



Trinity Times

Winter 2022-2023



Trinity's Christmas Eve Services Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00pm Candlelight Service with
Communion in the Trinity
Sanctuary

*Service will be in-person and
live-streamed at
trinitypalmcoast.org*

6:30pm Trinity's Outdoor Candlelight
Service at The Florida
Ag Museum Barn,
7900 Old Kings Road
Palm Coast, FL

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 10:00 am
In-person and Live Stream at
trinitypalmcoast.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00am - 12:00 noon



Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor
Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation
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Judy Grady, Financial and Administrative
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Audio/Visual



“Words of Blessing”

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe



As we begin this season, which will take us from the Advent, through Christmas, and into the New Year, Epiphany, and Baptism of the Lord up to the season of Lent, we are invited to pause for but a moment to consider what has been as well as what will be. Our Advent liturgy will send us out week after week with these words of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love:

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 Love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.” May it be so. Amen.



The words of blessing, words of sending, of benediction are words that remind us not only who we are, and who we are becoming, but also whose we are and who is not only behind it, but also, above and below and yes ahead of what will be. This is the One, The God who so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

This is the One, The Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who meets us right where we are and helps us to become who we were created to be.

These are, as they’ve been, and most likely will continue to be challenging times for the Church and yet, if we continue to



strive to be **inwardly strong**, individually and as a community of faith, **outwardly minded**, again as individual believers and as the gathered community, and **upwardly focused** in our personal walk with Christ, and together with those with whom we journey, then these opportunistic challenges become for us pathways for us, the members and friends of Trinity Palm Coast to demonstrate to others, hope, joy, peace, and love, not only during Advent, but throughout the year. We are called, by God, to use the gifts God has given us to go out into the world and help other discover that they too are claimed and loved. That God is one their side, and that they are not alone. And that our amazing God, the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow knows each by name and also calls them forth.



In and through the Nicene Creed, let us be reminded of the One who knows our name, loves us, and calls us forth as together, as a community of faith we not only say, but also live out in our daily lives this these words as we affirm our faith, by together saying:

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human...



As we celebrate the Advent, and what may come, new beginnings full of opportunistic challenges, we are called to use all that we are, and all that we have, all our gifts and resources, ***to be a worshipping, nurturing, and serving community.***



Faith Formation



"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush rather than a last minute rush." -Unknown

What kind of person are you? Do you put up the Christmas decorations as soon as the Thanksgiving turkey has been eaten? Or do you look at your dark house mid-December and think where has the time gone? This season we always seem to be short on time.

As I write this, we have just entered the fall back, daylight saving time. And it has me thinking about time. The Bible refers to two types of time: chronos time and kairos time.

Chronos time is the 524,600 minutes that we are given in a year. Chronos time is what usually causes us stress. Where will we find the time to get everything done? Chronos time is quantitative, we can count, measure, and plan ahead.



On the other side, kairos time is God's time. This time is qualitative, it is measured in God's moments of hope, joy, peace, and love. Kairos time isn't something that can be planned. These moments come when God knows we need glimpses of heaven on earth. We have to have our eyes and our ears and our hearts open to God in order to not miss these moments.

Advent is a time of waiting. A time of standing in the darkness, looking for Christ's light to enter the world once again. Jesus didn't enter the world on the world's time; he entered the world on God's time.

We have planned many things this Advent season to help us slow down and experience God in the flesh among us. Take the chronos time that you have been given and fill your Advent with God moments that make life worth living.



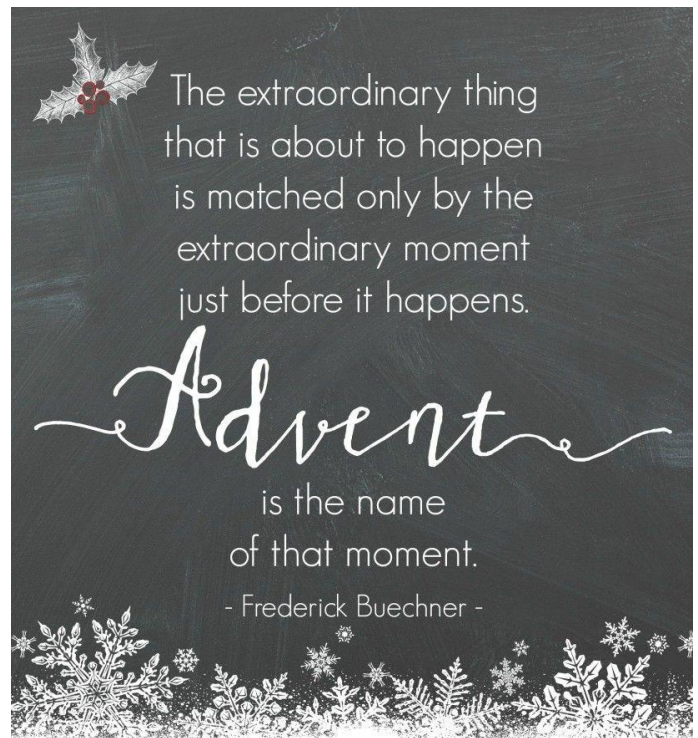
God gave us two rules in which to live by: love God and love others. Let light and love guide your steps this advent season.

