

Trinity Tidings

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

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Grateful!

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.*
Psalm 146:2

The 146th Psalm is sung almost every Sunday in Eastern Orthodox Churches. It is a psalm where the people of God praise God because they know God is trustworthy and good. Gratitude is a wonderful feeling, but it is best when it gets expressed.

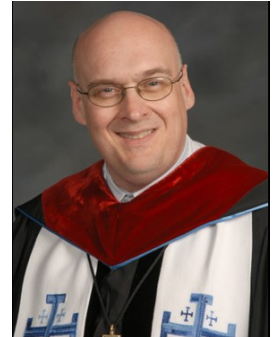
This is the month our minds usually turn to gratitude. We express our gratefulness in many ways. A friend of mine received a floral bouquet on her desk; it was unexpected and she said it got her through a hard week. A member of our congregation recently told me that he had received a phone call from an old co-worker who called to simply thank him for being a great mentor. Last month, I received a beautifully-written card of thanks; it made my week. Gratitude changes us; it changes the situation. Gratitude is a powerful and, I think we can all agree, beautiful thing. We show gratitude in all kinds of ways.

The Whole Life Giving Committee--formerly known as the Endowment Committee--is the group that helps our members learn about ways to express gratitude for the blessing of Trinity. There are a variety of ways to express your gratefulness for God using our congregation to deepen your life in Christ; some of those ways can help Trinity be strong now and in the future. Have you considered remembering Trinity in your will? Are you aware that there are several financial instruments that are available to you that could be a help to our future ministry? Are you aware that there are financial benefits, such as tax advantages, that are associated with various ways of giving to the church? Perhaps you would like to speak to a member of the Whole Life Giving Committee about some possible routes to ensuring our congregation's vitality in the future. If you would like to learn more, the members of the WLGC are: Coz Digneo, Greg Faulkner, Bill Kain, Margery Sly, Bill Stockwell. Any of us would be glad to be a help to you.

In this month, when we emphasize our thanksgiving to God for our many blessings, I encourage you to consider how you might express your gratitude by helping our congregation continue to be strong today and vital tomorrow. This is an opportunity to join the psalmist and say: *I will sing praises to my God all my life long!* Such gratefulness gives us all good reason to keep

Hoping Big,

Gregory



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News & Notes

In Memoriam

Louella Johnson

United with Trinity, March 2, 1958; Died, October 9, 2021

Sympathies

We express our sympathies to Marguerite Houck on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Chorley.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to MacKenzie and Dan Strasle on the birth of their son, Benjamin Peter Strasle; and to his proud grandmother, Chris Slusser; and very proud great-grandparents, Natalie and Ed Mitchell.

We offer our congratulations to Jennifer (nee DeSanto) and Michael Rossi on the birth of their daughter, Mia Anne Rossi; and to the DeSanto family.



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Session Update

At its stated meeting on October 5, 2021 the Session:

- Approved membership by letter of transfer for Jim and Donna Wasik.
- Learned that the Endowment Committee, now renamed "The Life-Giving Committee," will begin reaching out to members for support commitments.
- Reviewed the ministry of Rev. Gruver and unanimously approved to renew his contract as parish associate for 2022.
- Reviewed the August financial statement.
- Discussed Children's Ministries' new Sunday School plans for a vibrant and growing Church School.
- Welcomed new PW Moderator, Carolyn Kramer and approved a PW Presbytery lunch event on October 23.
- Learned of Comcast internet upgrades.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee is actively seeking suggestions for 2022 deacons and elders

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 CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE !!

Welcome back Trinity families! The Children's Ministry Committee has been looking forward to having our children return to in-person Church School and now that that can happen – we're rolling out *new and exciting programs!* We have come up with some exciting new programming that we believe will enhance family worship, connects the children to Trinity's mission programs, and keeps our children engaged and committed to their religious education. Starting on November 7th, we're introducing a **Monthly Rotation** of worship, learning and service, that will repeat each month.

MONTHLY ROTATION

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. The lesson will be followed by a mission-related activity such as making cards for shut-ins or sandwiches for the food bank, or join in a mission activity being run by the Mission Committee.



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. Parents and extended families are welcome!
(Come to the Community Room by 9:30am and plan on staying with your child(ren) for the service).

Children of all ages are welcome!

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. This is an important step in their journey to becoming members of Trinity, and will allow for interaction among the generations. In the future, these 4th Sunday worship services may sometimes include a brief children-oriented component, such as a "Children's Message" or children leading a reading, song or prayer.

