

Trinity Presbyterian Church
An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

9:30 am

November 18, 2018

HOPING IN GOD ALONE, WE GATHER TO PRAY

Welcome

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Introit

(At the sound of the music, the congregation begins the discipline of silent prayer, so all might prepare their hearts and minds for the divine service.)

BECAUSE WE HAVE KNOWN GOD'S LOVE, WE ADORE THE TRIUNE GOD

Call To Worship

Psalm 24:1, 2

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
**for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.**

Come, let us worship God.

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

*Processional Hymn 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

TRUSTING GOD, WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Call to Confession

Elder Pam Dougherty

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Pam Dougherty

**Almighty Father,
in love you created the worlds
and when we turned from you,
in compassion, you sought us,
making a covenant to be our God forever.
In these later days,
you sent the ultimate sign of your steadfast love
by coming to us in Jesus of Nazareth.
Because of the loving compassion
you have given us in His death and resurrection,
our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy,
so we pray you,
forgive us for not responding with lives of gratitude;
have mercy on us for not willingly giving ourselves**

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**for the good of our neighbors.
By the gift of your Holy Spirit,
empower us to live for your great glory
and so fill this world with our gratitude.
Hear us, for we pray this in the Name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Elder Pam Dougherty

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

No. 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Children Grades 1-6 will be dismissed to Church School at this time. Church School teachers will be at the rear sanctuary doors to escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon, located in the rear parking lot, at 10:45 am.

RELYING ON THE SPIRIT, WE ATTEND TO THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Miller

Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 3:7-12

The Rev. Dr. Miller

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:6-8

The Rev. Dr. Miller

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:19-21

The Rev. Dr. Miller

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Thanksgiving....When You Know Who Owns the Fries!

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller

Text: "... see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10

Stepping Out in Faith

Elder Donna Croker

(The orange 2019 Pledge cards will be received at this time)

Dedication of Our Pledges

Elder Donna Croker

***Profession of Faith (unison) The Apostle's Creed The Rev. Mr. Gruver**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO CHRIST, WE GIVE OUR BEST

Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Offertory

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, o'pning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee! We adore thee, Lord of love!

***Doxology**

No. 592

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

LOVING THE TRIUNE LORD, WE GO TO SERVE

***Sending Hymn 555**

Now Thank We All Our God

***Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Miller

(The congregation will please be seated.)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

*Those who are able may stand.

We welcome **The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller** as our preacher for the morning. Jonathan has recently completed 40 years of ministry within the Presbyterian Church (US). He retired in May of 2016 having served 22 years at the First Presbyterian Church in Moorestown, NJ. His wife Karin is also joining us today.

Drinking From My Saucer

I've Never Made A Fortune
and It's Probably Too Late Now
but I Don't Worry About That Much
I'm Happy Anyhow
and As I Go Along Life's Journey
I'm Reaping Better Than I Sow
I'm Drinking From My Saucer
because My Cup Has Overflowed

I haven't Got A Lot Of Riches
and Sometimes The Going's Tough
but I've Got a friend in Jesus
and That Makes Me Rich Enough
I Thank God For His Blessings
and The Mercies He's Bestowed
I'm Drinking From My Saucer
because My Cup Has Overflowed

I Remember Times When Things
went Wrong
my Faith Wore Somewhat Thin
but All At Once The Dark Clouds Broke
and Sun Peeped Through Again
so Lord, Help Me Not To Gripe
about The Tough Rows That I've Hoed
I'm Drinking From My Saucer
because My Cup Has Overflowed

If God Gives Me Strength And Courage
when The Way Grows Steep And Rough
I'll Not Ask For Other Blessings
I'm Already Blessed Enough
and May I Never Be Too Busy
to Help Others Bear Their Loads
then I'll Keep Drinking From My Saucer
" because My Cup Has Overflowed!

TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP

An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver, Parish Associate

The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus

Margery Sly, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Brian Kain, Music Associate

Marina Pappas, Weekday Nursery School Director

The flowers were given to the glory of God the Sieh Family in loving memory of Danny's wife Joann; and by the Mailahn Family in loving memory of Cindy's mother, Carolyn Freed and Al's father, Albert Mailahn, grandparents of Cara and Ryan.

