

# Trinity Tidings

*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

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## Protecting the Struggle

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

His voice was a bit shaky. “Greg, last Sunday, you said prayer was a struggle. When you said that, it hit me in my gut. I had to go home and think about it for quite a while. That’s why I’m calling you.”

In Stephanie Saldaña’s book, *The Bread of Angels*, she tells of her friend Michael, who knew that “prayer matters; that prayer is something that needs to be protected.” Over the last several years, prayer has been one of the topics that has most often come up in my conversations with you and I have been grateful to see that prayer “matters” to you. Saldaña last month pointed out the life-giving power that flows from daily interaction with the Living God. She helped us to see that this relationship, this conversation must be protected if it is to bear fruit in us. In short: we must keep saying *Let it be!* to the Spirit’s presence in our lives.

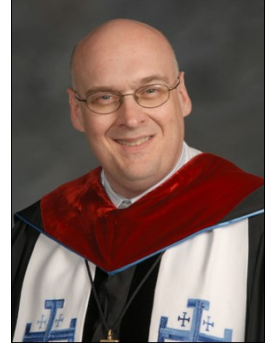
As we begin the annual observance of giving thanks, expectancy and celebration that marks November and December, there is no better time to consider how your prayer life is going. Are there ways you’d like to see things deepen in your friendship with God? Is there some way that you might be able to better protect your prayer life? Is it simply time to admit the struggle and return to Christ in prayer?

The man who called with a trembling voice went on to say that he had never been able to say that prayer was a struggle, but that was often exactly how he felt and now that his pastor had “said it right there in front of the whole church,” he felt empowered to talk about it. He said, in part, “I’m not sure what I can do or even how to go about it, but I guess I’m wanting to re-enter the struggle and see if God shows up.” That sounds to me like someone who believes the conversation we call prayer is worth protecting—not because it’s easy, but because the relationship with Christ matters. It matters because we were made for God and the only hope we have is in God’s gracious love.

As we move from Thanksgiving to Advent to Christmas, I hope you and I will not give up on God or ourselves, but find in these holy days a renewed energy to protect our time (that is to say, our relationship) with the Lord Jesus and that we will pray. If we will do that, our congregation would be able to keep...

Hoping Big,

Gregory



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## News & Notes

### In Memoriam:

*John C. Goeltz*

United with Trinity, December 14, 1958; Died, October 13, 2022

### Sympathies:

We express our sympathies to the entire Goetz family (listed above) on the loss of Kurt's grandfather, Ken Turnbull. They celebrate his blessed life of 104 years!



## Session Update

- At its stated meeting on October 3, 2022 the session:
- Approved the membership count of 641
- Approved the December property use by the Garden State Chorale
- Received ministry reports from Revs. Faulkner and Craven
- Reviewed Trinity's Financial Report ending September 2022
- Welcomed Rev. Barry Gruver who reported on his ministry at Trinity Church
- Unanimously approved the renewal of Rev. Gruver's call to serve as Parish Associate at Trinity for 2023
- Prayed for our members, friends, and the world



### Session of Elders

**Clerk of Session**

Jenny Stark

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**Moderator of Deacons**

John Smith

**Committee Chairs**

*Assistance*

Dipal Willoughby,

*Fellowship*

Michele Strobel

*Visitation*

Janelle Curl

# 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**

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](mailto:lisa.marcelli@trinpres.org) for more  
information.

# Children's Ministry



Children's Ministries has had a busy Fall and now will have a very busy November. Our school age children were able to make 200 sandwiches on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and were then delivered to Cathedral Kitchen. Thank you to all that helped in this Mission.



On November 6 our children will make hygiene kits that will be given to the Presbytery for South Jersey for their Disaster Assistance program where they will be sent to people in need.

**BIG CHANGE! STARTING NOVEMBER 6 all of our Church School classes be held in our main building on the lower level.**

- The room for the NURSERY will stay the same.
- **Room 6** will be our 2 ½ year olds to Kindergarten.
- **Room 4** will be our grades 1 to 3 and finally
- **Room 3** will be our grades 4 – 6.

