



Trinity Times

Spring 2024



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9:00am - 12:00 noon

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*Therefore
if anyone is in
Christ he is a
new creation
old things have
passed away behold
all things have
become new*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor
Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist
Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell03 Choir
Judy Grady, Financial and Administrative
Assistant
Thomas Buonocore, Sexton
Jane Pellmann, Clerk of Session
Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler & David Wheeler,
Visual/Audio

“Walk This Way”

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Throughout the Season of Lent we walked alongside Peter. We were reminded of both the ups and the downs of Peter’s walk with Christ. Now we find ourselves on the other side of Easter. During this season of life and faith we again are invited to walk. Invited to walk with Christ and with one another. The Gospel Writer tells us that, *“while walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him (Matthew 4:18-22).* The people of God, as expressed in both the Old and New Testaments, from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation, refer to walking with God. At times the path we trod is painstakingly clear and other times full of uncertainty. The Apostle Paul reminds here that, *“we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).* This is as good a time as any to ask, “How is your walk?” By this what is meant is how are you doing on your faith journey. When it comes to being “Inwardly Strong” are you connecting and growing in your relationships with those you journey alongside? Are you finding ways to encourage others as you seek to be encouraged. When it comes to being “Outwardly Minded” are you engaging in service and outreach opportunities and are you discovering ways to share what you have seen and heard, the Good News of the Gospel, with those you encounter “out in the world”? When it comes to being “Upwardly Focused” are you offering your whole self to God? Are you

acknowledging God in all you do? As songwriters Oscar Hammerstein and Richard Rodgers remind us, ***When you walk through a storm - Hold your head up high - And don't be afraid of the dark - At the end of a storm - There's a golden sky - And the sweet silver song of a lark - Walk on through the wind - Walk on through the rain - For your dreams be tossed and blown - Walk on, walk on - With hope in your heart - And you'll never walk alone.*** So, How's Your Walk?

Welcome Rev. John Huff, Parrish Associate!



By way of invitation of Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe, the Session has approved Rev. John Huff to serve as Parish Associate. So, you may be asking, what is a “Parish Associate?” The term “Parish Associate” is used to refer to an ordained PC(USA) pastor who is a participant in a congregation, but not serving in an Installed Pastoral role. These individuals have been through all the education and training that your pastors have and many of them have served congregations in pastoral roles during previous seasons of life. They have been ordained to the ministry of Teaching Elder (our official Presbyterian term for pastor). Our congregation is blessed to have a “Parish Associate” as a part of our community. John Huff, an honorably retired PCUSA pastor, who served in a variety of ministries over the span of fifty plus years, has agreed to serve in this capacity. John will continue to exercise his gifts in congregational ministry through an official relationship with the session wherein he will serve this congregation primarily through pastoral visitation, but will be called upon on occasion to teach and preach. Welcome Rev. Huff!

Music Director's Note

It has been the most exciting time for our Children, youth, handbell, and chancel choir whose efforts and dedication this spring is appreciated.

The Children's choir became more passionate and brave about singing in front of the congregation. I want the kids to develop advanced skills in teamwork, leadership, and perseverance while singing in the choir, and I am happy to see them improve in skills every time. Thanks to the children for singing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. They sing on the first Sunday of April. I am planning their schedule when they are available all together. Thanks to the families for bringing them to the church in the early morning. I encourage other families to join us to share your talents and efforts.

The Trinity Youth choir, due to scheduling conflict, one youth meets on Monday evening, and the other youth meets on Thursday evening and joins with the Chancel choir. Both of them, so far, are enjoying the music chosen by the director. They also have been joining the Chancel choir when needed for an anthem.

Handbell choir, one word to say, WOW!!!. They make music precisely and beautifully. The Handbell Choir rehearses every Monday morning from 9:30-11:30. Thank you for all you do. We welcome new ringers.

Thank you so much for all you do Mr. Jack Jeffe.

Now, welcome Mr. William and Donna Tate to our chancel choir. Not long ago, Mr. Tate praised God with his trumpet. I am looking forward to working with him further.

Chancel Choir has always been playing a central role when it comes to leading congregational hymns each Sunday. Over the years I served, I am grateful for your sincerity and diligence in attending on time and being ready.

Also, as a leader, I am not the only one making music. You and I do it all together.

Regretfully, Ms. Lillian Warner, the handbell director, and I discussed postponing the concert scheduled for Apr. 21 until we can re-evaluate the

organ. This organ has not been functioning well since a while ago, and the technician concluded that it is time for us to have a new one.

