

*Joy*

*Everlasting joy shall be upon  
their heads.*

—Isaiah 35:10

*Advent  
2017*



**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
*An Inviting Community Following Christ For Life*

9:30 am

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

## WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

**Prelude** *Veni Veni* arr. Davis  
Trinity Band

**Welcome** The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Introit** *Silent Night* Traditional  
Mahalo Ukulele Band & Joe Bechtel, soloist

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

## WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

### Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

*Dhinaker, Deepa, Ivana and Celina Albert*

**God's Prophetic Word** Isaiah 35:1-7

### Litany for the Advent Candles

In the night of our lives,

God is shining the light of his compassion.

**We light this candle to remember that God's Light is coming close.**

Advent means coming.

**We are full of expectation!**

Lord, make us ready to receive your glory with obedience.

**Lord, make us ready to greet you with child-like wonder!**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Advent Prayer (unison)

Prepare the way, O God, for your Son to enter our hearts.

By the power of his mercy, love and grace  
may we be changed and made anew.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate,  
may we answer your invitation to abide with you.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

### Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

**Hymn 9** (verse 3 only)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**\*Processional Hymn 13**

*Prepare the Way*

**WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS**

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**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*  
The Rev. Ms. Craven

**\*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 going with Rev. Craven this morning to Church School. Church School teachers will be joining Rev. Craven at the rear Sanctuary doors to help escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon Center at 10:40 am.\*\**

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**Bell Anthem**

*Christmas Processional and Medley*  
Adult Bells

arr. Hall

**Prayer for Illumination (unison)**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**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.**

**Morning Canticle (responsively)**

Luke 1:46-55

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor  
on the lowliness of his servant.  
**Surely, from now on  
all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.**

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
**He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
**He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.**

**Old Testament Lesson**

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

Isaiah 61:1-11

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**New Testament Lesson**

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

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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**Sermon**

*Advent: Mourning in Zion*  
The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

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

**A Moment of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Offertory Anthem**

*Noel, Joyous, Noel*  
Adult Bells

arr. Stephenson

**\*Hymn of Dedication 36**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE**

**\*Sending Hymn 3**

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

**\*Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*(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
Marissa McGrath	Trumpet	Bill Kain	Clarinet
		Ron Willoughby	Clarinet
Karen Kain	French Horn		
Ian Willoughby	French Horn	Brian Dougherty	Tenor Sax
		Patrick Bean	Alto Sax
Zach Harmon	Trombone	Nitin Charles	Alto Sax
		Brendan Desjardins	Alto Sax
Julia Clarke	Flute	Gavin Ritter	Alto Sax
Pam Dougherty	Flute		
Leah Marcelli	Flute	Ben Kornak	Percussion
Hannah Strobel	Flute	Kira Mahoney	Percussion

## Mahalo Ukulele Band

Kris & Meredith Bailey	Alex Ebiri	Sue & Doug Nork
Keller Bean	Bill & Karen Kain	Fiona Parks
Joe Bechtel	Becky Kain	Rusty Sieh
Peter Brown	Dave & Trudie Large	Naomi Smith
Barb Clarke	Sarah Lausi	
Maddie Desjardins	Joe, Cate & Leah Marcelli	
Jen Dukelow	Lauren McGrath	

## **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

**The flowers were given to the glory of God by Tom and Louisa Tilsner in loving memory of Tom's mother, Elizabeth Tilsner; and by Greg, Melanie and Caroline Faulkner in loving memory of Melanie's father, Dick Edwards.**

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Jim Roberts, Rick Bean, Marty Flynn, Betty Hamilton, Ruth Bohm, Bruce Brown, Dorothy Cunliffe, Dick Wolbach, Fran Werrell, Nancy Hickman, Helen Prickitt.

**Let Us Also Pray for Friends and Family:** Bill Antinore (friend of Stockwell's), Davis Family (friends of Bob and Linda Thorpe), Rick Amatucci (Suan and Ray Bastnagel's brother-in-law), Rich Van Doren (Melissa Smith's brother), Diana Versprille (cousin of Pam Dougherty & Pat Weikart), Brittany Franco (Mary Ellen Litton's daughter-in-law), Arlene Fraraccio (Bonnie Jones' friend), Zona Hall (Larry Hall's wife), Baby Thatcher, Lynnore Compton (Ellen McCaney's sister-in-law), Marilyn Hoffmann (Marty Flynn's cousin), Carolynn Hazel (Susan Greenwood's mother), 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), Robert Spatola (Joe Spatola's brother).

**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, Brian Regensburg, 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](http://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**

Room #1	Infant through Toddler
Room #6	Twos and Threes, must be 24 months by Oct. 1, 2017
Room #4	Fours, Fives and Kindergarten

**Witherspoon Center**

**Dismissal is at 10:40 am.**

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.**

**Attention parents: Next Sundays, December 24 & 31 at the 9:30 am worship services** there will be Childcare only downstairs in the Nursery.  
There is N O Church School in Witherspoon Center on either date.