I leave you with a prayer from Daily Reflection / Produced by The High Calling:

All-wise, all-powerful God, you order all things. You are sovereign even over time itself. Thus, you sent Christ at just the right time to fulfill your gracious purposes for creation. Thank you for your wisdom and grace.

As you know, Lord, sometimes I struggle with your timing... at work, at home, in my community. Often, you seem to move so slowly. I can easily become frustrated, even doubting you. Help me to be reassured that you work all things together for good in your time and in your way. Help me to trust you more, to seek you more, and to live each day in the fullness of your time for me. Amen.

Brooke Tucker
Director of Faith Formation



Music Director's Note

Our music ministry has been vibrant and continues to run without ceasing. Handbell ringers showed their passion and love of praising God as always, our soloists and instrumentalists have been working so hard. The Trinity Choir has become small, but we were working enthusiastically even more to influence each other.

The choir rehearsal resumed and made our members more involved and dedicating more time and effort.

I thank Ms. Lillian Warner and the handbell ringers. They have been rehearsing every Monday morning: indescribable gratitude.

Thanks to Jillian Koenig for sharing her talent in both solo and accompanying choir often to enhance the anthem.

Thanks to soloists: Gail Vandeventer, Madelyn May, and Jason Wheeler to share their talent with us.

Thanks to the handbell ringers for their playing on Thanksgiving Sunday as well as on Christmas Sunday, 12/18.

The choir is going to sing on the 12/11 Sunday

Thank God that Carol Corson will come back to the choir after her healing.

Still, we need to pray for Mr. Bob Pearson and Julie as always. We miss them.

Janet Pegg is also in our prayers.

We pray for members who feel uncomfortable coming back due to Covid and we all miss them as well.

"Let everyone who has breath, praise the Lord, praise the Lord" Psalm 150:6



-Heasuk Che
Music Director/Organist



Joy to the World!

**You are
invited to
join the
Trinity
Choir**

- Men, women, teens.
- No tryouts needed.

Just bring a joy of singing and making beautiful music to praise our Lord.

Choir practice is held on
Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 in the choir room.

Mark your calendars!

Trinity Handbell Choir and Friends

**Sunday, March 12, 2023
4:00 PM**

**A Musical Journey from
Lent to Easter**

Trinity Presbyterian Church
156 Florida Park Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32137



Trinity By the Numbers

Financial Update (As of 10/31/22)


	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	
Total Revenue/Income	\$333,706	\$277,055	\$264,323	(\$12,732)	under plan ☹️
Total Expenses	\$333,706	\$277,830	\$273,139	(\$8,041)	under plan ☺️

As of the end of October, we have kept expenses significantly under our budget. However, our revenue is also under budget, resulting in a deficit for the first 10 months of the year. Trinity tends to have higher giving in the last few months of the year, so we are hopeful that the gap will close to avoid a shortfall at the end of the year. You have answered God's call and given generously to Trinity. Thank you very much for your financial stewardship during these difficult times.

If you have any questions about Trinity finances, please contact one of the elders on Finance Committee: Martha Gioielli or Kathy Cooke.

Water Intrusion/Roof Update

As of 11/10/22, work has begun on our roof, stucco repairs and mold remediation. While the contractors did find significant water intrusion issues, repairs are taking place. We are hopeful that any remaining issues will be minor in comparison. As of 11/9/22, a total of \$163,835 has been given or pledged for this project. We also received \$100,000 of our PCUSA loan. Thank you for your generous support and your ongoing prayers for a successful project.



2023 Annual Budget Stewardship Update

As of 11/9/22, we have received 75 pledges for a total of \$151,588. About a third of the pledges received were for the same amount pledged in 2022. Another third of the

pledges increased year over year, with many of those increasing significantly. A few pledges for 2023 were lower than 2022, which is not surprising given our difficult economy. We praise God for several new pledges received in 2023. It is wonderful to see members begin to make a financial commitment to our ministries. Over 40% of 2022 pledgers have not yet submitted a pledge for 2023. We need to hear from you in order to establish a budget for 2023. If you are waiting for information on your financial status, please consider submitting a pledge based on what you know now. You can revise your pledge later if necessary. Any questions about pledging or our annual budget can be addressed to Kathy Cooke, Martha Gioielli or our Financial Secretary, Judy Grady.

