

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 26, 2025

10:00 AM



**God, be merciful to me,
a sinner!**

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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

Air

Samuel Wesley (1766 -1837)

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

1982 Hymnal #637

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
 and as generously as you can afford.
 For the Lord is the one who repays,
 and he will repay you sevenfold.
 Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
 and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice,
 for the Lord is the judge,
 and with him there is no partiality.
 He will not show partiality to the poor;
 but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
 He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
 or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

PSALM 84:1-6 *Quam dilecta!*

BCP P. 707



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD of / hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh re/joyce in the / living / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my / King / and my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who / dwell in your / house! *
 they will / always be / praising / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose / strength is in / you! *
 whose hearts are / set on the / pilgrims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of / springs, *
 for the early rains have / covered it with / pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height to / height, *
 and the God of gods will re/veal him/self in / Zion.

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1982 Hymnal #656

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Teran E. Loeppke

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.

**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.**

*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.)

**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 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

Kitty Peterson, Stewardship Speaker

Birthday Prayer

BCP 830

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Malcolm Archer (b.1952)
Text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingling down;
did ere such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul my life, my all.

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

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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

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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.

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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

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
 Blessed is the One that trusted in Him
 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
 Blessed is the One that trusted in Him
 Blessed is the One that trusted in Him
 Blessed is the One that trusted in Him
 The One that trusted in Him

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:

Healing River of the Spirit

Voices Found #96

F Bb Am7 Dm F Bb F

1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.
 2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,
 3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.

F Bb Am7 Dm F Bb F

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
 as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.
 All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.

F C Dm C Dm Bbmaj7

Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,
 Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.
 Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind-ing hu - man course,

C Dm Bb F Gm7 Am Gm7 F

we dis-cov - er in your pres - ence peace that world can - not pro - vide.
 As we meet both friend and strang-er, may we see our Sav-ior's face.
 till we find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home-ward to our source.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)



Today The Rev. Horace S. Johnson, Presiding

The Rev. Horace S. Johnson, MBA, is a retired Associate Rector from Trinity Church of Hartford and the former Business Manager of Connecticut's Community College System. Born in Jamaica, West Indies, the eldest of nine children and the son of a Pentecostal minister, Rev. Johnson learned that God is good all the time; all the time, God is good from a very early age. Pastor Johnson called on his son daily to lead morning devotions with his brothers and sisters. This practice planted the seeds of Rev. Johnson's call to ministry.

After his children became adults, Rev. Johnson answered the lingering call to ministry. He entered the seminary at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut by the Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith on December 15, 2001. Subsequently, having spent five years in full-time ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church as the Associate Rector, Rev. Johnson retired to Florida. At St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Palm Coast, Florida, he was a volunteer Assisting Priest for 14 years. In the rear of the global pandemic, Rev. Johnson returned to Connecticut in 2021 and rejoined Trinity as his home church. When he's not filling in as a supply priest, Rev. Johnson enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren Davis and Avery, completing a daily crossword puzzle and playing weekly rounds of golf.

Today, The Rev. Teran E. Loeppke, Preaching

Rev. Teran Loeppke serves as Executive Director of the [Collaborative Center for Justice](#) in Hartford, CT—a 501c4 political advocacy organization founded by five congregations of Catholic women religious rooted in the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching. In this role, he continues to work for systemic change in solidarity with and under the guidance of those who are poor and alienated, grateful for the mentoring leaders who continue to shape his journey of faith and justice.

Rev. Teran's call to justice was awakened in the wake of 9/11, leading him from anti-war activism into movements for immigrant rights, workers' dignity, and affordable housing. Ordained as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church, he has served in ministries of affordable housing, refugee solidarity, and anti-racist, feminist congregational development, universal health care and voting rights. Alongside his wife, Sara, he now calls Hamden, CT home, where they are raising their two children, Simon and Zoe near beloved family.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Celebrant: The Rev. Horace Johnson

Preacher: The Rev. Teran E. Loeppke

Director of Music: Markus Centola

Trinity Choir & Choristers

Lay Readers: Amy Arlin, Faith Wada

Intercessor: Martha Freimuth

Intercessory Prayer Team: Diane Bowens-Waller

Acolyte: Elizabeth Rousseau

Ministers of Communion: Clement Mogor

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: Peter Green

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for. Margery Samuels, Stephen Sanders, Ramona Schnitzler.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women & Diocesan Altar Guild, and for Local ECW chapters & parish altar guilds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in Wales.

