

# Trinity Presbyterian Church Palm Coast

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First Sunday of Advent  
Hope



FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...  
*There's room for every story*

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Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.

Prelude "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" arr. Che

Welcome

Introit

Advent Candle Lighting<sup>+</sup> *Tarrena, Tyler and Henry Gynizio*

Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What gives you hope?"

Hear their answers: My two-year-old son. Dogs wagging their tails. Talking with young people. Kindness from strangers. Spending time in the woods. Waffles. Hands clasped in prayer. Social progress. The way my son calls everybody "buddy." The ringing of church bells. Babies trying over and over to take their first step. The turning of seasons. Christian community. Books. Friendship with my adult children. Advocates for justice. Hearing children in the pews sing the hymns. The sunrise every single morning.

What gives you hope?

Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world. From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community.

Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

\* Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-4)

Call to Confession<sup>+</sup>

In God's house, everyone is welcome— those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession<sup>+</sup>

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say,  
"Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here." **But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here." **But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There's room for every story. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness<sup>+</sup>

Family of faith, We who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Affirmation of Faith<sup>+</sup>

**We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.**

**We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.**

Road to Bethlehem

Poem

"Room"<sup>+</sup>

I asked God— what about my fingernail-biting habit or the way I leave all the cabinets open in the kitchen?

What about the way I can be dramatic, drumming up a fight, only to hand out apologies like souvenirs?

What about the way I second-guess myself, let shame drive, or stay quiet when I have something to say?

What about the way I chase accomplishments like a dog with a bone? What about the doubt, or the fact that I'm terrible at prayer and cannot help but yawn during church?

What about What about *What about?*

My baggage might be too big for the van. But then God called me by my first and middle name, which always means business, and said:

Who told you that you were too much? Sugar, there is so much room for you here. So that's when I grabbed a seat and we hit the road and I knew right then that the rumors were true.

There is room. There is room. *There is room.*

Anthem "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Gardner

Jason Wheeler, Tenor

Prayer for Illumination<sup>+</sup>

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us— ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow— old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us.

We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:1-17

Meditation

"So It Begins"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Prayers of the People<sup>+</sup> and The Lord's Prayer

God of Abraham and Isaac, God of Tamar and Ruth,



God of Mary and Joseph,  
We bow our heads today hoping to catch a glimpse or a shimmer of you. We know that you are here with us, just as you walked with every generation before, so we bring you our prayers.

Thank you for creating space for us. Thank you for seeing our scattered thoughts, our imposter syndrome, our fragments of doubt, and still saying, "Come on in." Thank you for seeing our ordinary selves with anxious concerns and unflattering habits and saying, "I have bigger plans for you." Thank you for seeing our fragile egos, and our uncertain relationships, and saying, "You still belong here."

Your expansive love makes room for us to breathe, and we want to love with our lungs and hearts full. So today we pray—teach us how to make that same room for others.

When we come face to face with stories that are different from ours, show us how to add chairs to the table. When we find ourselves face to face with stories that frustrate and test our patience, show us how to build bridges instead of walls. When we find ourselves face to face with stories that feel foreign or unrelatable, remind us to open the door and to listen fully.

From Abraham to Mary, you made room for every story—and that love continues to make room for us. Teach us to do the same for our neighbor so this world will know love.

With hope we pray, using the words your son taught us to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

- \* Hymn #358 "Steal Away"
- \* Invitation to Discipleship and Offering of our Gifts
- \* Benediction<sup>+</sup>

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon." May it be so. Amen.

- \* Congregational Response (Hymn #82)  
**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

- \* Postlude "Christ Is Coming" arr. Che

<sup>+</sup> Denotes please stand if able.

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

WORSHIP NOTES

**Ushers:** Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland  
**Lay Reader:** Jason Wheeler **Audio Tech:** Ken Mettler  
**Flowers:** The flowers this morning are given by Al and Ellinor Rogero in honor of their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and by John and Shari Hildebrandt in memory of Shari's father, Dr. Sidney C. Ray.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Kevin Digby	11/27		Daisy Davey	12/1
Isabel Jones	11/28		Hailey Tucker	12/1
Sally Smeaton	11/30		Madilyn May	12/1
			Bill Campbell	12/3

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

Gail Alvaro, Margaret Applegate, Andrew Billings, **Doris Boone**, Bret Bosier, Jason Bradley\*, Dontrell Brown, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess, Priscilla Cahill**, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs, Gary Clickard**, John Decina, Maverick Dennis\*, Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby\***, William Downs, **Saida Evensen**, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, **Carol Graff**, Stanley Hannum\*, **Pat Head**, A.J. & Vicki Jebbia, **Bob Johnson, Javan N. Jones\*, Kathy Jones-Mills, Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen, Jan Markiewicz, Gloria Martin, Marie McCray**, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, Joseph C. Orr\*, **Howard Parker, Paul Parker**, William Patterson, **Bob Pearson, Janet Pegg, Helene Read, Ginny Reisinger**, Bradford Robinson, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham\*, **Lois Settles, Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, **Brian Thomas, Hailey Tucker, Ryan Tugas\***, Norma Warwell, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer\*, Theodore Winternheimer\*, Kenny Wittmer**

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.  
Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** Don't forget to pick up your Advent devotional in the Narthex today or find a link to our online version on our Trinity website!  
Thank you to all our writers for sharing their stories and a big thank you to Kelli Jebbia for putting together this year's edition.

