

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Praying like Jesus

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

He called me a few years ago, on the Monday of Holy Week. His voice was full of emotion. "Greg, I just had to tell you how powerful an experience I had during the prayer vigil." He went on to talk about never being able to find time for sustained prayer. He said that work and family meant his days and nights were full. Then he said, "But during the Vigil, when I had an hour to be with God. Wow!"

We learn from Jesus and his first followers, that prayer was an everyday part of their lives. Because we at Trinity believe that prayer is not only important but essential to the life of faith, we gather twice a year for some time of extended prayer. I am asking you to help make this the most attended Vigil we have ever had. I believe the virtual format will help us attain this goal. If you will, you might end your time also saying: Wow!

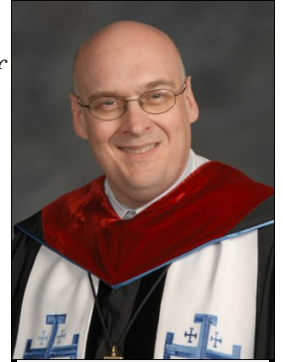
During our 24-Hour Virtual Prayer Vigils each of us is offered an hour to pray as the Lord Jesus did, in "a solitary place." In our current situation, Trinity's Prayer Vigil offers us a time for private prayer in the comfort of our homes.

During the Prayer Vigil you will read the Bible and "pray to your Father who is unseen" and, I promise you, that time of prayer will seem to fly by and be over before you know it. (For those who like, you could spend more than an hour; the time is yours.) This time of our congregation entering a 24-hour period of shared prayer gives us the opportunity to follow Jesus' own example of getting away from everything for a while so we can talk with God in prayer.

As we begin the Holy Week journey to Christ's Cross and on to his glorious Resurrection, the Prayer Vigil is a wonderful opportunity to be called from your busy life into the quiet of God's holy time and find the Lord Jesus ready to hear you. I hope you will sign up to again enjoy this offer for an hour of prayer. If you have not been able to pray at the Vigil, I want to ask you to seriously consider doing so. Our goal is to have 100 people participating. Sign ups begin this month and you can find information about that on our church website. You may sign up for whatever time you like, but our goal is to have at least one person praying each hour of the Vigil, which will begin at Noon on Friday, March 26 and ends at Noon on Saturday, March 27

The Prayer Vigil is an offer for you to close the door and in the quietness to seek the Lord's face; if we will, we will find, as at every previous Prayer Vigil, that the reward promised by Jesus Christ will be an experience of love and grace and peace and strength that will transform us. I hope you will sign up and join us as we spend an hour in prayer, a sweet hour alone with God. If you will do that, you and I will both have great cause to be...

Hoping Big,
Gregory



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Session Update

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

- Approved the baptism of Cody Jackson Allen (son of Kyle & Jamie Allen).
- Updated and **approved** the Member Count of 645.
- Heard Rev. Faulkner and Rev. Craven's Ministerial Reports.
- Learned of an upcoming New Member Class.
- Reviewed Trinity's Year-end Financial Information:
- Pledge income was \$630,943 (\$2,942 under budget)
- Expenses were \$797,297 (\$118,917 under budget)
- Learned that the Endowment sub-committee has been reconvened.
- Learned from Property & Building Committee that, because of limited facility use, snow removal will not include the front parking area.
- Shared prayer concerns and celebrations.

-Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session



Session of Elders

Clerk of Session

Jenny Stark

Adult Ministries

Larry Miller

Children's Ministries

Gary Naumick

Finance & Stewardship

Brad Ritchie

Membership

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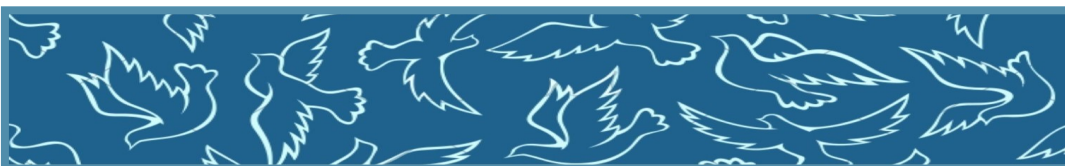
Fellowship Group



**Next Meeting is Sunday,
March 21 at 1:00 pm**

Looking to join a small group for study and fellowship? We hope you can join the **Fellowship Group** as we continue a DVD study of Christian practices. No preparation is needed. Just show up as

you are. We meet monthly, usually on the third Sunday, at 1:00 pm. All studies will be via Zoom. Questions? If you want a link to the Zoom meeting contact: Jenny Stark at 609-680-6090.