I hope you all understand this and the concert plan will be resuming as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do as singers, instrumentalists, and even more importantly as parents.

I encourage many adults, youth, and children to join us to make our music ministry play an enriched role in the church and community.

Thank you all for your support and love of music. Respectfully, I am looking forward to working with you as we praise God together.

Sincerely,
Heasuk Che, Music
Director/Organist



Deacon News

The Trinity Deacon Board is working hard to keep the congregation connected, but we need your help! We pray to God on your behalf but we are not mind readers... so please let your deacon know if you are having a serious medical procedure or if you've had an accident and landed in the hospital. We want to help and support you as best we can. So we need you to let us know.

If you don't have your Deacon's information handy, simply call the office (445-4757) and leave a message.

We will follow up and make sure you receive all the church care you need.

Trinity Deacons are here to support you with compassion and authentic concern.

May the Grace and Joy of Jesus Christ be with you!

Tracy Martin
2024 Deacon Moderator

Worship and Music Notes

Feeling Connected

It is our hope here at Trinity that you will feel a connection with God, as well as the people who worship here, and we encourage you to participate in the ministries that are a part of our Church Family.

Worship & Music coordinates all activities that relate to your Worship experience as follows:

Sanctuary Guild-preparation of the sanctuary for all Worship services...this involves a commitment of one month per year-see Judy Spurrell for details.

Communion preparation and clean up-see Kay James for details

Greeting and Ushering-see Marti Benz for details.

Copyright oversight-see Del Smith for details.

Review of Worship schedule and planned services-Pastor Beebe

Music -we welcome all who wish to sing in the choir, ring handbells, play an instrument-See Heasuk, Lillian Warner or any choir member for details.

We are available for questions, suggestions and welcome your participation.

We encourage visitors to let us know if/when you might be interested in formally joining our Church family by signing the Friendship Pad -please include mailing address, e mail and phone number.

As we continue our journey through Lent let us remember the supreme sacrifice our Savior made for us so that we can live as a forgiven people.

He is Risen...He is Risen indeed.

Have a Blessed Easter season.

Judy Spurrell
Worship & Music
Elder



Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

**Do not forget to sign up for
Chancel Flowers for 2024!**

**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. Thank you!**



Congregational Care Committee

To quote Pastor Beebe,
"the mission of this committee is to provide care to those members who are unable to attend in-person worship and those members who are unable to physically participate in the ministries of the Church. This committee works with the Board of Deacons to coordinate home communion and in assisting to provide pastoral care to those in need."

As a newly installed Elder, this is my responsibility for the next two years. After a talk with Pastor Beebe, we have agreed that home communion will be administered quarterly, beginning the first Sunday in May, and then continuing with the first Sundays in August and November in 2024, and then January, 2025.

Someone will be calling those members we are aware of that may need these services the week prior to communion being served in the Church. These home visits can be scheduled for the same Sunday as served at Church or early the following week at a time most convenient to you and your families. Also, feel free to call the Church office (386-445-4757) or myself (386-439-4995) to request a visit for communion or just to touch base with a Church Elder or Deacon.

Kay James
Trinity Presbyterian Elder

Trinity Finance News

State of the Budget: Revenues Year to Date on February 29, 2024 were \$58,595.72. Included in the revenues are \$6,069.92 from the Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund money is from generous donors and estate gifts. It is used at present to balance our budget as we do not have enough pledged income to support our budget. We have used the fund for three years now for this purpose. Expenses year to date were \$52,589.61. The surplus is reflective of two things: 1. We are down a staff member, and 2. Traditionally, first of the year revenues are higher as some members pay their whole pledges early in the year. Thank you for being good stewards of your finances and assisting us with staying on target for the year.

2024 Pledge Worksheet



Date	Batch Amount	# of pledges in batch
10/12/2023	\$129,506.00	52
10/19/2023	\$45,272.00	21
10/26/2023	\$10,020.00	10
11/2/2023	\$6,840.00	4
11/9/2023	\$4,600.00	2
11/16/2023	\$1,300.00	2
11/21/2023	\$2,900.00	4
12/7/2023	\$1,120.00	1
12/27/2023	\$1,440.00	1
1/4/2024	\$1,680.00	1
2/26/2024	\$4,160.00	2
TOTAL	\$208,838.00	100

We gained 2 additional pledges in February and our pledged income is up over our 2023 pledged income with less pledging units. We are thankful for the increased giving! The more pledged income we receive, the less we need to use the Heritage Fund monies to balance the budget. Then we are freed to fund more service and outreach, faith formation, worship, and maintenance projects. We look forward to a day when we can rely only on the earnings from the Heritage Fund to support the budget and have more for outreach of the church.