**ADVENT SPIRAL WALK AND PRAYER ROOM:** This Advent Season, we are pleased to once again offer an Advent Spiral Walk. The spiral is set up in the Chapel, available anytime, and will remain there throughout December. Each week, a different prayer station will invite you to prepare for Advent. You are then encouraged to walk the spiral, taking time to ponder and pray.

**ADVENT SPIRITUALITY ROOM:** This year during Advent, Trinity has an Advent Spirituality Room. This sacred space resides in the Wesley room and is open Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm. In this room you will find self-guided lessons on the week's scripture and an art project that will help you dive further into your advent walk. All supplies are provided.

**FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION** reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

**STRETCH & BALANCE WITH BROOKE:** Join Brooke every Wednesday in December at 10am in Calvin for a time of gentle stretching, deep breathing and giving thanks to God for this season in time. All ages and abilities welcome!

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS:** Would you like to send your Trinity family a Christmas greeting? We would love to include a message from you and your family as part of our online Christmas Day worship service. You can record your own short greeting (less than 15 seconds) and email it to the Trinity Web Administrator at [webadmin@trinitypalmcoast.org](mailto:webadmin@trinitypalmcoast.org) or stop by **the Wesley Room** after worship on the 27th and we will record your greeting! Please provide your greeting no later than November 30, 2022.

**POINSETTIAS SALE:** Poinsettias will be available for purchase again this Christmas season! This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones. Order forms are available in the Narthex or outside the Church office. The price is \$17 each. Please submit your orders on or before December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT:** The Community Chorus of Palm Coast presents 2 shows of "Celebrating Traditions" on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary at Trinity.



**Troop 281 & 4281**  
*Fresh Fraser Fir*  
**Christmas Tree Lot**  
**Get your tree early!**  
Open daily starting November 23rd

Lot Hours:	
Mon-Fri	5 pm - 9 pm
Sat	9 am - 9 pm
Sun	11 am - 8 pm

Bring this flyer for  
**\$5.00 off any tree**

Proceeds benefit scouts in Troop 281 & 4281

**This Week in our Church** (Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00am-12 noon)

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
5PM-7PM Youth Group-Middle & High School (Mehaffey/Youth Rms)

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 AM Handbell Choir (Choir Room)  
5:15 PM CCPC Board Meeting (Sanctuary)  
5:30 PM Deacon's Meeting (Kepler)  
6:15 PM Scouts-Pack 281 (Mehaffey/Youth Rooms)  
6:30 PM Community Chorus Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
5:30 PM Trinity Troopers (Youth Rooms)  
6:30 PM Scouts-Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey)

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM Stretch & Balance with Brooke (Calvin)  
8:15 PM AA (Mehaffey)

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
5:00 PM ALANON Meeting  
6:30 PM NA Meeting  
6:30 PM Community Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
9am-5pm Flagler County Co-op Piano Recital (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM AAUW Book Club (Library)

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Sacrament of Communion**  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
3:30 PM Community Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)  
5PM-7PM Youth Group-Middle & High School (Mehaffey/Youth Rms)

**Share your gifts!**  
**Trinity Online Giving:**



# GIVING TUESDAY



## **GivingTuesday on Nov. 29 will again celebrate the collective power of Presbyterian generosity**

GivingTuesday was originally launched in 2012 on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving as a philanthropic response to the consumer-driven holidays of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

So here's how it works!

First, choose the fund(s) you'd like to contribute to. While there are many, we would encourage the: **The Deacon's Assistance Fund** or **The Birthday Fund**. The Deacon's Assistance Fund helps to provide financial assistance to individuals and families who are in need. Trinity's Birthday Fund provides monetary support to those ministries and community organizations with whom we partner in mission.

Second, make an "over-and-above" contribution. There are a few ways you can do this.

- 1) You can simply place your check/cash offering in the GivingTuesday envelopes provided. Make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and mark "GIVINGTUESDAY" in the MEMO. When complete, you may drop it in the offering plate, or drop it off or mail it to the Church Office.
- 2) You can scan the QR Code provided, select the desired fund, and make payment by either using a credit/debit card or your bank account information.