Offering of our Gifts

Please continue to give your offering. Offerings can be received in the Church, by mail, or you may utilize online banking options at www.trinitypalmcoast.org or by scanning the QR code here:





Heritage Fund Legacy Giving



Many members and friends of Trinity have extended their financial support to future generations through a legacy gift in their will, trust, or estate plan, or with other types of planned giving or outright gifts.

Legacy gifts can be large or small, and are used for a variety of purposes: to fund special programming, to maintain or upgrade our facility, for mission support beyond the annual mission giving, for discretionary expenditures or supplementing the annual budget. One of Trinity's past legacy gifts

provides significant funding for food mission purposes, allowing our Service and Outreach ministry to support the need for food in our community. Another of our prior legacy gifts is providing \$120,000 for our roof/water intrusion project, which is a tremendous help to pay for the expense of restoring our facility.



Trinity's Heritage Fund was established in 2021 with another legacy gift of almost \$220,000. The Heritage Fund is intended to support, maintain and strengthen ministries of Trinity, today and in the future, by strengthening the vitality and financial soundness of the church. Part of those funds were used to supplement our annual budget in 2022, and likely for 2023 as well. Any legacy gift can be added to the Heritage Fund for future needs.

Is God calling you to use the gifts God has given you in this way? Have you considered making Trinity a beneficiary of your will, trust or insurance policy? Are you in a position to provide gifts (perhaps from Required Minimum Distributions, annual bonus, stocks or bonds, or estate gifts you have received) that will benefit future generations at Trinity? Please contact our Financial Secretary (Judy Grady) in the church office, or our Treasurer (Martha Gioielli 850-661-1685) if you would like to discuss a Legacy gift and how you might plant seeds for future generations at Trinity.



Legacy Giving





Growing the Church through Worship



How do we help our Church grow by bringing in more people for our services?

A first impression will go a long way to accomplish that. Get to recognize new faces. Welcome them by name and answer any questions they may have – adult, teenager, child.

As an example, one of our ushers recognized a mother and a young child as being new, bent down to the child's level and explained what she would be doing for the next hour. The child was so happy to know what she was going to be doing that she smiled and gave the usher a big hug. That hug continues to this day.

At the conclusion of the service, try to thank the new people for coming and welcome them back again next Sunday. Kindness and sincerity go a long way in making a pleasurable impression.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Weidner



I'm not letting out any secrets when I say that church attendance is down, not only in our congregation and denomination, but pretty much across the board. A number of causes have been speculated, from COVID (the fallback explanation for almost anything that has gone wrong), to the internet. There is probably no one thing that we can do to bring more people back to Sunday morning worship; and people can see through any "gimmicks" that try to entice them into church. But if we do well, and with whole-hearted commitment, that which we are here for, people will notice, and that's the first step in encouraging them to join us.

The first place that this happens is in our prime activity, and that is worship. Worship is, of course, directed to God. But worship also has important, necessary effects on the worshipper:

1. It gives us the words and the actions to praise and adore God.
2. It edifies and builds up our faith.
3. It transforms us as we seek to be more Christ-like.
4. It helps us as a community to have communion with God and with each other.

All of these things can help us to become a closer community; but we should never become a closed community. Our friends and neighbors should always see that our doors and friendship are open. We leave the rest to God.

-Delmont Smith

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 4th.

Thank you!



Trinity Presbyterian Women

On Saturday October 8th, 53 women participated in an exciting and inspirational Retreat. We were pleased to welcome women from our sister churches and the community at large as well. It was a day of reflection, soul searching, renewal and an opportunity to prepare for our next chapter, whatever that may be. I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the committees who helped make this day possible. God bless you.

We are looking forward to our December Gathering to be held on Wednesday **December 14th, 2022 at 11 am** in Mehaffey Hall. This will include Christmas music as well as the installation of our PW Team for 2023. We are very blessed to have such a dedicated group of leaders. Lunch will be provided by Miriam Circle. All women are invited to attend.

Our Bible Study, "Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight", continues monthly though June 2023. ALL women are welcome.

Our Circles meet monthly. We are pleased to report an increase in membership this year, as well as the addition of Naomi & Ruth Circle. All are welcome...for more information see the PW Bulletin Board across from the Church office or speak to any PW member.

Study Leaders ordinarily meet with Dr. Beebe the first Monday of the month, to discuss ideas for lesson planning.

We have been blessed by a very dedicated PW Team this year and we are excited to welcome the 2023 Team to lead us in our next chapter.

