



Trinity Tidings



An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Chosen To Bear Fruit

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last-- and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.
John 15:16

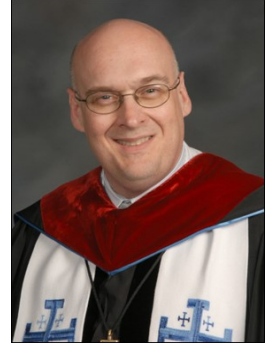
Happy New Year! While we have all begun this new year of 2023, we are reaching the halfway point of the church's program year. We've had a wonderful fall and Advent/Christmas season, and now with the arrival of January, we come to the joy of celebrating the Lord's Epiphany, which we will observe during our January 8th worship service. January is also the time of year when our church officers are ordained and installed.

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we follow the ancient, Biblical model of having two categories of church officers: deacons and elders. The ministry of the deacons is one of compassion, fellowship, and encouragement. From supporting various mission projects, such as Christmas sharing and summer sharing, to providing for our Sunday fellowship hour to the visitation of homebound and sick members of the congregation, the deacons are busy serving Christ by serving us. The ministry of the elders is one of leadership, discernment, and guidance. The elders make up our leadership council which is called the Session. The Session has oversight for all that we do as a congregation: worship, mission, education, stewardship, etc. Both offices are to help us--as a church family--be more open to the epiphany, which is to say, the manifestation--of Christ's Light among us. The elders and deacons serve so that **all of us** might bear good fruit for the glory of God and so make this world a more light-filled world.

Serving as a deacon or an elder is central to our life together. We believe that each Church officer has been chosen and called by Christ, through the voice of this congregation, to serve God by living lives of faithful service. I order that each of us may better serve Christ in this place. As deacons and elders bear witness, respectively, to the compassion of Christ and the servanthood of Christ, they enable **all of us** to serve together with joy, and imagination, and faithfulness. As we begin this new year, I hope that you will be with us for worship as we ordain and install our new Church officers this month. Come help us celebrate their ministry among us as we all renew our baptismal vows this New Year to bear fruit for God's glory. If we will all make such a renewal, there will be good reason for this New Year for **all of us** to be...

Hoping Big!

Gregory



Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

Associate Pastor

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

Parish Associate

The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver

Director of Music

Lisa Marcelli

Music Associate

Brian Kain

Church Treasurer

Debby Talbott

Office Manager

Sue Nork

Media Associate

Alysia Sieh Badskey

Membership Associate

Pam Dougherty



News & Notes

In Memoriam:

Dr. William A. West
United with Trinity, October 28, 1962;
Died November 17, 2022

Diana D. Ergood
United with Trinity, November 9, 1980;
Died December 19, 2022

Sympathies:

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



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Beth Gammie, Chair

Jen Dukelow

Children’s Ministries

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Finance & Stewardship

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Donna Croker, 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

Session Update

At its stated meeting on December 5, 2022 the session:

- Approved the membership count of 636
- Approved the elimination of “compassionate spacing” during worship service
- Approved resumption of passing the Communion elements— while continuing to offer the option of Communion packets to those desiring to use
- Reviewed Trinity’s October finances
- Discussed recent NJ State law requiring a written church security plan
- Reviewed Trinity’s *Vision and Values* statement
- Decided to open back doors prior to Sunday worship services and arrange for greeters until 9:40, when those doors would again be locked
- Prayed for our members, friends, and the world

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.

Behold
I make
all things
➤ *new* ➤

Revelation 21:5

May God bless you
this New Year!

The Friends of Israel 2008

Lenten Devotional 2022

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 29th**. 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.

Trinity Church
Daily
Devotions for
Lent



Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share re-opened on January 3 after a 2 week closure for the Christmas & New Year holiday... A well deserved break for our dedicated volunteers!

Donations of clothing and housewares can be dropped off during our regular hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to 1 pm. We also try to have someone in the shop on Sunday mornings following the worship service also.

