

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

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LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING

10:00 AM

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**Good Morning**  
**Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.**

**WELCOME**

If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.

**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's tradition, for prayer.

**NAMETAGS**

We are delighted to welcome you at Trinity. To make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, please use the stickers and markers available at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags. We will make every effort to have your nametag ready for you on the following Sunday.

**KIDS IN CHURCH**

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the service. There is no childcare attendant, so all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer Team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayer requests that will be prayed over for the next month.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing difficulties. These devices allow them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance using an assistive listening device, please see a church usher.

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PRELUDE

Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

*Please stand.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine

1982 Hymnal #477

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

1982 Hymnal #S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.*

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46** *Deus noster refugium*

BCP P. 649



- 1 God is our / refuge and / strength, \*  
a very / present / help in / trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth be / moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled / into the / depths of the / sea;
- 3 Though its waters / rage and / foam, \*  
and though the mountains / tremble / at its / tumult.
- 4 The LORD of / hosts is / with us; \*  
the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the / city of / God, \*  
the holy habi/tation of the / Most / High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be / over/thrown; \*  
God shall / help her at the / break of / day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the / kingdoms are / shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the / earth shall / melt a/way.
- 8 The LORD of / hosts is / with us; \*  
the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.



9 Come now and look upon the / works of the / LORD, \*  
what awesome / things he has / done on / earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in / all the / world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and / burns the / shields with / fire.

11 “Be still, then, and know that / I am / God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be ex/alted / in the / earth.”

12 The LORD of / hosts is / with us; \*  
the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

## THE SECOND READING

## Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
**People        Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**1982 Hymnal #397**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE GOSPEL

**Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

**Kate Byroade**

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**From Enriching Our Worship\***

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

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\*This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes "who proceeds from the Father and the Son" to "who proceeds from the Father." This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase "and the Son" was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches.)

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

### **PRAYER FOR JAMAICA**

Almighty and merciful God, we come before you with heavy hearts for the people of Jamaica, mourning the lives lost and homes destroyed by Hurricane Melissa. Be present, O Lord, with all who grieve, and strengthen those who labor to bring relief and rebuilding. Grant courage to the fearful, comfort to the brokenhearted, and hope to all who struggle amid the ruins. Bless the leaders of the nation with wisdom, compassion, and understanding, that they may guide your people toward healing and renewal. May your Spirit breathe peace over the land and hope for the new creation, and may your love restore what storms have taken away. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSITION**

Gracious God, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on Trinity Church. We ask you to keep us centered on You as we await a new Rector. We are grateful to be surrounded always by Your love, and we pray this love will be the foundation of every interaction with each other. We are stronger when we are together in actions, mission and purpose. We are blessed to be on this spiritual journey together. Amen.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Harleysville, PA (adapted)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution:*

Celebrant    Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

Celebrant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        And also with you.

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter (b. 1945)

I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the spirit:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

And I will sing with the understanding also:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving only Bread imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**      Simple Gifts - Traditional Shaker hymn (1848)  
Text: Elder Joseph Brackett

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

He is King of Kings  
Text reference: Lift Every Voice and Sing #96

*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 366**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

Celebrant      The blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People*      Amen.

**Recessional Hymn**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**1982 Hymnal #324**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Celebrant      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

Ride on, King Jesus - African American spiritual  
Text reference: Lift Every Voice and Sing #97  
arranged by Evelyn Larter



## **Please Welcome The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen**

Trinity is delighted to welcome The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen as today's presider and preacher. The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen joined the staff at Berkeley Divinity School, the Episcopal seminary at Yale, as its Associate Dean and Director for Formation in July 2021. A graduate of The University of Michigan (B.A.) and Yale University (M.Div.), before the recent appointment, the Rev. Peters Pietersen served as vicar of St. Chad's with St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's in Shrewsbury, England. Her experience also includes nine years as rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Briarcliff Manor, NY, associate rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA, and board leadership in organizations such as Forward Movement and Rural Migrant Ministries.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen

**Preacher:** Kate Byroade

**Director of Music:** Markus Centola

**Trinity Choir & Choristers**

**Lay Readers:** Amy Arlin, Walton Brown-Foster

**Intercessor:** Alan Rice

**Intercessory Prayer Team:** Dianne Bowens-Waller

**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Rousseau, Matthew Thomas

**Minister of Communion:** Jacqueline Lucier, Cathy Rowe

**Godly Play Storyteller & Door Person:** Nancy Crandall, Valerie Pogue

**Ushers:** Neill Derick, William A. Kofalk, Sonia Watson, Marc Wiest

**Virtual Vergers:** Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Elizabeth Rousseau, Jake Troiano

**Altar Guild:** Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy

**Flower Guild:** Betty Plumley

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## LET US PRAY

**In our Parish Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Benneth & Corlet Ude, Elyon Udokwu, Garvey Udokwu, Tom Villano, Peter Vreeland & Richard Charron, Pekah Wallace and Jay Nolan Wallace.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace, Yantic; the Program & Budget Committee, and the Faith & Order Commission.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

### We pray for:

Austin Mogor

Markus Centola & Family

Mike Amanek

Edith Navarro

Bruce Wazorko

Suliman Foster

Jasmine Drake

Louisa Cummings

Clane Nickols

Irina Mamata & Family

Charles Lewis

Bowens Family

Cathy Rowe and Family

of Daniel Negrelli esp. Karen &  
Keira

Francis Sken

George Beach

Cheryl

Lennox

The Lugo and Torres Families

Daryl Todd

The Wentgertzman Family

The Swiatek Family

Bp. Michael Curry

Saydie Eggleston

Viola Cleo Bradshaw

Faye, Elizabeth and

Hannah Aliene & their children

Fred Margeson

Isabella Gevarra

Cassandra Watson

Sonia Watson

## 2026 Stewardship Campaign Continues

Though we had an ingathering of pledge cards on November 9, please know that Trinity's annual stewardship campaign continues. Everyone is invited and encouraged to make a pledge of financial support, to help anchor the future of our parish.