New & Notes

In Memoriam

Let us remember...

Catherine F. Chin

United with Trinity, November 9, 1997;

Died, February 14, 2021

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday School!



Join us for Virtual Church School every Sunday. On the Sundays in March and throughout Lent, Pastor Sarah and Choir Director Lisa Marcelli will provide us with a timely video and song that children and the whole family can share.

The YouTube video links will be sent through email, so make sure we have your up-to-date email so you don't miss out on all the fun! Any questions?

Reach out to Pastor Sarah at sarah.craven@trinpres.org

Mission Thursday Special March Collection

Thank you for your support of our Mission Thursday projects. In March, in addition to our on-going collections for Cathedral Kitchen and the Cherry Hill Food Panty, our team is coordinating a book drive for **BookSmiles**, a south Jersey 501(c)3 non-profit.

BookSmiles' believes all children should have an opportunity to build a personal library.

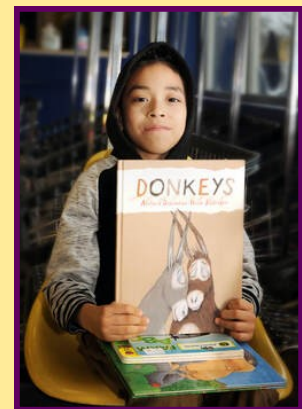
Check out this local news feature highlighting their good works:

<https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2021/02/17/south-jersey-man-larry-abrams-booksmiles-books-for-classrooms/>

What type of books does BookSmiles need?

- New and gently used children's books
- Fiction and Non-fiction (please, no encyclopedia, reference books, or religiously themed books)
- For children ages infant to 6th grade

March collection dates: **March 4th and 18th**. No contact **drop-off in front of Witherspoon Building from 10:00am – 12:00pm.**



Virtual Coffee Hour

Miss seeing all of your Trinity friends and catching up over a cup of coffee or lemonade at Coffee Hour? Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30am. Members from 2 to 90 years old have jumped on! Kids and families are joyfully welcomed.

We gather together on Zoom at 10:30am, and once everyone has signed on, we split into breakout groups of about ten to catch up. It's a great way to see familiar faces or even have the opportunity to get to know different Trinity members. We finish around 11:15am with everyone together again and a short prayer to send us out for the rest of our Sundays.

Since this meeting is for Trinity members only, the link will not be posted to the website. Instead to join, please click the link in your Trinity virtual & coffee hour email or contact Pastor Sarah at, sarah.craven@trinpres.org for the link. Hope to see you there!



Pledge Box Pick Up Reminder

2021 PLEDGE BOXES ARE HERE

For people that want their 2021 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 9am to 4pm.

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 Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Trinity's Presbyterian Women's Retreat was held on Saturday, February 6 on Zoom. Reverend Sarah Craven led the thirty-two women that attended on the topic of "Living in Gratitude". We explored how being grateful can have a very positive effect on our daily lives. Everyone also enjoyed seeing and spending time with their Trinity Sisters.



Gifts of Women Sunday



The Gifts of Women Sunday Service will take place on Sunday, March 7 at 9:30AM. On this day, the award for "Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women" will be given to honor an individual who has been a faithful servant to our PW, and also to Trinity.

After the service, please join Trinity's "Zoom Coffee Hour" to give your congratulations to this year's award recipient. The Zoom link for coffee hour will be emailed on the Friday before the service. The Zoom link will also be included in Trinity's Weekly Email Blast.



SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Trinity's Semi-Annual Prayer Vigil

*Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.*



*In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

Friday, March 26, 12pm– Saturday, March 27, 12pm
Help create 24 hours of continuous prayer at Trinity by signing up for *your One Sweet Hour of Prayer.*

Sign-up links will be sent through email. You can also call the Church Office at 856-428-2050.



BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.

Give blood.



Trinity Presbyterian Church

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, April 26th
2:00pm-7:00pm

499 E Route 70
Cherry Hill, NJ

Appointments are preferred.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE:

Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code:

Trinity Presbyterian

Save time on the day of the donation and visit

www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

Don't forget to **HYDRATE** and please **remember your ID.**

Thank you for giving to this important cause!

Stay Connected!



Connect with Trinity:

Web: www.trinpres.org

Email: trinpres@trinpres.org

Phone: 856-428-2050

Facebook: [Facebook.com/trinpres](https://www.facebook.com/trinpres)

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 in March



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Next Tidings deadline is March 15th for April Issue



Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Please Join Us for Virtual Worship

Palm Sunday: March 28th, 2021,
9:30am

Maundy Thursday: April, 1, 2021,
7:30pm

Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021
9:30am