Peace and Blessings to all this Christmas Season. To God be the Glory.

Judy Spurrell, TPW Moderator



**THE COMMUNITY CHORUS
OF PALM COAST**

Presents

Celebrating Traditions

Friday, December 2, 2022

Special music provided by the Palm Coast Community Band at 6:30.

The Chorus performs at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Special music provided by the Palm Coast Community Band at 3:30.

The Chorus performs at 4 p.m.

Performed At

Trinity Presbyterian Church

156 Florida Park Dr. N • Palm Coast, FL 32137

www.communitychorusofpalmcoast.com

The CCPC thanks our many supporters and the City of Palm Coast for their Cultural Arts Grant. The CCPC's performances are FREE to the public.



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Advent



land where lions and lambs live in harmony, yet we acclaim the child born to lead us into the promised land.



“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

Between memory and hope



An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 96)

In Advent we expectantly wait for the One who has already come. We anticipate the promised justice of God’s new world, yet we praise God who raised the “righteous branch” to rule with justice and righteousness. We hope for the restoration of the afflicted, the tormented, and the grieving, yet we delight that healing has come in Christ. We long for the beating of swords into plowshares, yet we rejoice that the Prince of Peace has appeared. We yearn for the barren deserts of our inner cities to flourish, yet we laud the desert Rose that has bloomed. We dream of the

Christ has come! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! In Advent, we are living between the first and the second coming of the Lord. The dialectical tension of maranatha [alternately translated “Come, our Lord!” or “Our Lord has come”] — placing us between memory and hope, past and future — may strengthen our Advent liturgies. Perhaps we need to cling to the ancient cry of maranatha! and its paradoxical meanings so we may freely embrace “the new thing” prophesied by Isaiah (Isaiah 43:19) that God is doing among us right now. The tension and paradox we find in Advent shapes our celebrations during the season.



What Is the Advent Wreath?

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.

Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God’s unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: “*In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*” ([John 1:4-5](#)). Advent candles are often nestled in the evergreen wreath.



Meaning & Symbolism of the Advent Candles

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

(Excerpt taken from Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), presbyterianmission.org)



Advent Spiral Walk and Prayer Room

Beginning November 27th

This Advent Season, we are pleased to once again offer an Advent Spiral Walk.

The spiral is set up in the Chapel and will remain there throughout December.

You are invited to the Chapel either before Worship, after Worship or during the week to take time to ponder, pray and prepare for Advent.

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.

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Advent Spirituality Room

This year during Advent, Trinity has an Advent Spirituality Room. This sacred space resides in the Wesley room. The room 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.

Each week, the scripture lesson and art prompt will change so make sure you visit weekly.

Invite a friend or two to join you on the road to Bethlehem this Advent.

Any questions, please see Brooke for more information.



Our Advent theme for this year is:

From Generation to Generation



Here is what the creators, A Sanctified Art, have to say about the theme:

For the past 6 years, A Sanctified Art has created Advent resources inspired by the Revised Common Lectionary. While much of our larger ecumenical audience follows these common scriptures each year and there is beauty in these unifying texts, we started to crave what the lectionary doesn't offer: a clear, chronological storyline of the events leading up to and following Christ's birth. For the sake of biblical literacy and narrative cohesion, we felt it could be deeply meaningful to offer an Advent series that hones in on all the humans involved in the story. And so, sourcing from all of the Gospel writers, we hand-selected scriptures in an attempt to tell the full scope of the Christmas story. We paired these narrative Gospel texts with the Isaiah scriptures from Year A in the Lectionary. In this way, our focal scriptures look at the Christmas story through a micro and macro lens, focusing on both the human interactions and events recorded in the Gospels, as well as the cosmic prophecies in Isaiah.

As we read through and studied the scriptures we selected, a line from Mary's song of protest and praise gave us pause:

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. (Luke 1: 48b-50)



Despite the challenges and vulnerability she faced, Mary could glimpse the scale and scope of the good news she was part of bringing forth. This good news transcends time and space—it was and is bigger than just her. Christ is coming for collective liberation: God's redemption is at work for years to come. Therefore, the promise is meant to be lived out and passed on from generation to generation.

We are invited to look at the characters in our scriptures and wonder: What did each character pass on or contribute? How did each character participate in God's liberation and love? Which characters try to thwart God's justice and what can we learn from them? What is our role now? What is our generation's task? What will we carry forth, and what should we leave behind?

The root word of "generation" is "gen" meaning "origin" or "birth." Our theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Who are the spiritual elders in your community who planted the seeds for the things that are now blooming? What seeds are you planting for the future?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. In the midst of narratives, policies, and rhetoric designed to divide us, what does it look like to practice belonging to one another? The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent season, how will we carry it forth?