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.

CROP Walk

After having to pause last year, it was great to have the CROP Walk tradition continue as our first Mixers and Mission of the year! The weather held out so that our youth, invited friends, and adults could gather together for a pizza lunch before walking to help Stop Hunger! Thank you to all those who donated, to our youth for inviting friends who added to the fun, and Chris Bryfogle for organizing once again. We look forward to next year!



Mixers and Mission

Come join Mixers and Mission on Sunday November 21st 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 has many winter clothes & coats. We are accepting clothing, house wares, & holiday decor. Make sure all items are clean & serviceable. Please do not leave your donations outside...only bring them in when there is someone to accept them.

Care 'n Share

Donations should be brought in during our regular hours & also following Sunday morning worship service.

We are in need of a few new volunteers, mainly on Thursdays & "first Saturdays."

Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & the "first Saturday" of each month, 10am-pm.

Eileen Rankin eileenrank@comcast.net

Deacons Coat Drive

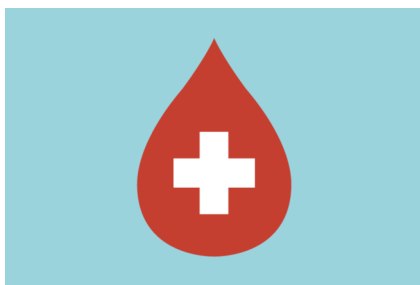
Deacons' Coat Drive- The deacons will continue to collect new and gently used adult and children's coats during November. We are collecting children's coats for the Little Hands Little Feet program at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Adult coats are also welcome and are given to the Interfaith Homeless 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. There will be a bin in the Narthex for drop-off. Coats will also be collected outside Witherspoon on Mission Thursday on November 11th.

If you have any questions in regard to the Deacon's Coat Drive, please contact Pete Desjardins at 856-649-8145. Thank you Trinity for your Generosity!



Trinity Presbyterian Church and Red Cross Blood Drive November 1st, 2pm-7pm in the Community Room



Visit Trinpres.org for more information and to sign- up.
(Information under the special events tab)

Trinity Presbyterian Church Community Blood Drive

Monday 11/1/21
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Community Hall
499 E Route 70
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Appointments are preferred

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE

Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code:

Trinity Presbyterian

Or scan the QR code to schedule your appointment now



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!

Fellowship Group



Looking for a small group to share faith, study, and fellowship? The Fellowship Group is open to all. This year we will focus on Trinity's One Book/One Church study of *How to Fight Racism*, by Jamar Tisby. **We will meet at 1:00 pm on a Sunday (TBD) in mid-November via Zoom.** For more details contact Jenny Stark 609-680-6090 wcarboni@aol.com.



PW November Circles



Monday, November 8, 2021

Deborah Circle 1pm in Witherspoon Circle Leader is Doris Sapp
(Changed to 2nd Monday of the month)

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Miriam Circle 9:30am in Anteroom Circle Leader is Carolyn Kramer
Virtual & in person meeting

Monday, November 15, 2021

Priscilla Circle 1pm Virtual Meeting Circle Leader is Jenny Stark Carboni

Rebekah Circle 7pm Virtual Meeting Circle Leader is Michele Strobel

Ruth Circle 7pm home of Sue Nipe Circle Leaders are Nancy Roberts & Susan Bastnagel

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Shiphrah Circle 7pm in Community Room Circle Leaders are Patti Baechler & Sue Nork
Virtual & In person Meeting

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Ester Circle 11:00am in Witherspoon Circle Leader is Linda Craven

Please confirm with your circle moderator on time, and place

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign

Connected Now and Tomorrow



Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign commenced on October 31. 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 professional 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, speakers will address 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.

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 receive your pledge card during the week of November 14. Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office so we can develop our 2022 operating budget. **Stewardship Sunday is November 21.**

New Member Information Session - Find Your Place at Trinity!

Are you searching for a church home? Have you been watching Sunday services online and think you're ready to jump even further into life at Trinity? Join us for a New Member Information Session on Sunday, November 14 following the worship service. We'll meet in the annex off of Fellowship Hall where, despite masks and social distancing, you'll be able to enjoy a relaxed conversation with Rev. Faulkner and church members. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn what it means to be a Presbyterian here at Trinity. Childcare is available with advance notice.



Please call the church office at 856-428-2050 or email Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com. All you need to bring is an open heart. We look forward to seeing you there!

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
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FREE-WILL OFFERING.

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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 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