This will mean that all of our children will be in the same building.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** we will again hold our Advent Festival following the children's' Christmas music service. After the service in the Anti Room there will be bagels and cookies for both adults and children. We will also have crafts that any age can make for the holidays.

**There will only be Church School that day for the Nursery and the preschool/ kindergarten children.** We will also have a mitten tree in Fellowship Hall for new hats and mittens for those that are in need to keep warm in the cold weather.

## Mixers and Mission

**Come join Mixers and Mission on Sunday November 20th** as we begin to feel the Christmas Spirit by Hanging the Greens at Trinity!

We'll gather at 11:45am for a time of food and fellowship and then at 12:15pm serve the church by helping hang all the wonderful decorations for this special season. Parents are also invited to join us to help with some of the bigger tasks. The more the merrier!



## Care 'n Share

Care 'n Share has been busy this fall with great buys, thanks to your generous donations! We have so many awesome dresses, jeans, tops & housewares. Clothes in all sizes....infant to XXL adults! (\$2-\$3 for designer jeans!)



**Care 'n Share**

**Donations can be dropped off during our regular hours: 10-1 on Tuesdays & Thursdays & the "first Saturday" of the month (Nov.5) .** In addition, items can be dropped off on Sunday mornings following the worship service. Please make sure that all items are clean & serviceable! No missing parts, rips, stains, etc.

**Of course we will be closed on Thanksgiving!** We will count our blessings for Trinity & our volunteers.

## Deacons Coat Drive—Coats Needed!



Deacons' Coat Drive- The deacons will be collecting new and gently used adult men's, women's and children's coats during November. We are collecting children's coats for the Little Hands Little Feet program at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also welcome and are given to the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC), the R&M Boarding House, and Cathedral Kitchen for distribution to those in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. **Collection dates are on Sundays, thru November 27th. Collection bins for donations will be located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions in regard to the Deacon's Coat Drive, please contact Dipal Willoughby at 856-296-3045.** Thank you Trinity for your Generosity!

## Deacons Christmas Sharing

**The Deacons are proud to announce the return of the Christmas Sharing Program for 2022.** Please visit the Deacons' table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour starting **Sunday November 6th** for more information. As always, thank you for your generosity this holiday season.

## 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 Family 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 techniques 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

To all of the Sisters of Christ at Trinity



Presbyterian Women is up and running full steam ahead! It is wonderful to discover the New Normal and meet with each other in person, on Zoom, or Hybrid. Our Circles are meeting in all these way this fall! The fall Gathering was a wonderful time to get together in person. Special thanks go to Dipal Willoughby, LCSW, who spoke about managing stressors at this time. Also, we have launched our Mustard Seed Moments videos. Please look for the link that is sent out to all members two times each month. One video will focus on mission projects we are doing, and the other will focus on nurturing our faith through a short devotion. Finally, here are some upcoming events you **DON'T WANT TO MISS!**

**PW COOKIE SALE - DECEMBER 4, 2022** — The Cookie Sale will be held during Coffee Hour following the Children's Choirs Christmas Presentation. Cookies will be packed 6 to a bag and sold for a free will donation. Cookie donations can be dropped off on the morning of December 4th. This is a good time to buy homemade treats you are too busy to make yourself!



**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND DINNER - DECEMBER 6, 2022** — We are planning to have a dinner followed by the Candlelight Communion service. Signups will be done during coffee hour on November 6th, November 13th, November 20th, and November 27th. You can come just for the Candlelight Service which will begin at 8:00 p.m., or you can enjoy a catered dinner and fellowship time with Trinity friends and family at 6:30 p.m.

**BABY SHOWER FOR REV. SARAH CRAVEN - DECEMBER 11, 2022** -

Presbyterian Women invites everyone to come and celebrate Baby Craven with Sarah after church on Sunday, December 11, 2022 during coffee hour. We will provide the cake! This is a No Wrap shower, but we will set up a table for a display of the shower gifts.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 24-26, 2023** - Please prayerfully consider coming to the Women's Retreat in March at the Port O' Call Hotel in Ocean City, NJ. As Pastor Gregory would say, we are "hoping BIG" to have our weekend retreat this year.