FOCAL SCRIPTURES



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

The First Sunday of Advent | FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

There's room for every story

Matthew 1:1-17 | Isaiah 2:1-5

Our series begins with Matthew's genealogy. In that long list of names, we remember the trauma and triumph of those who came before; each name holds a story and their story gives way to Christ's story. When you zoom in, you may not be able to see how each character propels the story forward, but when you zoom out, you can see how each story is woven together into a larger tapestry. The Isaiah passage illustrates a convergence of opposing groups and identities coming together. Instead of the way of the past—of war—they learn a new way by transforming their weapons into gardening tools. What are the old paths that we've followed, and where must we diverge into a new way?



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
God meets us in our fear

The Second Sunday of Advent | FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

God meets us in our fear

Luke 1:26-38 | Isaiah 11:1-10

When the angel Gabriel comes to Mary, she is perplexed and confused—and no doubt, afraid. And yet, the angel's news is: "Do not be afraid." Do not be afraid. We hear this refrain all throughout the Christmas story and remember it is the most common phrase in all the bible. From generation to generation, God shows up in the midst of our fear and uncertainty and confusion. From generation to generation, faithful people have said "yes" despite apprehension. From generation to generation, our ancestors in faith have accepted the invitation. The prophecy in Isaiah paints a vision of what we work toward when we say "yes": righteousness and equity reign, the wolf lives with the lamb, no harm or hurt shall destroy the earth, a child shall lead the way.



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We can choose a better way

The Third Sunday of Advent | FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

We can choose a better way

Matthew 1:18-25 | Isaiah 35:1-10

As far as Joseph knows, his new wife has been unfaithful to him and broken their marriage contract. And yet, instead of punishment, he chooses not to publicly disgrace or humiliate her. This interruption in his life becomes a holy invitation when the angel comes to him in a dream and says, "Do not be afraid." When he awakes, Joseph once again has the courage to choose a better way. He chooses to stay with Mary, to become an adoptive parent. He chooses peace over violence, grace over condemnation. When have our ancestors also chosen a better way, and when have they not? Isaiah 35 is a vision of what happens when we choose a better way: the wilderness blooms, water breaks forth in the desert, eyes are opened, ears are unstopped, sorrow and sadness flee away. A highway shall appear and it will become a holy way.



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We see God in each other

The Fourth Sunday of Advent | FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

We see God in each other

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58 | Luke 1:46-55

This week we return to Mary's experience. After receiving the news from the angel, she retreats to her cousin Elizabeth's house. When Mary arrives (perhaps unannounced), Elizabeth doesn't just welcome her—she is filled with the Holy Spirit and speaks a blessing upon Mary as her own child leaps and kicks within her womb. She sees how God is at work and names it out loud. In this moment of profound solidarity, Mary and Elizabeth see the divine in one another. From generation to generation, we can see how God is at work in our relationships. The way we see the divine in each other impacts how we live and move in the world. When we view every human being as a child of God, we generate a different world.





Advent Devotional

The 2022 Advent Devotional is available online at:
<https://trinitypalmcoast.org/trinity-presbyterian-2022-advent-devotional>

Limited copies are available at the Church.

Our Advent theme is

“From Generation to Generation”

Who has been your greatest faith mentor? Maybe a grandparent or a parent or a neighbor?

We want your photos of people who have contributed to your faith for an Advent art installation.

Please print out a copy and place in a frame (8x 10 or smaller) and bring to worship on the first Sunday in December.

As we travel through Advent we want to know that the generations that have come before us and paved the way are still looking down and walking with us as we make the Advent journey this year.

(We will return all photos and frames in January)



TOPGOLF

Young Adult Holiday Gathering
@ TOPGOLF Jacksonville

Saturday, December 17, 2022
Tee Time 3PM

Contact Brooke Tucker to
Book Your Tee Time!





Giving Tuesday is on Tuesday, November 29th.
Consider donating to the Birthday or Deacon's
Assistance Fund to help families in our local area.



What does Service & Outreach look like at Trinity Presbyterian Church?



Building Partnerships in our Community



Flagler County Schools and TPC-GCFP

Backpack Program through our schools making sure that some of our most needy and vulnerable children will have good and nutritious food to eat when they are away from the school over the weekend.



TPC volunteers helping hands to create the food bags

Volunteer Opportunity: Helping Hands are needed once a month to create food bags from the Family Food program donations and donations from classrooms. It's easy and takes 1.5 hours on Monday's @ 9am.

