



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Collect for the First Sunday of Advent)

Welcome to Advent. The prayer above is the Collect of the Day for the First Sunday of Advent. The Collect of the Day is the thematic prayer we hear near the beginning of each Sunday service. The first Sunday of Advent is also called Advent Sunday, and the collect for this first Sunday sets the tone for the whole season: In Advent--which derives from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival"--the Church looks toward both the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas and also the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of the ages.

We unfold another layer of meaning in Advent when we look at the original Greek of the New Testament. The word translated into Latin as *adventus* is *parousia*, which not only means "arrival" or "coming," but also "presence." *Parousia* is not only one moment in time, but an ongoing, eternal Presence. God is always with us, but Advent is a time to create a little more quiet space in our hearts for the Divine Presence, even amidst the abundance of the holiday season.

Peace,
Chase

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

Connect with Us

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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	Edward Faughnan
Kevin McDonald	Steve Mandeville	Staphanie Morriggia-
Jerry Fargo	Kathryn	Snyder
Jackie Campanelli	Chris Tyree	Margaret Jones
Gene Peretto	Barbara Wagner	Cindy Bear
Angie Jonas	Denise Surman	
Frank Mertz	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:

12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6 Danielle, Kalagh,
Kristen, Jim, Justin, & Sean McShea	Dona Mechura	Libby Meehan	Elizabeth Mendez	Liliana, & Keagan Mendoza

News & Notes

Rooted in Abundance, Growing Abundantly! Join in our 2025 Stewardship Campaign!

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign is focusing on both our roots and our growth! Last week was our pledge in-gathering and we had a wonderful response! So far we have collected 77 pledge cards for a total of \$232,795. 12 of those pledges are new or returning pledgers! We are thrilled to have so many commit to supporting Trinity Church and the work we do in the community! Please join us by filling out a pledge card. They can be found on the information table at the back of the church or electronically in our email blast. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Join the Trinity Nursing Ministry!

We are pleased to announce the development of the Trinity Nursing Ministry to address the health and wellness needs of our parishioners and the community we serve. Aligning with the vision and core value of Trinity Church that health care is a right and not a privilege we invite all licensed nurses, as well as nursing students to join us. For more information please contact MaryAnn Vitiello at mvitiello29@gmail.com.

Advent Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

All are welcome to join us on the three Advent Wednesdays to take time apart to be quiet and to study Advent readings together! Please come out and join us at 5pm on Wednesdays. All are welcome!

World AIDS Day Service ~ Monday, December 2nd at 7pm

Join us for our annual World AIDS Day interfaith/nonsectarian program here at Trinity Church on December 2nd at 7pm. The theme this year is "Take the Rights Path," focusing on the importance of human rights in addressing HIV/AIDS. There will be music, poetry, candlelight reading of the names of those who have passed, and a speech from a community activist. *Please note: there will be no candlelight walk preceding the service this year.*

Trinity T-Shirts Are Here!

Did you order a Trinity T-shirt? Would you like one? Our latest version of Trinity Wear is here! Please see the table at the back of the church to pick up your order or grab yourself some gear to represent Trinity wherever you go!

Women's Hospitality Network(WHN) Code Blue Volunteer Opportunity

Trinity's WHN Group is looking for female identified volunteers to host female identified people in a separate code blue safe space for women. We are looking for 2 to 3 people to volunteer from 630 PM to 11PM once a week on Tuesdays - only when a code blue night is called. Volunteers would be here to support the women in getting set up, getting food and help create community with the women. If you are interested please email Derek@trinitynj.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Human Rights Group at Trinity invites you to the below event:

Afghan refugees? You can aid Afghans stranded for years in refugee camps with WELCOMECORPS

What? Community Refugee Sponsorship Workshop ~ Sunday, December 8 at 1 PM
In-person or Zoom(email derek@trinitynj.com if you want the zoom link)

Where? Manasquan Quaker Meetinghouse 2257 Meetinghouse Road, Manasquan, NJ

Who? Bill Westerman, Welcoming Hearts of Middlesex
Chris George, Interfaith Refugee & Immigrant Services (ret.)
Representatives from the national WelcomeCorps program (via Zoom)
Refugee participants in Indonesia (via Zoom)

For more information: westerman22@gmail.com <https://welcomecorps.org/>

The Cold Weather is Here and Code Blue Is Ready to Serve!

Cold weather is upon us and our Code Blue Warming Center is open and serving the community! We are entering into what looks like a long stretch of very cold temperatures. Whenever those temperatures drop below 32 degrees, Trinity will open our gym from 7pm-6:30am to anyone in the County who needs a warm, safe space to stay. We need lots of supplies to run this program so that we can provide care and hospitality to all. See our Amazon wish list here: <https://a.co/3IkBWYV> or scan the QR code to the right! We also need volunteers to provide meals and to help in our Warming Center. To find out more information or to be put on our volunteer list for Code Blue, please email our Code Blue Coordinator, Ashanii Huntley, at Ashanii@trinitynj.com. Keeping our unhoused community members warm and safe is a top priority!



Volunteer Opportunities in our Feeding Programs!