Investments:

The **Truist** account includes a stock deposit of 8 shares of Johnson and Johnson stock. An additional stock deposit was given as a roof pledge of \$2,981. Remember we have this option to receive donations also.

Investments	9/30/2023	12/29/2023	3/12/2024
Blair	\$ 48,757.41	\$ 52,290.04	\$53,899.23
Fund A	\$ 3,117.64	\$ 3,353.95	\$ 3,470.96
Heritage	\$126,482.10	\$138,164.26	\$144,438.38
Truist	\$ 4,030.92	\$ 3,719.65	\$ 3,865.27

We have also invested approximately \$186,000 in CDs. Part of this money is from the roof pledges and estate gifts. We feel investing God's money is a more responsible way to be stewards of our gifts and pledges than allowing it to sit idle in an account.

UPDATE Capital campaign (Roof Project) 3/11/2024: \$147,203.00 has been received thus far including the \$88,945 from the initial campaign and the \$58,258 received from pledges...Still expecting \$26,342.00 based on pledges. data below:

The total price on the roof was \$337,241. We took \$120,000 out of the New Covenant Funds to assist with the cost. We have a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Project (PILP) for \$100,000 at 3.25%. We hope to pay this back within 5 years before the rate status may change.

Trinity Finance Committee and Treasurer are thoughtfully managing the financial gifts and pledges they are entrusted with to ensure God's work here is done to the best of our ability.

Stewardship – It is more than money!!!

Stewardship is about love! God's love for us demonstrated in Jesus' sacrifice and our response to that God's love. While Pastor Jeff is constantly telling us God meets us where we are and helps us to become who we were meant to be, I believe stewardship is a vehicle to help us on our way to becoming who we were meant to be! Do you think about stewardship while you are working in our library, studying the bible lesson for Circle meeting, or singing in the choir? Maybe not, but you are using your time and talent to serve God and you have put yourself into a growth environment. What about when you are cooking for a fellowship dinner, working on the building cleaning the bathrooms, or preparing for Vacation Bible School or time with the youth? These are certainly other growth opportunities available at Trinity. Stewardship to me is more than just money and how we use it. It is about growing toward our whole being in God.

Stewardship suggests that we individually and thoughtfully assess what God has blessed us with financially and what time and special gifts God has given us that we can share with others. Next, we can ask ourselves are we moving towards God with a thankful heart as demonstrated in our thoughts and behaviors. What opportunities are available at Trinity to assist us as we grow in our faith and help us to share God's love. Is there an additional opportunity I could support with my time or talent or money? Are we taking advantage of the opportunities?

So it goes without saying that while we are always striving to be responsible with our finances to increase Trinity's options for the future, we also have just as great a responsibility to use the gifts and talents that God has given us in abundance. Most of us have more time and talent than we have money anyway. So I invite you to join me in helping to identify those talents and putting them to work for God here at Trinity! ***I am looking for people who will dream with me ways we can praise God with our time, talents, and finances. Please contact Martha Gioielli, 850-661-1685, or mtged@aol.com if you would like to talk about the possibilities at Trinity or join the Stewardship Committee and work on making possibilities reality here at Trinity.***

Service & Outreach

Service and Outreach Committee greatly appreciates Trinity members and friends for their continued support for our work through the Birthday Fund. Gifts for January and February totaled \$1108 which gave the year a strong start. The committee uses all the money in the birthday fund to provide donations to these agencies on a quarterly basis: the Family Life Center, Old Glory Service Dogs 4 Veterans, our Native American Mission (Trinity Presbyterian Church Chinle, New Mexico), and Whispering Meadows which was added back in December.

Service and Outreach will continue our onsite mission activity of filling bags of food for Flagler County students who are "food challenged" on the weekends. One Sunday each month, Trinity invites church attendees to help "pack the bags." Eager volunteers rush to Mehaffey Hall to help fill 100 bags with food for Flagler County students who have been identified as food challenged. It is a joy to watch the smiles as the workers quickly fill the bags. Most weeks it takes less than 30 minutes to complete the task. The filled bags are delivered to the Grace Food Pantry which in turn delivers them to the representative at Flagler County Schools. Our hope is that in the future Trinity can increase the number of bags being filled each month as the need is great. This mission activity is completed monthly between the start of the school year and the start of summer vacation.