Please make sure that all items are clean & totally free of rips, stains etc. All housewares & games must be in working order & have no missing parts.

We will accept winter garments until the end of February.

Thank you for your generous donations. Please read our report in Trinity's Annual Report.



Care 'n Share

Pledge Box Pick Up Reminder

2023 PLEDGE BOXES ARE HERE

For people that want their 2023 pledge boxes they will be ready in ABC order in front of the office doors. You may stop by to pick them up Monday thru Thursday 9 to 4.

The boxes are very expensive to mail, so please take the time to pick them up. Also if you don't need your box please email me or call the church office at 856-428-2050 and we will be sure to not send it. We will also save money by not ordering your box for the following year since I am now able to order only the boxes that are needed.

Thanks so much !

Debby Talbott , Treasurer
Debby. Talbott @ trinpres.org

Trinity Planned Giving Seminar

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Community Room

11:00 am

Join Trinity member, Andrew Mackerer, for a seminar on ways to ensure your legacy and intentions are followed. Andrew is an attorney with a focus on Estate Law. The seminar will focus on planned giving for Trinity as set forth in a will, living trust, or through beneficiary designations. In addition, various lifetime giving techniques will be discussed that can minimize your taxes and the effect on you while maximizing the benefit to Trinity. Andrew will discuss ways to arrange your Estate plans to ensure Trinity receives support, to ensure your wishes are carried out, and to simplify matters for your family. This can be accomplished through sound advice from financial advisors, attorneys and tax practitioners.

PW: Moderator's Message

A Message of Gratitude

To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity

Presbyterian Women had a VERY busy December at Trinity! As the Moderator, I want to take the time to thank everyone who helped me and the PW Coordinating Team this past month.



* On December 4th, we had so many women donate amazing, fantastic, and DELICIOUS, cookies to be sold at the cookie sale. We also had the experienced and well-trained sales staff of Sue Nork, Sheri Desjardins, and Carolyn Kramer.

* On December 6th, about 65 women gathered to enjoy fellowship over dinner and then the Candlelight Christmas service. Special thanks to our PW Programs Committee members Donna Croker, Carolyn Fletcher, and Beth Gammie, and other women who stepped up to plan, set up, clean up, usher, and read at the service. The gratitude keeps rolling out to TPT members Burt Bowen and Joe Azevedo for streaming the service, Doug Nork for working the lights, Deacon Judy Spotto for arranging the communion elements, as well as Lisa Marcelli and Brian Kain and the Paulson family and the Youth Girls Bells for providing such moving music during the service, and to Rev. Sarah Craven for her message that evening. Finally, the Senior Highs led by Tracy Miller and Rich Fletcher served the food and cleaned up the kitchen for us. This event celebrated the miracle of Christmas but also pointed to how many small acts of faith and service add up to a miracle of a BIG event.

* On December 11th, the women of PW hosted a congregational celebration for the upcoming arrival of Baby Craven during an extended coffee hour/shower for Rev. Sarah Craven. Georgeanne Moore, Audrey Azevedo, Janelle Curl, and Meagan Mackerer worked to organize and mobilize circle women to make this special day for our Pastor Sarah. We are hoping and praying for both Pastor Sarah and Baby Craven!

* The PW Coordinating Team continues to work to bring our work to fruition whether it is a Bible Study, fellowship time, nurturing each other, or mission.

* The church office staff and Property & Buildings Committee — nothing at Trinity could actually happen without these folks! Thank you for helping me during December.

I am so grateful for so many hands and feet that have helped me so far during this program year. I am humbled by your commitment and faith. As we enter the New Year, I want to hold on to that gratitude and remember that I never stand alone. I hope that we individually and collectively have a healthy and happy New Year full of blessings. Whether or not you are in a PW Circle, we are here to help and serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me (sparky11142@verizon.net).

Keeping you all in our prayers.



SAVE THE DATE!!

This year's PW Retreat will be held on April 21 & 22 at Trinity. Our Retreat Committee will be working hard to come up with a fun, encouraging time to bring us closer to God and to each other. Stay tuned for more information!