To sign-up as an individual, as a bible study group or as friends contact Kelli Jebbia @ 386.931.9090 or kfjebbia@gmail.com



Hurricane Relief

The Service and Outreach Committee has sent \$3000, the 2022 budget amount for Thanksgiving and Christmas food, to the Immokalee Mission as the need there is great following the destruction left by Hurricane Ian.

This gift is given in honor of Jeff and Ruth DeYoe. This mission for migrant workers is an outreach project of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, FL.



***Service & Outreach Announces the Arrival of the 2022
Angel Tree!***



Angel Tree
Update

When:

November 27th Angel Tree Angels ready for Selecting
December 11th Return all Presents to the Angel Tree

Where:

TPC Narthex

Who:

The children of the Family Life Center, TPC youth, Presbyterian Counseling Center, our Family Food Program, and any personal referral from the TPC congregation.

Chairperson of Angel Tree Program-Shirley Richards

Once again, it's that time of year when we have the privilege of making the Christmas Season a little brighter for persons in our missions' programs. Past years we have supported children from The Safe House/Family Life Center, Gilda Blair, Duvall, Thornwell, Chinle and a few others. This year, there is a need closer to home. Children in our community, some of them participating in the activities being held at Trinity, can use a brighter Christmas.

The Angel tree will be placed in the Narthex by Sunday, November 27th. Please take an "angel" off the tree, it will have a number on it, find that number on the sign-out sheet and write your name and telephone number next to it.

On the back of the "angel" there will be a name, age and one or more gift suggestions. You are not obligated to purchase all of the suggestions.

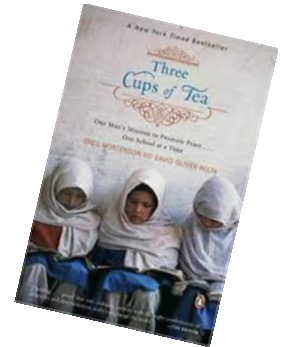
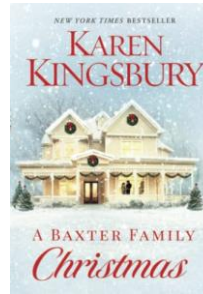
Please return your gift to trinity no later than Sunday, December 11th BEFORE the morning service. Gifts will be distributed after the service.

Thank you for making this a happier Christmas for those we care about.



Check out these Christmas books and more in the Trinity Library...

F HEG	"A Cup of Christmas Tea" by Tom Hegg
F KIN	"A Baxter Family Christmas" by Karen Kingsbury
394.2663 CAN	"Chicken Soup for the Soul, Christmas Cheer" by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen
371.82 CAN	"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin



TPC Book Club

Join us for our book club meeting on January 12, 2023 at 11:00am
in the Calvin Room.

The book for discussion is "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers. Look for a copy
of the book at the Flagler County Public Library, online (Kindle, Libby or Hoopla),
Thriftbooks.com, Abebooks.com and Amazon.com. We do have 1 copy in our
Church Library.

Book Clubs can be a great way to meet new people, have stimulating
conversations and discover new books.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Burns.



Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

Don't forget to sign up for chancel flowers for 2023!

**This is a wonderful way to honor
and remember loved ones or
celebrate special occasions.**

**Sign-up cards are located on the
flower board in the Narthex.**

**Cost is \$40 per arrangement and flowers will
be ordered when payment is received.**



December Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, December 11th at 11am

All are invited and to come and celebrate the season with your church family.

We will provide the coffee, tea, and Christmas music, you bring your favorite holiday dish to share!



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18 – 3PM

Meet in the Church parking lot with your festive attire and own transportation

For more information email or call Brooke 386-445-4757
brookeerintucker@gmail.com



Epiphany

January 6, 2023

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.

The word "epiphany" (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god. For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

- An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95)



*God of light, shining in darkness,
through a little child, born in
Bethlehem, you open to us the
treasure of your grace.*

*Help us to search diligently for
him, so that we may offer our lives
to you with thanksgiving, joy, and
praise; through Jesus Christ, the
rising star.*

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 8, 2023



As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and we hear the voice of God: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (see Psalm 2:7). At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Accordingly, this Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism or the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own Baptism.

The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.

Elders & Deacons



SESSION

Class of 2022:

**Carol Corson
Martha Gioielli
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Ken Mettler
Leslie Russo
Shelley Wheeler**

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**Kathleen Cooke
Evelyn Clickard
Ginny Elgin
Carol Graff
Gwen Levene
Judy Murgitroyde**

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Leisa Gardner
Cyndy McCormick
Maudie Parker
Joyce Peters
Alison Reid
Jan Roberts
Marlene Williams**

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Nancy Cumming
Patty Edwards
Muriel Fallon
Sandy Glasner
Susan Kopyar
Jan Markiewicz
Tracy Martin
Millicent Peart
Michael Peters**

MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
Day



“If you can’t fly then
run, if you can’t run
then walk, if you can’t
walk then crawl, but
whatever you do, you
have to keep moving
forward.”

