



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The First Sunday
of Advent

November 30, 2025

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

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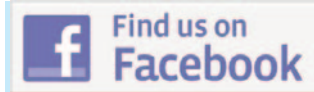
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Trinity Basics

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*):

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

Parish Staff

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Denise & Bill Pearson	Adam Rymer	Susan W.
Jackie Campanelli	Susanne Anderson	Jackie	Claire Sullivan
Manal Miller	Suzanne O'Hearn	John Asfour	Bill K
Stephanie	Peggy	Tina S	Lillianna Paci
Margaret Jones	Bruno	Tom S	Sylvia Credle
Miles	Tom Dempsey	Liz DeJesus	Kevin Burkitt
Denzel Donaldson	Tom	Mona	Shannon Welch
Gregory Curatolo	Hunter	Annette Owens	Robert & Nancy Burkitt
Samantha Robinson	Michael Issacson	Phyllis Koch	

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

12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5 Jaclyn, Cyndie,
Mary Volak	Adrienne Wert	Mike Wile	Melinda, Skyla, & Maya Willems	Nathaniel, Broderick, & Braedyn Williams

News & Notes

Notes of Sympathy: The Rev. David H. Hermanson, 14th Rector of Trinity Church

It is with sadness that we announce the death of The Rev. David H. Hermanson, former Rector of Trinity Church, Asbury Park. David was the 14th Rector of Trinity, serving from 1994 - 2003. David's funeral service will be held here at Trinity on Friday, December 12th at 11am. You may reach out to David's wife, Lynn Stefanowicz, and his son, Noah Hermanson-Stefanowicz, with Notes of Sympathy in care of Trinity Church and we will deliver them to the family. Please keep the Hermanson and Stefanowicz Families in your prayers during this difficult time. May David's soul, with the souls of all the departed, rest in peace with God.

Adult Education at 9 am this Sunday and Upcoming

November 30: On the first Sunday of Advent, Fr. Chase will lead an exploration of the meaning of this liturgical season and will offer resources for spiritual practice.

December 7 and 21: Fr. Geoff will lead a discussion of Sister Joan Chittister's book, "The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage."

December 14: Fr. Geoff will lead a conversation about the formation of our new Episcopal Peace Fellowship chapter. (please note that this session will begin at 8:50).

DIY Advent Craft Kits Available Today!

This year, the Hospitality Committee will be offering Advent Kits To-Go. Kits will be available at the back of the church after each Mass on November 30. Candles, weekly devotional prayers, scripture readings and some fun tasks will be included as we prepare spiritually for this Christmas season.

Youth Meet-Up After the 10am Service Today!

Our Confirmation-aged youth are invited to join us for a brief meet-up after service this Sunday, November 30th, in the Sunday School area. This will be a quick opportunity to connect with Ayanna, our new Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, and to touch base together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrating Stewardship: I Believe

Our 2026 Stewardship drive is happening now and we are thrilled with the response to our campaign, "I Believe!". There is still an opportunity to fill out an online pledge card linked in our Friday email blast or one of the envelope pledges located on your pews and at the back of the church. So far we have gathered 80 pledges - join your Trinity Community in helping us vision and build our future together!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We're excited to grow our Sunday School ministry and are seeking volunteers who feel called to teach our youth and help plant seeds of faith in their lives. If you're interested or have questions, please email Ayanna Adams at Ayanna@trinitynj.com or feel free to connect with her after service.

Do You Knit or Crochet?

Calling all knitters and crocheters for baptismal blankets construction! Our supplies have run out! If you are interested in providing a baptismal blanket for our youngest Trinity folk then please call Mary at 908-309-0786. She will give you information on type of wool, color, and size for blanket. Wool can be provided. We would like to have a few on hand for January Baptisms!

Social Justice Coffee Hour: Plastics Project Today after the 8 & 10am Services

On November 30th, after both the 8 and 10 services, the EARTH project will have a table at coffee hour. Available to you will be a list of recyclable and non recyclable plastics. Come learn more about increasing your personal plastic re-use and reducing your personal plastic waste. While learning about this, we challenge you to take the "Plastic Pledge". The Plastic Pledge is an action you can take each time you go grocery shopping. Each week when do your usual shopping, right before check out, challenge yourself to make one "non plastic" decision, this may be switching a shrink wrapped item for an item not in shrink wrapped, this may be buying something in a glass jar instead of a plastic jar, maybe it's entirely not getting the saran wrap and deciding to use Tupperware instead. There is strength in numbers, if all Trinity members took the pledge, we'd eliminate 18 tons of plastic in a year.....18 tons! Amen! So come by the EARTH table today after both services, learn more about plastics, take the pledge and help the EARTH.

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! When temperatures drop below 32 degrees, Trinity will open our gym from 7pm-6:30am to anyone in Monmouth 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. You can access our Wish List with 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!



A Tree Full of Joys and Toys!

