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 option of meeting.

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



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***Next Tidings deadline is February 15th for March/April Issue***

We  
**LOVE**  
because  
He first  
**LOVED US**  
1 John 4:19

In-Person &  
Virtual  
Worship:

9:30am

Sunday  
Mornings  
in February