

Peace

*Look, the virgin is with child
and shall bear a son, and
shall name him Immanuel.
—Isaiah 7:14*

*Advent
2016*



Trinity Presbyterian Church
An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life

9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2016

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

Midnight in Bethlehem
Trinity Band

arr. Barker

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

Brian & Betty Hamilton

God's Prophetic Word Isaiah 7:10-14

Litany for the Advent Candles

We light this candle to express our trust in God's love for us.

We light this candle to say once more: We belong to God!

The advent of the Father's only-begotten Son is near.

Our God is approaching even now!

Lord, make us ready to receive you.

Lord, make us ready to greet you with a willing spirit.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and descend to us with your abundant grace.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, abide with us and grant us to serve you with abandon and so know the joy of being your redeemed people. This we ask you, God of Advent, in the name of your only-begotten Son, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

***Processional Hymn 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.
Though we know your story,
we resist the costs of following you.
We pass by those considered lowly in this world.
We turn away from hungry people
who still wait to be filled.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to work for the justice you intend.
Make us messengers of the peace you bring.
As we wait for you,
turn our apathy into acts of love and service.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance 37

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

***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 Grade 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 10:40 am.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Bell Anthem

God Rest Ye Merry
Adult Bells

arr. Phillips

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**O God, you have come to us
in your Only-Begotten Son, Jesus the Lord.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
come once more and speak that same Word
and so prepare us for the arrival of
the memorial of the Lord's birth.
We pray this in Christ's holy name. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

The Rev. Ms. Craven

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Sermon

Plan B or Maybe Even C
The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

OFFERING OURSELVES TO LOVE

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Elder Frank McCaney

Questions to the Parents

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Question for the Congregation

Elder Frank McCaney

Baptismal Questions

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***Profession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

Elder Frank McCaney

**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.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Baptism

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Blessing and Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
BY OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR THANKS**

Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Offertory Anthem

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow
Adult Bells with Ron Willoughby, clarinet

arr. Dobrinski

***Hymn of Dedication 36**

In the Bleak Midwinter

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE

***Sending Hymn 31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

(The congregation will please be seated)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

And Heaven and Nature Ring!
Trinity Band

arr. Roszell

*Those who are able may stand.

Adult Bells

Donna Allen Erica Heyer
Kris Bailey Bill Kain
Kim Bui Karen Kain
Janet Cohen Sue Nork
Linda Craven Betty Stockwell
Pam Dougherty Melissa Trent
Linda Flanary

Trinity Band

Jimmy Boyle	Trumpet	Kris Bailey	Clarinet
Brian Kain	Trumpet	Elizabeth Bean	Clarinet
Cate Marcelli	Trumpet	Keller Bean	Clarinet
Jessica Payne	Trumpet	Bill Kain	Clarinet
Connor Strobel	Trumpet	Olivia Marcelli	Clarinet
		Ron Willoughby	Clarinet
Karen Kain	French Horn		
Ian Willoughby	French Horn	Brian Dougherty	Tenor Sax
		Brendan Desjardins	Alto Sax
Zach Harmon	Trombone	Julia Wilson	Alto Sax
Julia Clarke	Flute	Greg Slaton	Percussion
Pam Dougherty	Flute	Kira Mahoney	Percussion
Leah Marcelli	Flute		
Hannah Strobel	Flute	Brian Kain	Timpani

A special thank you to Tri County Symphonic Band
for lending us the timpani and bells this morning.

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

Rebecca Sayer Kain, Music Associate

Marina Pappas, Weekday Nursery School Director

We rejoice this morning on the occasion of the following baptism:

Elle Dorteia Trombetta

son of Kenneth and Kristen Trombetta

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Rich Leickel, Nancy Applegate, Dorothy Cunliffe, Dick Wolbach, Tom Dukelow, Fran Stoll, Fran Werrell, Susan Greenwood, Nancy Hickman, Helen Prickitt.