Gwen Levene
Service and Outreach Chair

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:





Presbyterian Women – an inclusive and caring community of women, committed to working toward God’s promise of wholeness for all people.

We invite you to join us at the **May Gathering** for lunch as well as our **Circle meetings** in April, May, and June for Bible study and fellowship.

Our **Circles** meet on the 3rd Wednesday or Thursday of each month.

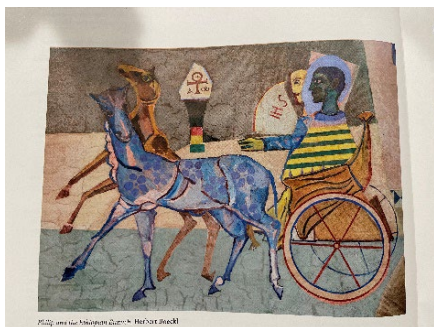
Miriam meets on the 3rd Wednesday in Mehaffey Hall at 10 am.

Mary and Martha meet on the 3rd Wednesday in the church from 6-8 pm.

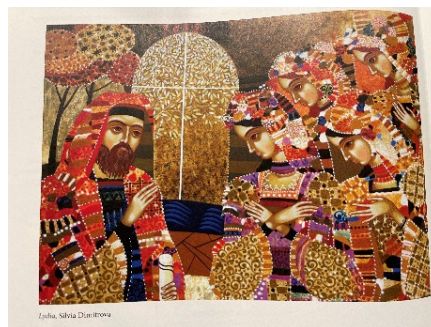
Rebecca meets on the 3rd Thursday in Mehaffey Hall at 10.

There are no meetings in July, August or December.

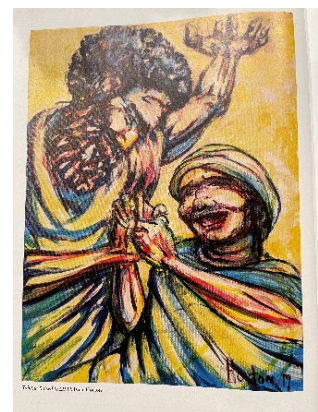
Lesson topics in the Sacred Encounters study written by Olive Mahabir include:



April Lesson 7, “An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters Good News of Jesus”
Acts: 8:26-40



May Lesson 8, “Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship,” Acts 16:11-15.



June Lesson, “People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples,” Acts 9:36-43.

May Gathering, May 1, 2024 in Mehaffey Hall. Fun, Fellowship and Lunch

Terri Belletto from Flagler Free Clinic will be our speaker. The Flagler Free Clinic is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high quality health care to the uninsured and economically challenged residents of Flagler and Volusia. Please bring the following items for the free clinic to give to their clients: Tylenol, 81 mg EC aspirin, bandages, Advil, cough and cold, creams for itching, and other first aid items.



At our **May Gathering and Circle meetings**, we will also receive the PW Birthday offering. The **Birthday Offering** gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. Since 1922 the



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wholeness for all people.

Birthday offering has funded projects for a total of \$37,966,583. The 2024 projects funded are Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills - Villa Apartments and Shawnee Presbyterian Church. See a brief description below.

**Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills
Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area, \$123,500**

Marthasville, Missouri

Many adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Many are placed in environments that are expensive and isolating. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of individuals with I/DD by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish.

By renovating a villa into four accessible apartments for eight individuals, this project will provide housing that takes into consideration specific needs unique to the residents, such as addressing acute sensitivity to sounds, bright light and certain colors. The new recreational area will offer space for art and music therapy and other leisure activities for people with and without intellectual/developmental disabilities. With the Birthday Offering grant, Bethel Hills will expand its mission to provide supportive, faith-based, inclusive community where all are accepted and valued.

**Shawnee Presbyterian Church
Café Gingko, \$150,000**

Louisville, Kentucky

Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the small yet dedicated congregation began serving free dine-in meals at Café Gingko. On average, 30 meals were served at Café Gingko each Monday. In 2020, the pandemic put a stop to the program.

At present, the need for healthy food and fellowship continues to grow. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Gingko will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals. Improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, Gingko Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops.

- Books for scholarships – **A special thanks** to all who contributed books for the Grand Haven book sale to support the scholarships for women. The sale raised \$1850.