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Connor Regensburg, Heath Barnes, Nancy Parks, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Naomi Higuchi, Susan Greenwood, Ray Bastnagel, Barbara Cardea, Marcia Spatola, Linda Thorpe, Dick Wolbach, Nancy Hickman, Helen Prickitt.

Let Us Also Pray for Friends and Family: Brian Alden (Barb Wilson's nephew), Beth Skelly (Sheri Desjardins & Sue Nork's aunt), Jim Tomaselli (Barb DeSanto's brother), Clara Ballard (Marty Flynn's mother), Marty Ollenschleger (former Trinity member), Nicole Goss (Elissa Goss's daughter-in-law), Nancy Seraydarian (Karen Leonard's sister), Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friend), Janet Rogers (friend of the Dougherty family), Alex Rivers (friend of Melanie & Greg Faulkner), James Moore (Donna Allen's father), Bob Freed (Cindy Mailahn's father), Liz Shapiro (Heather Kern's friend), Rich Van Doren (Melissa Smith's brother), Arlene Fraraccio (Bonnie Jones' friend), Lynnore Compton (Ellen McCaney's sister-in-law), Elsie Pearson (Donna Bordner's mother), David Parks (Nancy Parks' brother), Larry Hansen (Linda Thorpe's brother), Ron Bishop (Martha Stem's brother), Bruce and Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's parents).

Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military: Cory Allen, Connor Barnes, William Bohm, Troy Graham, Peter Slusser Jr.

Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

Pastoral Care – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Rev. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

Visit our website at www.trinpres.org for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

Please silence all electronic equipment during the worship service.

Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register. Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

Sunday Church School Schedule

Nursery-Kindergarten (main building)

Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

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| Room #1 | Infant through Toddler |
| Room #6 | Twos and Threes, must be 24 months by Oct. 1, 2018 |
| Room #4 | Fours, Fives and Kindergarten |

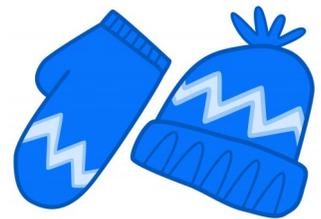
Witherspoon Center

Dismissal is at 10:40 am.

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| Room #1 | First and Second grade |
| Room #2 | Third and Fourth grade |
| Room #5 | Fifth and Sixth Grade |

*****Parents, please drop off children kindergarten age and younger at their classrooms *before* the service.**

The Children's Ministries will again this year collect hats, mittens and scarfs for people that are in need of warmth. Our Trees of Warmth will be in the Fellowship Hall and also in Witherspoon Center. We will start collection on Sunday, November 25th. Please help us in this endeavor to help others.



In case of inclement weather, please check our website at www.trinpres.org. Any changes to or cancellations of worship services will be listed on the home page. If nothing is posted there, worship will take place as usual. If you do not have internet access, please ask a friend or family member to check for you.

Please sign the cards in Fellowship Hall every Sunday—the goal is to get as many signatures as possible! All you need to do is sign your name! The cards mean so much to those who are in need of a cheery hello, get well wishes, or words of sympathy. Thank you for participating in this important outreach to members of our Trinity family!

PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes. You can email Pam Dougherty at pam.dougherty@trinpres.org **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

Today is Stewardship Sunday. The theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign is "**Stepping Out in Faith**". This theme was selected to reflect the actions needed by all of us to fully enable all the ministries and mission that we have been called to provide as a church. Recently, our church budget was adjusted to allow for proper maintenance of our facilities, adequate compensation of the church's pastoral and office staff and increased support of mission. Over the past four weeks, Trinity's quality staff and programs, expanded mission, facility needs and previous faith-based giving has been emphasized in presentations to reinforce our future resource needs.



All Church members should have received your stewardship letter and 2019 pledge in the mail this week. If possible, these pledge cards should be returned during today's special stewardship offering. If you cannot return your pledge card today, please mail the card to the church. You may also put your pledge on your EasyTithe account online. A timely return of your pledge is required to develop our 2019 budget. We hope that you carefully consider these needs of your church as we heed Christ's call to **step out in faith** so our ministry might impact more lives. Thank you for your generous financial support as we undertake this journey of faith.