**Please be aware that** there will be NO coffee hour on Sunday morning Dec. 24 after the 9:30 am service. We hope you will be joining your Trinity family at one of the Christmas Eve services that evening and stopping by for the social immediately following the 7 pm candlelight communion service.

**In case of inclement weather, please check our website at [www.trinpres.org](http://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!

“Trinity’s annual stewardship campaign continues. The theme of this year’s campaign is **Honoring the Past, Serving the Present and Providing for the Future**”. Past generations have built a strong foundation of faith, mission and programs at Trinity and we have an obligation to build on this foundation. To promote our current programs and future initiatives focused on the church’s and our own personal growth, your support is essential.



Your generous financial support is needed to maintain current staff, programs and mission and help secure Trinity’s future. You should have received your pledge card in the mail in early November. Pledge cards are also available in the pews or from the Church office. We prayerfully request that your completed pledge card be mailed to the Church office this week. A timely return of your pledge card is required to allow us to develop our 2018 budget.

To date we have received \$577,068.00 which is 87% of our \$664,000. budget. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity.”

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

**2018 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.

**Please join us TODAY** after Worship for the **Fourth Annual Trinity Nativity Walk!** Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Nativity Walk will take place in Fellowship Hall. During coffee hour, members of the congregation will walk around to view the various nativity scenes.



**Stephen Ministry Training** will begin in January! If you are interested in becoming a **Stephen Minister** or have any questions, please contact Sarah at [sarah.craven@trinpres.org](mailto:sarah.craven@trinpres.org) by January 7th. Once we have gathered those who are interested, we will decide on a common weekly time that works for all to go through training starting the week of the 15th.

**The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs and Christmas ornaments are again available. TODAY is the last day they will be for sale before Christmas.** If you would like to purchase one after the holidays, please contact Nancy or Bonnie whose information is below. Come and check them out. They would make a wonderful Christmas present and an everlasting reminder of Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact either Bonnie Jones at 856-986-2012 or Nancy Roberts at 609-870-9634.



### **Children's Ministries**

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, but there is much to look forward to! We will also look to bless others through **two different giving Opportunities**. One is collecting hats, mittens, and scarves on our Tree of Warmth to be given to children in need for the winter months. Look for our trees, one in Witherspoon and one in O'Dell Fellowship Hall.

In response to the many natural disasters, we will also be putting together **hygiene kits for the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)**. We would welcome anyone in the congregation to join in these efforts. **There will be boxes in O'Dell Fellowship Hall and also in Witherspoon.** The list of items we are collecting for the kits is below. We thank you in advance for participating in our endeavors.

#### **Items for the Hygiene Kits:**

Hand Towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)

Washcloth

Wide-tooth comb

Nail Clippers

Bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

Toothbrush (in original packaging)

Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips



**Hygiene  
Kits  
Needed**

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS:** The Children's Ministries Committee will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves to give to children or adults that are in need of something warm for the winter months. If you would like to knit something for our **Tree of Warmth**, please bring it to church starting December 3 and put it on one of our two trees, one in Witherspoon and one in O'Dell Fellowship Hall. We thank you and so do those that will be glad to have something warm.



**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) for more information or visit us in Fellowship Hall.

**The Mission and Outreach Committee** would like to invite you to volunteer to serve at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden for Christmas. It is a great family opportunity for high school and college students along with parents. Our day of service is Thursday, December 28. We meet at Trinity at 3 PM to carpool. It is truly a blessing to see firsthand the work and service done there. If you are able to go, please contact Julie Blair at [stanblair@aol.com](mailto:stanblair@aol.com) or 609-654-9172.

**Care 'n Share** will be closed for the holidays on December 19, 21, 26, 28. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2. Have a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year! Thanks for all your generous donations. Read our report in Trinity's Annual Report.

**Food Pantry:** Thank you to all who contribute to our food/grocery bins at the front of the church. As usual we need paper products as well as grocery items. We also collect clean plastic bags for use at the pantry. We will be asking for your help in January when we will again be helping the food shoppers at the Pantry. We need at least 6 shoppers on Jan 16 and 23 from 5 to 7:30 pm and also on January 18 and 25 from 10am to 1pm. We will have sign-ups during coffee hour in January or email [elissagoss@hotmail.com](mailto:elissagoss@hotmail.com) if you can help.

The **2018 Flower Chart** is always available for sign ups every Sunday 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. **We have some open dates for the New Year: January 7 & 28, February 4.** Please sign up on the chart in Fellowship Hall or call the church office 856-428-2050 if you wish to reserve a spot. Thank you!