Upcoming events:

<p>Montreat Women’s Connection - Leadership Becca Stevens – Keynote Speaker August 9-11, 2024</p>	<p>PW Churchwide Gathering “Do Everything in Love” (1 Cor. 16:14) August 8–11, 2024 in St. Louis, MO</p>
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Library News

"Animals" from *Bible Quizzes for Church Newsletters* by Frank Hoffman, Baker Books, 1987.



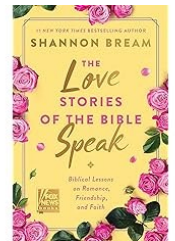
All kinds of animals roam through the pages of the Bible. Identify the animals that are mentioned or alluded to in the verses given below.

1. "Some boast of chariots, and some of _____."
2. "As a _____ longs for flowing streams..."
3. "The little _____ that spoil the vineyards."
4. "My beloved is like a _____."
5. "The _____ shall dwell with the _____."
6. "Do not give _____ that which is holy."
7. "Do not throw your pearl's before _____."
8. Jesus spoke of separating "_____ from _____."
9. In the parable, a man turned down a banquet for _____.
10. Jesus said, "Feed my _____."

Check Out This New Book

"*The Love Stories of the Bible Speak*" by Shannon Bream. 241.4 BRE

Love is at the heart of the Bible. From the moment Adam declared Eve "flesh of my flesh" . . . to the sacrificial love of Joseph for Mary . . . to the deep friendship of David and Jonathan . . . to the abounding and never-changing love of God: The Bible is a love story. But it also redefines the way the world tells us we should think about love.



TPC Book Club

Join us for our book club meeting on April 11, 2024 at 11:00am in the library.

The book for discussion is "*Radcliffe Ladies' Reading Club*" by Julia Bryan Thomas. The Flagler County Library has 1 copy.

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

All are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Burns.



Our Youth and Families enjoyed a great night of bowling at Palm Coast Lanes.



Faith Formation time during Worship.

Montreat Youth Conference June 1 – 8, 2024

Montreat Youth Conference affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. We seek to be an inclusive space where each voice can be heard and where each heart can be molded; where change is invited, challenge is expected, and where all are embraced.

This summer, we will build an accepting community of unconditional love where every story matters. Through engaging worship, lively music, and practices of gratitude and fun, we will offer youth different opportunities to cultivate their spiritual faith journeys and practice sabbath. We will provide a secure space that is loving, holy, and authentic so that we may glorify God in all that we do, inspiring and equipping a lifetime of faith.

Youth leave Montreat knowing that:

- Their faith matters.
- They are loved as they are.
- They are part of a community of faith.





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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 | **DOORS OPEN
AT 6:30PM**

BAND PERFORMS AT 6:30PM • CHORUS PERFORMS AT 7:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 | **DOORS OPEN
AT 3:30PM**

BAND PERFORMS AT 3:30PM • CHORUS PERFORMS AT 4:00PM

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Answer key from Bible Quizzes for Church newsletters by Frank R. Hoffman

1. horses, Psalm 20:7
2. hart, Psalm 42:1
3. foxes, Song of Solomon 2:15
4. gazelle, Song of Solomon 2:9
5. wolf, lamb, Isaiah 11:6
6. dogs, Matthew 7:6
7. swine, Matthew 7:6
8. sheep, goats, Matthew 25:32
9. oxen, Luke 14:19
10. sheep, John 21:17



Elders & Deacons

SESSION

Class of 2024:

Roger Ailshie
Martha Gioielli
Kelli Jebbia
Jennifer Kaczmarek
Thad Lang
Judy Spurrell

Class of 2025:

Colin Earle
Laurie Harrison
Kay James
Gwen Levene
Cyndy McCormick
Paul Parker

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024:

Bill Butler
Wendy Earle
Leisa Gardner
Jane Gauding
Judy Hennenlotter
Tracy Martin
Joyce Peters
Marlene Williams
Kenny Wittmer

Class of 2025:

Nancy Cumming
Barbara Donahue
Carol Graff
Jan Markiewicz
Millicent Peart
Leslie Russo
Donna Tate
David Wheeler



A Note from the Editor

I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times. Please note: the deadline for content submission for the Summer Edition is **May 8, 2024**. The Summer Edition will cover Summer Church happenings, including the months of June, July and August. Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.

Thank you!

-Judy Grady



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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.*