***In observance of Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day,
the church office
will be closed on Monday,
January 16, 2023***



Save the date

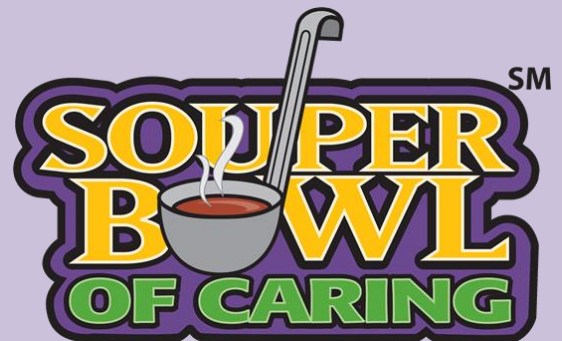
Sunday, February 12th is Trinity's Annual
Souper Bowl of Caring.

We will be collecting can/dry goods for our
local food bank during worship.

Following worship we will have a chili cook
off in the fellowship hall!

So get those chili recipes perfected so you
can be crowned The Trinity Chili Champion!

Watch the bulletin for more information in
January on how to enter into the contest!



Be on the lookout for more
information about a showing of
Paul's Promise, a movie based on a
true story.

The producer of this movie is, Nick
Logan, the son in law of one of our
members, Norma Grimes!

For more information about the
movie go to Paulspromisemovie.com




Per Capita Sunday

Sunday, January 22, 2023



WHY PER CAPITA Each year, Presbyterians across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) make a commitment to support one another through per capita giving. This call to generosity is deeply rooted in the values that guide what it means to be a Presbyterian: We are a priesthood of all believers. All people are equally created and called by God to serve God's church. As a part of this call, we share in the responsibility of supporting the church. We are a connectional church. No worshipping community is isolated. Rather, the whole of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is called to work with one another in making ministry possible. Congregations, presbyteries, synods, denominational offices, and more work with one another to offer support, guidance, collaboration, and other opportunities through per capita funding. All worshipping communities are equally important and valuable to God's church. All congregations are given equal access to resources and support funded by per capita. Through sharing of financial responsibility, no congregation is privileged due to their financial capacity. We can only be the church with one another. Through sharing in generous support of per capita and participating in the opportunities per capita funds, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) uplifts and empowers all worshipping communities as an integral part of being the church. In these and in many other ways, per capita giving is shaped by the call that God has extended for us all to join in the pursuit and formation of God's kin-dom. By gathering together in per capita giving, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) commits to connection and is empowered to live out the ministry of the church. The work of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are "all in" and committed to connection through per capita support. It takes all of us together to answer God's call. Thank you for joining us in ministry. Thank you for answering the call. Thank you for your support of per capita.

With gratitude, The Office of the General Assembly.



You are Invited to *The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Congregation*



**Sunday, January 29, 2023
Following 10AM Worship**

In accordance with The Book of Order PCUSA (G-105), The congregation shall hold an annual meeting ... for any or all of the purposes appropriate for congregational consideration. All active members of the congregation present at either annual or special meetings are entitled to vote. Congregations shall provide by rule the quorum necessary to conduct business. Meetings of the congregation shall be called by the session, by the presbytery, or by the session when requested in writing by one fourth of the active members on the role of the congregation. Adequate public notice of all congregational meetings shall be given. Congregations shall provide by their own rule for minimum notification requirements and give notice at regular services of worship prior to the meeting.

Business to be transacted at meetings of the congregation shall be limited to matters related to the following:

- a. electing ruling elders and deacons;
- b. calling a pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor;
- c. changing existing pastoral relationships, by such means as reviewing the adequacy of and approving changes to the terms of call of the pastor or pastors, or requesting, consenting to, or declining to consent to dissolution;
- d. buying, mortgaging, or selling real property;
- e. requesting the presbytery to grant an exemption as permitted in this Constitution.
- f. approving a plan for the creation of a joint congregational witness, or amending or dissolving the joint congregational witness.

Men's Breakfast

Join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month in Mehaffey Hall
from 8:45-9:45AM for a breakfast discussion.