As you can tell from the length of this article, WE ARE UP AND RUNNING! With our wonderful PW Coordinating Team, we will be able to strengthen our Faith and come together for meaningful learning, worship, respite, and mission in Jesus' name. We are here to help and serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me ([sparky11142@verizon.net](mailto:sparky11142@verizon.net)).

Keeping you all in our prayers.

Barbara Clarke

## **PW November Circles**

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

#### **MIRIAM CIRCLE**

9:30am Hybrid Meeting in Anteroom  
*Circle Moderators are Georgeanne Moore & Melissa Smith*

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

#### **DEBORAH CIRCLE**

1pm Witherspoon Center  
*Circle Moderator is Doris Sapp*

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

#### **SHIPHRAH CIRCLE**

7pm Nancy Lind's home  
*Circle Moderators are Lis Digneo & Meagan Mackerer*

#### **REBEKAH CIRCLE**

7pm Virtual Meeting  
*Circle Moderator is Judy Spotto*

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

#### **PRISCILLA CIRCLE**

1pm Virtual Meeting  
*Circle Moderator is Jenny Stark-Carboni*

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

#### **ESTHER CIRCLE**

11am Witherspoon Center  
*Circle Moderator is Linda Craven*



## **In-Person Nativity Walk Returns on Sunday, December 18**

Save the date for the return of the in-person Trinity Nativity Walk! Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Nativity Walk will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, December 18th. Bring in your favorite crèche before the service that morning and set it up in the designated location in Fellowship Hall. During Coffee Hour, members of the congregation will walk around to view the various nativity scenes. In addition to viewing the nativity scenes on display that morning, you can watch the video of the last two Virtual Nativity Walks! You'll take your crèche home with you that day! If you're interested in participating, please sign up during coffee hour in late November/early December.



## Christmas Eve Social to Follow 7PM Service

Also making a comeback this Advent Season: the Christmas Eve Social following the 7pm service! Enjoy a warm beverage and a Christmas treat (or two) while sharing glad Christmas tidings with your Trinity family. If you'd like to contribute cookies or other treats for this event, please contact Susan Bastnagel at [sbastnagel@gmail.com](mailto:sbastnagel@gmail.com).



## 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!

*Let them give thanks to  
the Lord for His unfailing  
love and His wonderful  
deeds for mankind, for He  
satisfies the thirsty and  
fills the hungry with  
good things.*

PSALM 107: 8-9







*You are cordially invited to spend the  
Christmas Season  
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

**Sunday, November 27 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Handbell and Ukulele music*

**Friday, December 2 - 7:30 pm**

*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the  
Tri County Symphonic Band*

**Sunday, December 4 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music  
followed by Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

**Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm**

*Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service*

**Sunday, December 11 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Adult Choir*

**Sunday, December 18 - 9:30am**

*Christmas Worship with handbell music & Trinity Band  
Nativity Walk*

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm** *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

**7:00 pm** *Candlelight Communion Service with  
Pre-service music, choir and brass*

**Sunday, December 25 - 9:30am** *Sunday Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 1 - 9:30am** *Sunday Communion Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 8 - 9:30am** **Epiphany Sunday**

*Communion, Choir & Handbells*

# Trinity Community Concert Series

Presents the

## Tri-County Symphonic Band

Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

A Trinity favorite! Get into the holiday spirit as these talented musicians from throughout the region present an evening of great seasonal music for the whole family.

Founded in 1976 as the Hammonton Bicentennial Band, the Tri-County Symphonic Band has been based at Camden County College Blackwood Campus as the Ensemble-in-Residence since 1986.

The band, which is mostly comprised of residents of the Burlington/Camden/Gloucester County area, attracts the highest caliber of community and semi-professional musicians. The members proudly come together creating an ensemble of unique versatility that entertains audiences throughout South Jersey.

And save the date, Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm (note the earlier start time), when Dennis James, Cinema Organist, will accompany the showing of the 1923 silent film classic, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame!*

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!



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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 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 in November\***



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***Next Tidings deadline is November 15th for December Issue***

This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made;  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

In-Person &  
Virtual  
Worship:

9:30am

Sunday  
Mornings  
in November