Let Us Also Pray for Friends and Family: Betty Hubner (Betty Penney's mother), Tracey Smith (Stacey Blackmer's sister), Chris Davis (friend of Bob and Linda Thorpe), Brian Alden (John and Barb Wilson's nephew), Jeff Kreafler (John and Barb Wilson's brother-in-law), Louisa B. Coffin (Louisa Coffin-Tilsner's mother), Gordon Jones (Marguerite Houck's son), Elsie Pearson (Donna Bordner's mother), David Parks (Nancy Parks' brother), Jim Higdon (Greg Faulkner's brother), Chuck Inman-Sergott (Rev. Mary Jane Inman's son), Rev. Kate Killebrew, Larry Hansen (Linda Thorpe's brother), Frances Parsons (Carol Parsons' mother-in-law), Colin Bainbridge (Sammy Henderson's friend), Ron Bishop (Martha Stem's brother), Bruce and Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's parents), Robert Spatola (Joe Spatola's brother), Rosemary Halpin (Mary Ellen Litton's sister).

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

Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

Please silence all electronic equipment during the worship service.

Having trouble hearing what's going on during worship? Please see one of the ushers or our sound tech and they will supply you with an **Assisted Listening Device**. They're very easy to use and they really work!

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!

Hospital Visitation – Please keep our pastor informed about present or pending hospital stays or if you know of a member who is in the hospital. Your help in notifying the pastor would be greatly appreciated.

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.



The Church School is collecting hats and mittens during the month of December. The items can be dropped off in Witherspoon Center and the children will attach them to a Christmas Giving Tree. The final day for collection is TODAY.

Thank you for your donations!



EasyTithe Users- For those using EasyTithe to make their offering, please acknowledge your offering by placing an Easytithe bookmark in the collection plate. You will find the bookmarks in each pew.

Join us for the Third Annual Trinity Nativity Walk! The Membership Committee invites you to take part in our Nativity Walk TODAY! During Coffee Hour, please stop by the Fellowship Hall to view the various nativity scenes that our members have displayed.



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, 2016 |
| 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.**

Our Stewardship Campaign continues during December.

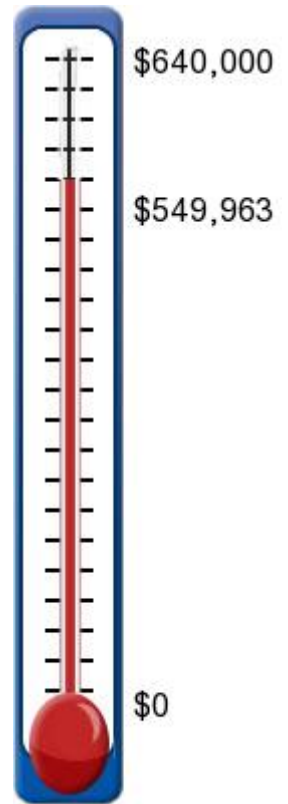
The theme of this year's campaign is "**Generations of Generosity**". This theme highlights how generations of families have contributed to Trinity's growth and benefited from the enduring presence of our Church. Speakers have recognized the vibrant Trinity programs and the importance of a church family that spans and supports all generations.

To date, \$549,963.00 in pledges have been received. This amount is 86% of our pledge goal of \$640,000, which is required to simply support the current staff, programs and mission at Trinity.

All Church members should have received their 2017 pledge cards during the first week in November. The pledge card was accompanied by a letter that outlines the financial commitment needed to support the life of our Church. We prayerfully request that all pledges be mailed to the Church office. A timely return of your pledge is required to develop our 2017 budget. Please also consider using EasyTithe to manage and monitor your pledge throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity!

"We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Psalm 78:3



2017 Pledge Boxes are now available for pick up. Please visit the Anteroom off Fellowship Hall where you can find your box alphabetically by last name. Due to high postage fees, they will not be mailed out. Please help conserve costs and materials by picking up your box and consider delivering one to a friend who might not be able to make it to church to pick theirs up! Thank you from the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

Mission and Outreach Committee thanks all who donate to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry each month. All food items are needed. Other items such as bars of soap, shampoo, and deodorant are also needed. Our next week of service will be the week after Christmas, Tuesday, December 27 (5:15 to 7:30pm) and Thursday, December 29 (10:15 to 1pm) and also on January 3 and 5, 2017. Signups will be at coffee hour. Any questions email elissagoss425@gmail.com.