Winter/Spring Dates: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11



Extended Serving of the Communion of the Church



The serving of the elements may be extended, by two or more ordained officers of the church, to those isolated from the community's worship, provided

- (1) The elements are served following worship on the same calendar day, or as soon as practically feasible, as a direct extension of the serving of the gathered congregation, to church members who have responded to the church's invitation to receive the Sacrament;
- (2) Care is taken in the serving to ensure that the unity of Word and Sacrament is maintained, by the reading of Scripture and the offering of prayers; and
- (3) Those serving have been instructed by the Session or authorizing governing body in the theological and pastoral foundations of this ministry and in the liturgical resources for it. (W-3.3616e)

The intent of this provision is twofold. It strengthens the pastoral care of the church to its elderly, disabled, and homebound members by making it more feasible for them to participate regularly and frequently in the Lord's Supper. This provision also makes our celebration of the Lord's Supper a strong sign of the unity of the church by regularly including in the church's communion those who are unable to gather with the worshipping congregation.

1. Home communion extends the celebration of the gathered congregation.
2. The home visit *directly follows the Service for the Lord's Day*.
3. The Session sends elders and deacons *with or without* the pastor to members beyond the sanctuary.
4. The home communion visit *consists of the reading of Scripture and offering the bread and cup with prayer*.



In and through the work of Trinity's Deacons and Trinity's Congregational Care Committee we desire to provide home communion to all who are not able to attend Sunday worship. If you or someone you know would like to receive home communion, please contact their Deacon or the Church Office.





Thank
you



Thank you!!!!

Thank you to all who helped with our 2022 Pumpkin Patch and our Trunk or Treat! We raised over \$2,500 for our Youth Programs and we saw so many smiling faces having fun on our church property. Counting down the days until we can do it again!



-Brooke Tucker



Wow, what an effort! Thank you to all who helped make the 2022 Holiday Fair a wonderful experience. This includes those who donated beautiful sale items; those who worked to set up the sales booths; those smiling sales people who greeted the shoppers; those Trinity people who came to buy the goods. It was a true community effort.

Thanks to the chefs in the kitchen who prepared the delicious lunch to eat and who also provided some comfort food to take home and enjoy later.

The Silent Auction Items & Raffle Baskets were artfully assembled and brought some fun competition. Hope there are some winners among the lottery tickets and those fantastic wreaths are hanging on doors right now.

The great hidden talents of Trinity crafters were on display at the Handicrafts Booth. Buyers could select from intricate cross stitch pictures, knit pieces, even some fun hand-stitched toys made by Martha Funk who's over 100 years old - truly incredible.

Women of the church donated the beautiful jewelry for sale, and others purchased those pieces. A Santa-sized thanks to all of you.

An amazing assortment of donations came in for Closet Clutter and our Christmas Shop. Puzzles were a big hit this year and many more treasures went home with happy buyers.

th offered up some delicious treats made by our members.
As always a favorite stop at the Fair.



We all say "thank you" to Holiday Fair Chairperson Sandy Boland! She inspired all of us with her beautiful smile and endless energy. It was announced that this was to be her final year of running it. This is sad news to all of Trinity who look forward and enjoy the Annual Holiday Fair. Thank you for your years of dedication, drive and commitment. You are a Trinity treasure!

Also, thanks to the volunteers: Judy & Ed Murgitroyde, Cyndy McCormick, Shari & John Hildebrandt, Bill Boland, Penny & Ron Weidner, Sally & Jim Smeaton, Wendy Rogers, Maudie Parker, Susan Kopyar, Sharon Grussing, Jan Schaaf, Bonnie Palatine, Tracy Martin, Norma Rogero, Nancy Cumming, Marlene Williams, Marti Benz, Carol Graff, Sandy Glasner, Robin Lloyd, Jeanette Smith, Ginny Ferriol, Donna & Brian Guerin, Martha Gioielli, Jan Markiewicz, Tom Buonocore, Ken Mettler, Judy Grady, Pastor Jeff Beebe, and all others I've forgotten.

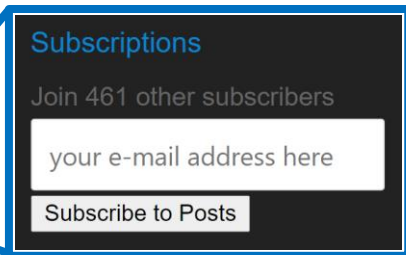


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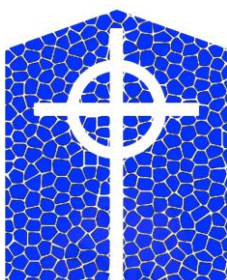
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A Note from the Editor



I want to wish you all a joyous and peaceful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times. Please note: the deadline for content submission for the Spring Edition is February 7, 2023. The Spring Edition will cover the Lent Season and Spring Happenings, including the months of March April and May. Please send submissions in Word or JPEG format to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you!

-Judy Grady



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