We pray for:

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

Krystal Reid and

Adrian MacLeach

The Wallace Family

Nancy Miller

Margaret Daniel

Tony Charron Vreeland

(son of Peter Vreeland)

Winifred Costa

John E. Robinson

Grace Crooks

Philip Green (son of Peter &

Anne Green)

Stephanie Holland (Niece of

Kitty Peterson)

Carmen Belgrave

Katie Reynolds

Warden's Word

Dear Trinity family,

As we joyfully journey through these sacred seasons—Stewardship, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas—I am reminded that while some may see these as the “seasons of belt buckling and unbuckling,” each truly offers us a feast for the soul. Every moment brings its own blessings, traditions, and prayers that invite us to taste and see the goodness of God in new and wondrous ways.

We begin with Stewardship, a season rooted in gratitude and trust. I want to lift up heartfelt thanks to Penny Pearson, Kathie Wilson, and Steve Zhitnik for their faithful participation in *Project Resource*, a multi-week online formation program designed to nurture stewardship within our communities. Their dedication through five consecutive Sundays this fall is a gift, and I have every confidence that Trinity will soon bear abundant fruit from their learning and love.

Of course, stewardship extends far beyond our treasures—it is also the sacred tending of our time and talents. Our vestry continues to embody this truth, offering their energy, wisdom, and compassion in service to the life of Trinity. I am especially grateful to Alan Rice for his willingness to step forward as Co-Warden, completing Leslyn Clark's term and continuing to serve into the next year. Alan has blessed us time and again through his steady presence and generous spirit, wearing many hats with grace and humility. Thank you, Alan, for sharing your gifts so faithfully with this beloved community.

May each of us continue to find joy in giving, gratitude in serving, and peace in knowing that through every season—whether of feasting or fasting—God is with us, guiding us in love.

With thanksgiving and joy,

Jacqueline Lucier

The Choir School of Hartford: A season to celebrate!

The Choir School proudly launches its 20th Anniversary season celebration of music, growth, and community. With six new choristers joining us, the 2025-2026 season promises fresh energy and rich opportunities for musical and cultural enrichment.

We invite you to be part of this joyful milestone as you experience the meaningful contribution of these young people to our worship at Trinity Church.

Thank you for your support of the Choir School.

If you would like to make a direct contribution, please visit our website at choirschoolofhartford.org and navigate to the “Donate” tab. Your gift helps sustain the Choir School's mission and supports the training and education of our young choristers.

Your gifts are tax deductible as the Choir School of Hartford is a 501 C(3) organization.

2026 Stewardship Packets Available

If you have not received a 2026 Stewardship packet in the mail, packets are available on the tables next to the Sunday bulletins, or you may contact the Church Office to be sent a packet - 860-527-8133 Extension #204.

2026 Calendar Sharing

Are you receiving more 2026 calendars than you can use? Or do you need a 2026 calendar? Trinity is the place for you! There is a box on the side table in Goodwin Hall to drop off or pick up a 2026 calendar. Calendars of all sizes are welcome - wall, desk or pocket size.

Tour of the Trinity Church Campus - Sunday, November 2, 2025

The building we know as Trinity Church is much more than the sanctuary where we worship. On Sunday, November 2, Mark MacGougan will lead a tour of our buildings and, weather permitting, our campus. Even if you have been worshipping at Trinity for years, you might be surprised to learn something new about the spaces we have inherited from the generations that preceded us.

Please plan to join us after the Service. Watch the eVoice and Sunday Bulletin for details about where to meet Mark on November 2.

Book Group Meeting - Friday, November 21

The Yiddish Policemen's Union by Michael Chabon will be the featured novel of Trinity's next Book Group meeting. It's a gripping whodunit, a love story, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption - and is widely available at libraries and bookstores. Jon Reik will host the meeting at his Farmington home on Friday, November 21st, from 7:00-8:30ish. Please let Jon (860-463-1267) know if you plan to attend; he'll send you directions. Everyone is most welcome!

How Does That Sound?

We are testing potential new speakers for the sanctuary this Sunday, October 26th, and next Sunday, November 2nd. Do these new speakers improve your listening experience in the sanctuary? Vinnie Pacileo, our Facilities Manager, would love to hear your feedback either in person or at vpacileo@trinityhartford.org. Please note this is a temporary setup. The final installation, if approved, would not have cables and equipment on the floor.

Godly Play: Godly Play is a rich and thoughtful approach to Christian formation, presented through eight volumes of lessons. These lessons create a spiral curriculum that helps children grow in faith, carrying with them an inner understanding of the classical Christian language that can guide them throughout their lives. We joyfully welcome children ages 3 through 18 into our Godly Play sacred space every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. If you have any questions, Nancy Crandall would be happy to connect with you—either in person or by text at 860-503-3353.

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!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 26th

9:45 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Godly Play (Educational Wing)

Holy Eucharist - Rite II Church

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, October 28th

6:00 P.M.

Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 30th

6:00 P.M.

Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

Friday, October 31st

7:30 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, November 2nd

9:45 A.M.

Godly Play (Educational Wing)

10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist - Rite II Church

11:30 A.M.

ACF - Tour of Trinity Church Campus

6:00 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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