The Holy Land-- Up Close and Personal! Janet Cohen returned recently from spending two weeks visiting her daughter Hayley in the Holy Land. Since Hayley has worked for the last seven months at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, she

was able to provide Janet with a wonderful and very full schedule of sightseeing. Join Janet today at 11:00 a.m. as she discusses some of what she has seen and heard while traveling through the Holy (and troubled) Land. The conversation will be held in the Witherspoon Center.

Alternative Gift Market Ends Today Are you looking for a meaningful Christmas gift for a friend, teacher or relative who seems to have everything? The Mission and Outreach Committee's annual Alternative Gift Market wraps up today. We have many mission programs to choose from including our Senior High Mission trip, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, bed nets for children in the tropics, and medicines for the world's poorest. For as little as \$5 you can make a difference this Christmas. Each gift comes with a card to send to the person you wish to honor. The card identifies the gift you have chosen. All you need to do is add your personal message and share the card. Visit our table today in Fellowship Hall and thank you to all who have supported this project. Contact Jenny Stark [609-680-6090](tel:609-680-6090) or Charlene Beck for more information or visit us in Fellowship Hall.

The **Care 'n Share Shop** will be closed Tuesday Dec. 20, Thursday Dec 22, Tuesday Dec. 27 & Thursday Dec. 29. We will re-open Tuesday January 3, 2017.

"THINK INSIDE THE BOX!"

Join with teammates using your critical thinking skills to find clues and solve puzzles to escape a highly-themed room at the Escape Room Challenge in

Marlton. Sponsored by *Trinity Out & About*, this event takes place at 3pm on Sunday January 29th. Cost is \$30/person and includes a one hour challenge, followed by social hour with drinks and snacks. Sign up TODAY during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall.



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 18

- 7:45 am Sunday Morning Men's Fellowship– Witherspoon Center
- 9:30 am Worship Service/ 4th Sunday in Advent
- 9:30 am Church School (N-6th Grade)
- 10:45 am Nativity Walk– Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Adult Education– Witherspoon Center
- 11:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm Hannah Circle at the home of Natalie Mitchell

Monday, December 19

1:00 pm Priscilla Circle at the home of Opal Stockwell
7:00 pm Ruth Circle at the home of Susan Bastnagel
7:00 pm Boy Scouts– Witherspoon Center

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 pm Rebekah Circle at the home of Julie Blair

Thursday, December 22

12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—Witherspoon Center
6:30-9:00 pm AA Groups—Witherspoon Center

Saturday, December 24- *Christmas Eve*

4:00 pm Family Service
6:30 pm Pre-service music
7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service– Childcare provided including infants through kindergarten
Immediately following the service join us in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments at the Christmas Eve Social
10:30 pm Pre-service music
11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 25– *Merry Christmas!*

9:30 am Worship Service (no childcare today)

Christmas Eve Social

Don't miss our annual Christmas
Eve Social, held in

Fellowship Hall at the close of the 7:00pm candlelight communion service. This is the perfect opportunity to share a warm drink, a sweet treat and conversation with special people on the eve of Christ's birth.

What better way to begin your Christmas celebration? See you there!





*You are cordially invited to spend the
Christmas Season*

with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!

Sunday, November 27—9:30am

First Sunday in Advent

Friday, December 2— 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series

Tri-County Symphonic Band

Sunday, December 4—9:30am

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

Tuesday, December 6—6:30pm

Presbyterian Women

Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 11—9:30am

Adult Choir presents Randol Alan Bass' "Gloria"

*Christmas Sharing Delivery—our Deacons
deliver gifts to needy families*

Sunday, December 18—9:30am

*Christmas Worship with hand bell music & concert band
Nativity Walk immediately following the service—enjoy a cup of coffee while
viewing dozens of favorite crèches shared by our members*

Saturday, 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*

Christmas Eve Social following the 7 pm service

Sunday, December 25— 9:30 am *Sunday Worship (no childcare)*

Sunday, January 1— 9:30 am *Communion*

Sunday, January 8— 9:30 am *Epiphany Sunday
Communion, Choir & Youth Bells*

