



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

Dear friends,

The past few days have been difficult for many in our congregation and community. While it was always going to be true in this election that about half the country would be deeply disappointed whatever the outcome, Trinity as a church and Asbury Park as a city are unique places made up of people who are underrepresented among the president-elect's voters: groups that have experienced rhetoric that is homophobic, transphobic, misogynistic, and racist. However you voted and whatever the reasons for your vote, it is important to know that many in our church and wider community are feeling sad, hurt, angry, confused, afraid, and even unsafe. So the night after the election we decided to do what Trinity does best: create a safe place where all are welcome, to bring their sorrows and joys, their fears and hopes, to bring all of themselves. And together, in this place, we joined in solidarity as companions on the journey.

The readings for the service were selected before the election, keyed to the day's commemoration of William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury during the second World War. Temple was a remarkable figure. He was both a brilliant academic theologian and a committed social activist. He advocated for workers' rights including a five day workweek, for a living wage, for children's rights, and for peace, although he was not a strict pacifist. He also worked for reconciliation and unity among the various denominations of Christians. As Archbishop during the war, he worked for the safety and freedom of Jewish refugees from Nazi-controlled lands.

The reading from Exodus 22:21-27 spoke directly to Archbishop Temple's commitments:

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry...If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbor's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbor's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

Welcome immigrants and refugees, strangers in a strange land. Care for the vulnerable and marginalized. I pray that we take these words to heart. I pray that we will advocate for our values to our elected leaders. I pray that they will have wisdom and discernment in crafting and executing just laws.

The other reading was from the Gospel of John, the prologue (1:1-14) that frames the rest of the story.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The gospel identifies this personified Word as Jesus Christ, and if we look at what Jesus did and taught, the word that he speaks to us is love. Love is our source. Love is life. Love is light. Love is the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love.**

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
A gentle, said service (no music)

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Joyous, sung music

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home M - F
Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship

7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

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Trinity Basics

PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

PANTRY & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:30AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

PARISH LEADERSHIP (*Vestry*):

Lesley Castellini (warden) Carol Scollay (warden)
Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Wendy Jaghab, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Maria Tassiello, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestrywardens@trinitynj.com

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Matt	Barbara Wagner	George Lee
Kevin McDonald	Kathryn	Carol Moriggia	Agnes Hulse
Jerry Fargo	Chris Tyree	Stephen Aljian	Carol Joy
Jackie Campanelli	Katherine Cunningham	Steve Mandeville	Edward Faughnan
Gene Perfetto	Chris Trout	Liz Mendez	
Angie Jonas	Fathey Abdullah	Denise Surman	
Frank Mertz	Tom Hallahan	Rudy D'Ambrisi	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.

Prayer Team Ministry. During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else. Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com.



Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15
Gary Layton	Ann, Paul, & Ian MacKenzie	Michael Mariotti	Vincent Martino	Robert Mayo

News & Notes

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The darkness did not overcome it. It does not overcome it. And it will not overcome it. The light will always win. This is our hope, today and always.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." But he also said, "You are the light of the world." Just as Christ is the Incarnate Word, the love that is the source and life and light, he calls us to be like him. So, beloved, know that you are children of God. All of you.

You are loved. Let your light shine.

Peace,
Chase

Join the Conversation on Your Commitments and Contributions in the World! November 13, 7:15pm

Trinity members and friends are found in all corners of wider interests and impactful commitments. We participate in organizations and activities that serve the needs of the world—locally and globally. We want to hear YOUR story of where and how you touch the deep needs of the communities or issues most important to your heart. We are living out the Eucharistic Prayer from the Creation Season: Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being and safeguard the integrity of creation. The next conversation will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:15 pm, following the evening Eucharist, in the conference room. We were inspired by the conversations in our first gathering and know YOU will inspire us, too. Please join us, and just come tell us your story of compassion and care and commitment. If you'd like more information, please talk to Derek, Father Chase, Pastor Katherine or Deacon Gail.

Vestry Nomination Forms Available ~ Due by Saturday, November 30th

At our Annual Meeting in January, we will hold elections for Vestry and Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention. The positions open are: Vestrypersons (3 positions for three-year terms), Warden (1 position for a two-year term), and Delegates & Alternate Delegates (3 each) to Diocesan Convention and area convocation meetings. Read a description of each position and qualifications on the nomination forms located on the info table at the back of the church. Interested in nominating yourself or someone else to a position? Just pick up a form and turn it in by Saturday, November 30th.

Code Blue Training ~ Tuesday, November 12, 6-8pm

Want to learn more about Code Blue? Join us at Trinity on Tuesday, November 12th from 6-8pm as we join with the Hope & Comfort Center and Heartwarming Center (both located in Red Bank) for a training to learn how we can serve our community and better meet the needs of those who come to us for warmth and care. We will hear from local service providers and get some practical information, trainings and resources. There will also be a break out session that will have site-specific information. Join us!

Fall Adult Education Classes ~ Sundays at 9am

November 3, 10, and 17: *Where You Go, I Will Go: The Book of Ruth*. Can the Bible, so often used as a tool for patriarchy, be feminist? **Advent** (dates TBD): *The First Christmas: We'll discuss Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's book examining what the gospels really say about Jesus' birth. Classes held at 9 am in the multipurpose classroom.*

Come Make an Advent Craft! Sunday, November 24th after the 10am Service

It's that time of year again when our Trinity Community begins to prepare for Advent! This year the hospitality committee has put together a unique wreath to help you and your loved ones celebrate. Please note that this will be after 10am service on Sunday 24th. (previously was scheduled between 9 and 10, note change). We look forward to sharing this event with you. There will be sign up sheet so we can prepare kits. Please contact David Clark with any questions.

Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist ~ Wednesday November 27, 6:30pm

Please join us on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm as we gather to give thanks for the blessings of our lives at a special Thanksgiving Eve communion service. The service will take place in the church and all are welcome! This is a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbors of all faith backgrounds as we celebrate this shared civic holiday in the context of our church's liturgy.

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Come out on Wednesdays at 5pm to read Paul's Epistle to the Galatians together. We are justified by faith not works! All are welcome. Any questions call Joanie 908-216-5529

Rest in Peace, Barbara Armbruster

It is with sorrow that we announce that Barbara Armbruster passed away. A longtime member of Trinity, Barbara had been part of the Prayer Team for several years. A retired educator, Barbara had a warm heart and loved to get to know people. She was passionate about social justice and the inclusion of all people in church and society. She loved Trinity and felt that she could bring all of herself here. She often shared how proud she was to be a member of Trinity with friends, family, acquaintances, and care providers. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Friday, November 15 at 2 pm. You may write notes of caring and sympathy to Barbara's sons, care of the church: David, Martin, and Phillip Szostak. Please keep David, Martin, and Phil and their families in your prayers. May Barbara's soul, with the souls of all the departed, rest in peace with God.

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Use

Our sound system includes an Assistive Listening Device Unit. We have listening packs and headphones available for use during services, or bring your own headphones. Please see an usher or Verger if you'd like to use a device during services.