### *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!



Copies of *These Days* (January, February & March 2018) are now available in the Narthex.

**Lenten Devotional**— Once again, Trinity plans to publish a **Lenten Devotional** with reflections from our own congregation. You may remember from devotionals of the last three years that we are seeking submissions much in the style of *These Days*, *Daily Guideposts*, or another devotional with which you may be familiar. Submission to the devotional should include:

1. A verse or verses of scripture that comforts, challenges and/or teaches you.
2. A short discussion of how this scripture has been important to you (about 250 words).
3. A short prayer (2 or 3 sentences are fine).
4. Your name.



Since the devotionals need to be printed to be ready for distribution beginning the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the date due for submission has been established as **Monday, December 18**. Please send all submissions to SUSAN BASTNAGEL at [sbastnagel@gmail.com](mailto:sbastnagel@gmail.com) and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey [alysia.sieh@trinpres.org](mailto:alysia.sieh@trinpres.org). Also please put Lenten Devotional in the subject line of the email.

All members of the Trinity community, both youth and adult, are invited to participate in this church wide publication. If you have any questions, please contact: Barbara DeSanto at [desabarb@aol.com](mailto:desabarb@aol.com), Eby L. Banas at [ebvlbanasmd@gmail.com](mailto:ebvlbanasmd@gmail.com), or Alysia Sieh Badskey at [alysia.sieh@trinpres.org](mailto:alysia.sieh@trinpres.org).

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill  
presents

**Women's One Day**

# SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**February, 03 2018**

**FEATURING:** Rev Sarah Craven

**\$25 PER PERSON**

Includes Retreat, Lunch, and Refreshments

Last day to purchase tickets will be  
Sunday January 28th

Location:  
MEDFORD CAMPUS  
One Medford Leas Way  
Medford, NJ 08055

## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, December 17**

- 7:45 am Men's Fellowship— Witherspoon Center
- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Church School (N-6th Grade)
- 11:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 18**

- 1:00 p.m. Deborah Circle—restaurant luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle home of Opal Stockwell
- 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle home of Susan Bastnagel
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts- Witherspoon Center
- 7:30 pm BASIC— Hospitality Room

### **Tuesday, December 19**

- 7:15 p.m. Rebekah Circle home of Abbe Effron

### **Thursday, December 21**

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

### **Sunday, December 24- *Christmas Eve***

- 9:30 am Worship Service/ No Coffee Hour following the service
- 9:30 am Childcare Only (N-Kindergarten)
- 4:00 pm Family Service
- 6:30 pm Pre-service music
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service— Childcare provided for 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

**Trinity Presbyterian Church Vision and Values**  
*An Inviting Community Following Christ for Life*

**At Trinity we:**

- believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to reach out to others in order to serve God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. It is this truth that governs all that we do and all that we are.
- worship as a community of faith gathering in the Triune God's presence to further our knowledge of Scripture, participate in the Sacraments and gain inspiration for our lives. Music is part of our worship in that it enhances the spoken words of worship in an uplifting multigenerational manner. We offer our musical gifts to the Lord.
- affirm that members of all ages contribute to the rich tapestry of our witness, interests and talents. We encourage others to join us. Through fellowship all members are supported on a communal and personal level as our church family gathers for many purposes.
- acknowledge the blessings the Triune God has bestowed upon us and we respond by offering our time, talents and treasure as a dynamic sacrifice in gratitude to the loving and caring God.
- recognize the importance of life long learning to further our knowledge of God and better grow in our relationship with God, our families and our Community.
- experience the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ and go from our worshipping fellowship into the world to serve others.

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

**Friday, December 1 - 7:30 pm**

*Trinity Community Concert Series*

*Tri-County Symphonic Band*

**Sunday, December 3 - 9:30am**

*Children & Youth Christmas Music followed by*

*Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

**Tuesday, December 5 - 6:30pm**

*Trinity Women*

*Christmas Dinner & Communion Service*

**Sunday, December 10 - 9:30am**

*Adult Choir presents Mark Hayes' "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"*

*Christmas Sharing Delivery - our Deacons*

*deliver gifts to needy families*

**Sunday, December 17 - 9:30am**

*Christmas Worship with hand bell music, ukulele & concert bands*

*Nativity Walk immediately following the service—enjoy a cup of coffee while*

*viewing dozens of favorite crèches shared by our members*

**Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**9:30am** *Sunday Worship Service, Nursery Childcare*

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

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

*Pre-service music, choir and brass, Nursery childcare offered at 7pm. only*

*Christmas Eve Social following the 7 pm service*

**Sunday, December 31 - 9:30am** *Sunday Worship Service, Nursery Childcare*

**Sunday, January 7 - 9:30am** *Epiphany Sunday*

*Communion, Choir & Youth Bells*