On Tuesdays, our Food Pantry is looking for people to sign up to be here from 9:30am-1pm to provide hospitality and help with pantry flow. Pantry guests wait in our gym as a place for people to gather and receive hospitality while they waiting for their turn to be served. Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@trinitynj.com. Sign up to volunteer here: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-45101754-pantry

Saturday Soup Community Meal On the first Saturday of every month, we invite you to volunteer on Trinity Saturdays from 10am till 1:30pm. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-trinity1>

Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

Sunday School - Join us each week as we explore God's presence in ourselves, our community, and our world! We will gather in the Sunday School room each week at 9:45am for fun and spiritual exploration and then rejoin our families after The Peace. For questions, contact Jill Osis at Jill@trinitynj.com.

Nursery - Our Nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45am until the end of the service. The nursery will accept children aged 6 months through 4 years. The nursery is located at the end of the hallway in the office wing.



Advent and Christmas at Trinity



Advent Adult Education Classes ~ Sundays at 9am

Advent (Dec. 8, 15, and 22): *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.

(Almost) Christmas Party and Carol-Sing on Sunday, December 8 at 2pm

All are enthusiastically invited to join us at 2pm on Sunday, December 8 for an all-ages (Almost) Christmas Party in the auditorium/gym. We will sing holiday carols and festive songs, there will be crafts and activities

NJ Gay Men's Chorus Concert ~ Saturday, December 14 at 8pm

Join the NJGMC for their 2024 Winter Concert and get in the mood for All That Holiday Stuff as you take a Wintry Walk this season. You'll be sleighed(!) by the Jingle Bells Rondo, and dazzled by their 30-Second Merry Christmas and a Winter Lullaby will make us all feel warm and cozy! Their annual holiday concert will be held Saturday evening, December 14, 8:00 PM at Trinity. Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for seniors and students. Visit njgmc.org, or contact the Chorus at 732-579-8449 to purchase tickets! Tickets are also available at the door on the night of the concert. For children and adults, snacks, seasonal non-alcoholic beverages and lots of friends and fun!

Glow: A Concert by Ember Choral Arts ~ Sunday, December 15 at 5pm

Ember, of Ember Choral Arts, a Manhattan-based choral organization conducted by Deborah Simpkin King, will be joined by the Trinity Church choir to present a concert of beautiful, some seasonal, choral music, designed to soothe and enliven the soul in this holiday season; seeking to provide release, relief and togetherness. Composers include Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen, Robert Paterson, Craig Hella Johnson. The concert will be held at Trinity on Sunday, December 15th at 5pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at EmberArts.org or at the door.

Save the Date: Q-Spot Holiday Concert at Trinity ~ Friday, December 20th at 7:30PM

You are invited to celebrate the holidays with a FREE concert by the QSpot Concert Band here at Trinity on Friday, December 20th. Join us in the church at 7:pm for a festive evening of music and fun!

Cleaning and Greening ~ Sunday, December 22, after the 10am Service

Stay after the 10am service on Sunday, December 22 to help prepare the church for Christmas services. We will clean and set up trees, wreaths and flowers for a glorious Christmas celebration!. Did we mention that there's pizza too??

Lessons and Carols, A Special 10am Service on December 22

On Sunday, December 22, our 10 am Holy Eucharist will look a bit different: in place of the usual liturgy of the word, we will observe the Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols. We will hear scripture readings with Advent themes followed by choral music or congregational hymns. The Choir is working very hard on this special offering, so we hope everyone can attend and invite someone else to join you. Holy Communion will follow the Lessons and Carols



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Christmas Music and Flowers ~ Due by December 22

We have a wonderful way to remember a loved one or special event this season! Please consider making a donation to fill our space with festive Christmas flowers and beautiful music to celebrate the birth of Christ! All memorials and thanksgivings will be listed in a special Christmas insert. If you would like to contribute toward Christmas Flowers and Music in memory of or in thanksgiving for a person or event, please fill out a green envelope located at the back of the church. Please have all envelopes in by December 22nd in order to be included in time. Thank you!

Advent Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom ~ Mondays at 5pm

On Monday, November 25th Geoff Curtiss will resume his weekly Bible Study. During Advent we will look at the Book of Revelation. John, the Seer, has been moved by the Spirit to write seven unique letters to seven different congregations in seven different cities that he is very familiar with. He has been placed in exile and no longer can travel to be with them. His concern is how are these communities being faithful to Jesus and how are they adapting to, resisting the influence of or challenging the Empire. In the Bible Study we have members from four different congregations and we can look at the relevance of John's pastoral concerns for us today. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study or receive the recorded sessions please email lindacurtiss@gmail.com

Trinity Kids on Christmas Eve!

Yes - It's time to start planning for our super-amazing 4pm Family Service with our Christmas Pageant Spectacular! Our Pageant is a no-rehearsal pageant and we encourage everyone to participate as there is something for everyone from infants and older. All kids who want to be a part of the fun can join in as a character in the pageant. Adults are invited to stay with their little ones as needed and you can blend in as a shepherd or stable animal too! If you are participating in the play, please arrive on December 24th at 3:15 to get assigned a part and get ready. Questions? Reach out to Jill@trinitynj.com.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services



All are warmly invited to join us for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
Invite your family, friends, & neighbors!

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24:

- 4pm** Children and Families Communion Service with Carols and Pageant
- 7pm** Candlelight Holy Communion with Carols and Flute and Timpani
- 11pm** Candlelight Holy Communion with with Trinity Choir, Carols, Flute, and Timpani



Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25:

- 10am** Festive Holy Communion with Carols
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