EasyTithe, our online giving option, allows you to make your offering electronically. This option makes giving more convenient for you (no more checks to write) and ensures consistency in your giving which helps the church manage its cash flow requirements better. EasyTithe can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. The setup process is very straightforward and can be accomplished in just a couple of minutes. To sign up, go to Trinity's home page and click on "Online Giving" or go directly to www.easytithe.com/trinpres.



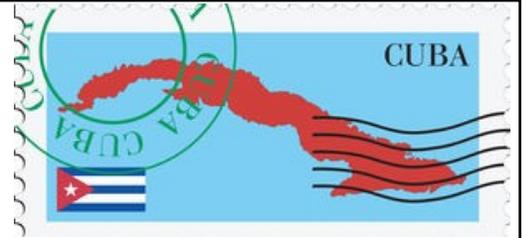
An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you're set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444.

We encourage all members to establish automatic recurring gifts using *EasyTithe*.

It's time to *deck the halls* at Trinity! HELP is needed! The Property and Buildings Committee will be decorating the church property for the Christmas holidays on Friday, November 30 at 6:00 pm. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated! Kids in middle school and older are invited to come with their parents. Please contact the church office at 856-428-2050 or email Sue Nork at sue.nork@trinpres.org.



A TRIP TO CUBA Everyone is invited to join the **Trinity Daytime Men's Group** on a short trip to Cuba with our very own Margery Sly. Margery will share with us her work to preserve the history of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba. I know Margery will be happy to answer our questions about the people and the overall conditions of our neighbor to the south. Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018. We start at 10 AM in Witherspoon Center with gourmet coffee prepared by Bill Greenwood and special sweet treats. Come early and enjoy some stimulating conversation. You will know this is truly a SUPER COLOSSAL DAY.



ALL Men and Women are invited to hear this once in a lifetime trip to Cuba, See you then.



Adult Ministries: Sing to the Lord a New Song, November 25

Presented by Rev. Greg Faulkner. Dr. Faulkner will lead us in an hour of learning about how Christians have sung a new song to the Lord as church music has developed through the ages. Adult Education Programs are held on Sundays at 11 am in Witherspoon Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.

Attention all parents of college students! The Jr. Highs in Commissioning and their small group leaders are continuing the tradition of sending small care packages to our college students to show them Trinity is thinking of them as they prepare for final exams. Please **email your student's mailing information (along with graduation year)** to Sarah Craven at sarah.craven@trinpres.org. Please note any food allergies in the email. **The deadline to send information is November 25th.**



PW Cookie Sale-Calling All Bakers! – After the service on **December 2nd**, PW will be holding a cookie sale to raise money for scholarships to the Bi-annual Women's Retreat. If you like to bake, please consider donating a batch of your delicious cookies! If you are donating: label ingredients, especially tree nuts and chocolate. Pack cookies 6 to a sandwich zip lock bag. Drop off in Fellowship Hall on December 2nd before the worship service. **Thank you in advance!**

Fellowship Group: Join us on Sunday, November 25 at 12:00 for a small group Bible study. Everyone is welcome. We meet in members' homes and share a pot luck lunch/brunch. For more information contact Jenny Stark at 609-680-6090.

Calling All Presbyterian Women!

Come and Circle up for some Fun, Fellowship, Friendship and Philanthropy!! Trinity offers a number of different women's circles that meet either during the day or in the evening. You can even find a group of women and start your own circle! Please call Jenny McFadden for more information at 856-952-2621 or email to: jennifer@protocallgroup.com



Deacons Coat Drive The deacons will be collecting new and gently used adult and children's coats during the months of October and November. We particularly need children's coats to be given to 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 Home, and Cathedral Kitchen for distribution to those in need of warm coats for the fall and winter seasons. Coat collection bins will be located in Fellowship Hall. All donations will be greatly appreciated.



Cancer Doesn't Take a Holiday...and neither do we in *Cancer and Conversation*. Are you a cancer victim, or a cancer survivor? So are we. We invite you to join us as we support those in Trinity who need our help. On **Sunday, December 9** (after the brief election meeting that will be held in the sanctuary immediately following the service) grab your coffee in the Fellowship Hall and join us in the Hospitality Room for a time of fellowship, support and outreach to the Trinity community and beyond.