We would like to have as many pledges as possible by December 1 so that the Vestry can look ahead to Trinity's financial commitments for 2026. If you do not have a pledge card and would like one, there are pledge packets on the tables next to the Sunday bulletins, or you may contact the church office to be sent one - 860-527-8133 x 204. You may return the pledge cards in the offering plates or mail them to the office.

You may also make your pledge directly on our **website**: [www.trinityhartford.org/giving/](http://www.trinityhartford.org/giving/).

## A Note of Gratitude

A big thank you to the following parishioners who helped with the Grounds Day last Saturday: Neill Derick, Karin Peterson, Mark MacGougan, Betty Plumley, Paul Zimmerman, Kate Steven and Peter Green. Everyone worked hard to clean up the leaves that had fallen in the various parking areas as well as the back driveway, the Close and around the Parish House and the education wing. Our grounds look so much better as a result! A final work day is planned for Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m.

## Fall Grounds Work Day

It is the time of year to clean-up Trinity's gardens and lawns in preparation for winter. The Property Team has designated Saturday, **December 6**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon as the third fall grounds workday. Bring your favorite tools and gloves and a friend. Lots of volunteers are needed to cover all of the grounds. Contact Peter Green ([pmgreen76@gmail.com](mailto:pmgreen76@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## Trinity's 2025 Advent Giving Tree

This Advent, we are continuing Trinity's tradition of an Advent Giving Tree - a tree set up in the Sanctuary with tags of gift requests from Hartford children via the Adopt-A-Social-Worker program of Covenant to Care.

This year our Adopted Social Worker is with the Maternal Infant Outreach Program of the city of Hartford, which provides services for women up to one year after the birth of their child. Our list includes these very young children and their siblings - a total of seven families.

The tree is up with tags for each of the children. Parishioners who wish to participate may choose a tag on this or a subsequent Sunday, purchase the item and place the gift around the baptismal font by **Sunday, 12/7**, when the gifts will be blessed. We are committed to these children, and it is important that gifts be returned by this date so that they may be distributed.

With only two weeks left to shop for and return the gifts, our Trinity elves will be busy! Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this rewarding ministry.

Questions? Please contact Penny Pearson.

## **SAVE THE DATE December 7, 2025 - Adult Christian Formation Open Forum**

### **SURVIVING THESE TROUBLING TIMES**

Many of us are confused and challenged by the turmoil pervading our nation with respect to such issues as immigration, the fate of democracy, the future of the economy, the provision of vital social services, and our own participation in the political life of our various communities. We often do not know what our religious faith is leading us to do in these fraught and troubling times, especially when we find ourselves in disagreement with others over how to sustain our deepest values without breaking the bonds of fellowship.

The ACF team would like to invite you to share your personal concerns and questions, hopes and fears, in a mutually supportive informal gathering as we listen respectfully to the different ways we have found to respond to the divisions in our society. There is no agenda other than a willingness to share our feelings openly with fellow members of our faith community. Our discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Frank Kirkpatrick.

### **Trinity Church Parish Directory**

Remember to stop by the table in Goodwin Hall to update or provide your contact information! You can choose to give just one way to contact you, such as a mailing address, or give multiple methods. Why are we asking you to do this? Because we're a community of people, and we want to be able to communicate with one another!

### **Prayers in the Chapel**

Every Sunday after our service we invite you to the chapel to pray for those guiding us through the search for a new rector. We are a small prayer team that has volunteered for this exercise. We also have found that this is a prayer time for our own needs and those of others. Please join us for this short time together, for about 10-15 minutes. All are welcome!

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

In these times of transition, it seems more important than ever that we nourish the bonds we have with each other as members of Trinity Church. We gain strength from each other in difficult times. Coffee hour following the Sunday Service provides time and space for relaxed conversation and fellowship.

Please consider signing up to host coffee hour in the coming weeks and months. If you feel uncomfortable taking on the task all by yourself, ask a friend or two to join you. Refreshments need not be elaborate - a few plates of cookies or fruit will do. There are copies of a "How-to Guide for Coffee Hour" on the tables next to the bulletins. If you have questions, talk to Martha Freimuth or Linda MacGougan. They would be glad to share their experience of participating in this important ministry!

## **Godly Play: A typical Sunday in our Godly Play Sacred Space**

9:45 Doors open, welcoming

10:00 Church calendar

Story: a parable, story from the Old Testament, New Testament, Saint or people of color who inspire, or a Liturgical story.

10:15 Feast; a time to share and have a small snack

10:20 Work time with choice of a craft, paints, clay, puzzles. working with one of the stories

10:40 Gathering to pass the peace, then rejoining our families in the sanctuary

We have a lively multi-aged class welcoming all children ages 3 - 18 with two adults leading

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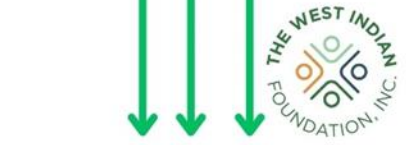


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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, November 23

9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Education Wing)  
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Church) - Christ The King  
6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

**Thursday, November 27** Thanksgiving Day; buildings closed

**Friday, November 28** Day after Thanksgiving, office closed  
7:30 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

### Sunday, November 30

9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Education Wing)  
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Church) First Sunday of Advent  
6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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