PW Photos:

Four Generations of Azevedo Women



Pastor Sarah's Church Shower



PW January Circles

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2023

MIRIAM CIRCLE 9:30am Hybrid Meeting in Anteroom
Circle Moderators: Georgeanne Moore & Melissa Smith

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

PRISCILLA CIRCLE 1pm Virtual Meeting
Circle Moderator is Jenny Stark Carboni

RUTH CIRCLE 7pm Donna Wasik's home
Circle Moderators: Donna Wasik & Audrey Azevedo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

REBEKAH CIRCLE 7pm Virtual Meeting
Circle Moderator: Judy Spotto

SHIPRAH CIRCLE 7pm TBD
Circle Moderator: Megan Mackerer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

ESTHER CIRCLE 11am Witherspoon Bldg
Circle Moderator: Linda Craven



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Children's Ministry



NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

On December 11th during our Family Service in the Community Room, our children and parents and some grandparents made 50 hygiene products for the R&M Boarding Home. They all enjoyed doing this service gift bag project.





Sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian
Church Adult Ministries:

An Adult Education Class :

Gender Expression and Identity

**Presented by Dr. Rebecca G. Boswell,
Psychologist Penn Medicine**

*Sunday, February 5, 2023 11:00am - 12:30pm
Witherspoon Center*



Don't Scroll Past Our Weekly Email Updates!

We've all become accustomed to seeing the Saturday evening emails with the livestream link for Sunday's worship service. And if you're planning to attend in person, or watch the service later in the week, maybe you've just been scrolling on past that email.

But the Saturday emails also contain information on upcoming events, reminders, prayer requests, and other pertinent information for our Trinity family. Please take a moment to peruse the email each week to stay informed! We will be using this form of communication more heavily moving forward.

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.

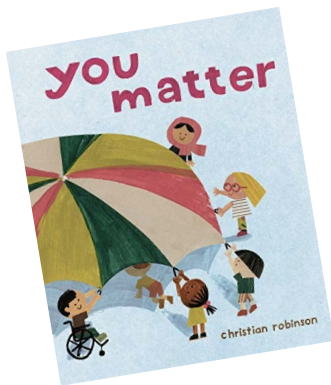


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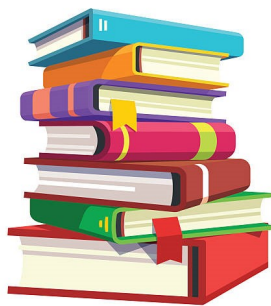
We are excited to announce that our Church Wide **BookSmiles** Collection will take place during the month of **February in 2023!** In celebration of Black History Month, we encourage you to donate new & gently used children's books featuring authors, illustrators, and characters that represent cultural & ethnic diversity in our community.

A Special Collection Box will be in Fellowship Hall following worship service each Sunday in February. And yes, there will be **BROWNIES** once again for you to enjoy!

Watch for more updates in Tidings next month including BookSmiles new partnership with a local minority owned bookstore.



Trinity Library



Have you noticed anything different about the library? Maybe some extra room on some shelves? Boxes of books being moved in and out? The piles of cards on the desk? The committee is working extra hard to go through every book and make sure it is in the correct place, sometimes changing the labels and cards if needed, and reshelving it correctly. While we are doing this, we are also entering every book into an online program that shows what books we have, where they are located, and if they have been taken out or not. They can also be placed on reserve through this program. We are very excited to announce this! Did you know that the library contains approximately 3000 items? It's taking some time to get everything correct and uploaded but we hope to have it ready for the congregation by the end of January. Please stop in and see all of the updates!

Stay Connected!



Connect with Trinity:

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Phone: 856-428-2050

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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 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 request 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 January 15th for February Issue

<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p><i>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.</i></p> <p>ECCLESIASTES 3:11</p>	<p>In–Person & Virtual Worship:</p> <p>9:30am</p> <p>Sunday Mornings in January</p>
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