The **2019 Flower Chart** is now available for sign ups during coffee hour. Please consider donating the flowers around a date of significance in your lives, to remember loved ones, and to celebrate anniversaries, new life and new beginnings. When the service is over, our deacons take the basket you donated to someone whose spirits need lifting, or who is celebrating a life milestone, such as a baptism. This is a year round mission, and there is an opportunity for two people to donate baskets of flowers every Sunday of the year. Please consider honoring a loved one, worshiping God, and blessing the congregation and its members with this small but meaningful mission!



Women's Christmas Dinner

All are Welcome!

Come relax and renew your heart for Christmas by enjoying a catered dinner, followed by Worship and Communion Service in the Sanctuary.



Date: Tuesday, December 4th

**Time: Dinner -- 6:30 p.m.
Worship -- 8:00 p.m.**

**Meal: Italian Dinner Catered
by Just Fork It**

Cost: \$15 (at sign-up*)

**Mission: Mother-Child
Residence**

*** Tickets will be sold during Coffee Hour on November 11,
November 18, November 25 and December 2.**

Trinity Community Concert Series Presents Atlantic Brass Band



Friday, December 7, 2018 * 7:30 PM

Get into the holiday spirit with the three-time national champion Atlantic Brass Band, one of the premier volunteer performing ensembles in the greater Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey area. This traditional British-style brass band has a repertoire that 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!

And save the date for the last concert in our 2018-2019 season:

The Wind Symphony of Southern New Jersey * Sunday, March 24, 2019 * 4:00 PM

Our concerts are open to all! Admission is a free-will offering.
A reception with light refreshments will follow each concert.



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ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Please select 3 of the following topics you would most likely attend.

A. Christian life (Ex: Parenting, marriage _____)

B. Bible study

C. Church history

D. Presbyterian doctrine

E. Medical topics (_____)

F. Travel Experiences

G. Presentation by our clergy (_____)

H. Science and Religion

2. Do you have ideas for an Adult Ed program?

Please share them here:

3. Would you like to start or be a part of a new small bible study group?

Please circle one: Yes No

If yes, please contact Larry Miller or Bill Kain

4. Would you be willing to present an Adult Ed topic? If yes, please explain your topic.

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY FORM
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

or

If you prefer to Scan & email the completed survey form to:

Larry Miller: clm974@hotmail.com

or

Bill Kain: billkain47@gmail.com

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, November 18

- 7:45 am Men's Fellowship– Witherspoon Center
- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Church School (N-6th Grade)
- 10:50 am Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Youth Bells

Monday, November 19

- 1:00 pm Deborah Circle at the home of Alice Buda
- 1:00 pm Priscilla Circle at the home of Neola Reese
- 7:00 pm Ruth Circle at the home of Cheryl Guretse
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts– Witherspoon Center

Tuesday, November 20

- 10:00 am Care 'n Share Shop
- 7:15 pm Rebekah Circle at the home of Elissa Goss

Thursday, November 22 *Happy Thanksgiving!*

- Church Office Closed
- 6:30-9:00 pm AA Groups—Community Room

Friday, November 23

Church office closed

Sunday, November 25

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Church School (N-6th Grade)
- 10:50 am Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Adult Ed– Witherspoon Center
- 11:00 am Christmas decorating in Sanctuary– just a few things if you can help!
The remainder will be done on Friday, Nov. 30 at 6pm. Please join us.
- 11:30 am Youth Bells
- 4:00 pm Sr. Highs visit the Hispanic Worshipping Community





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

Sunday, December 2 - 9:30am

*Children & Youth Christmas Music followed by
Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

Tuesday, December 4 - 6:30pm

Trinity Women's

Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Friday, December 7 - 7:30 pm

*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the
Atlantic Brass Band*

Sunday, December 9 - 9:30am

*Adult Choir & Chamber Ensemble presents a service of readings & anthems
Christmas Sharing Delivery - our Deacons deliver gifts to needy families*

Sunday, December 16 - 9:30am

Christmas Worship with hand bell music

*Nativity Walk immediately following the service—enjoy a cup of coffee
while viewing dozens of favorite crèches shared by our members*

Sunday, December 23 - 9:30am

Christmas Worship with ukulele & concert bands

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

7:00 and 11:00 pm *Candlelight Communion with*

Pre-service music, choir and brass. Childcare offered at 7pm only.

Christmas Eve Social following the 7pm service

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

Sunday, January 6 - 9:30am **Epiphany Sunday**

Communion, Choir & Youth Bells