This is your chance to bring holiday JOY to our community! Every year, Trinity adopts local families to spread holiday cheer through the Community Karma program. All of the gifts needed are on tags hung from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 19th. Please grab a tag and happy giving!



Advent and Christmas at Trinity



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like... A Christmas Party! **Sunday, December 7th at 2pm**

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Gathering on Sunday, December 7th at 2pm in our Auditorium! There will be food, fun and some new Christmas-themed games for all ages to enjoy! It's a wonderful way to mingle with our parishioners! Festive Holiday attire is encouraged!! See you then!

Advent Preaching Series

This year, each Sunday of Advent will feature a different preacher from within the Trinity community. November 30: the Rev. Tom Pivinski, Assisting Ecumenical Pastor; December 7: Derek Bloom, Director of Community Engagement and Organizing; December 14: the Rev. Geoff Curtiss, Assisting Priest (on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood); December 21: the Rev. Chase Danford, Rector.

Advent Bible Sharing: Birth of the Messiah

Join us for a special Advent Wednesday Bible Sharing on December 3rd and December 10th. We will open up the Gospels of Jesus' birth and leave time for Lectio Divina. It will be a wonderful way to lead us into the season of Advent. You are encouraged to attend both nights but come when you can. (Refreshments and warm welcome served) 12/3 Wednesday 5PM Joseph, Magis, & a star. 12/10 Wednesday 5PM Mary, Angels, & sheep. Followed by our Wednesday evening service at 6:30 PM.

Spiritual Book Reading Group for Advent

On Sunday, December 7th we will meet together to reflect on *The Time is Now* by Joan Chittister. We will discuss The Introduction: A Word About Prophets, chapters 3 & 4 Awareness and Insight. Copies of the material are in the back of the Church for those who do not have the book.

GLOW Holiday Concert ~ December 14 at Trinity

Trinity Choir and Ember team up again this December for a light-themed concert, again branded as GLOW. Many will remember a similar joyful event this time last year. This year's holiday program, called "GLOW - Light and Miracles," shines with music inspired by both spiritual and earthly light: the miracle of Hanukkah, the quiet awe of Christmas, and the universal spark that binds us together. This year the Trinity Choir will be featured with several selections of their own, in addition to joining with Ember on two pieces. Come, enjoy and support your Trinity Choir - and consider showing them off to a neighbor you'll bring along. December 14, 5 pm, at Trinity Church. Tickets are available through EmberArts.org

NJ Gay Men's Chorus Sings! Saturday, December 13 at 8pm

Sleigh bells ring and the gay men sing! This holiday season, NJGMC brings you Fa La La with a fabulous twist. From traditional choral classics to a pop culture diva, this concert is filled with heartfelt harmonies, queer cheer, and joyful surprises. As always, our annual holiday cookie sale will sweeten the night. Join us Saturday evening, December 13, 8:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 503 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ. Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for seniors and students. Visit njgmc.org, or contact the Chorus at (732)579-8449, or purchase your tickets through your favorite NJGMC member! Tickets are also available at the door on the night of the concert.

Q-Spot Holiday Concert at Trinity ~ Friday, December 19th 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 19th. Join us in the church at 7:30 pm for a festive evening of music and fun!

Our Annual Trinity Christmas Pageant – All Children Welcome!

It's that time of year again! We're excited to begin planning for our 4pm Christmas Eve Family Service and Trinity's Annual Christmas Pageant. This is a no-rehearsal pageant, which means everyone can join in, there's a role for every child from infants through teens. Children who want to participate can step right into a character, and parents are welcome to stay close to their little ones as needed. If you plan to participate, please arrive on December 24th at 3:15 PM so we can assign roles and help everyone get ready for a joyful pageant. Questions? Reach out to Ayanna@trinitynj.com

World AIDS Day 2025 ~ Monday, December 1st at 7pm

Join us for our annual World AIDS Day interfaith/nonsectarian program here at Trinity Church on Monday, December 1st at 7pm. The theme this year is "Remember, Rethink, Rebuild, Rise." There will be several musical performances (including from Trinity's own Rand Hubiak), poetry, candlelight reading of the names of those who have passed, and brief reflections from community leaders. Also note that the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at Paradise on November 30th from 1-7pm.

Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship Group

We will meet together on Sunday, December 14th at 8:50 a.m. For a light breakfast and discussion between services. We will discuss the issues we want to work on for the coming year 2026. We will take an inventory of current actions people of the parish are engaged in and discuss our relationship to the larger Episcopal Church's work through the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. What are you interested in PRAY-READ-ACT together?

Eastertide Retreat to Holy Cross Monastery: Wednesday April 8-Friday, April 10, 2026

Please consider joining fellow Trinity parishioners in our latest retreat to Holy Cross Monastery, a regular favorite event. Enjoy the comfort, peace and tranquility of these Benedictine brother's guesthouse and beautifully kept grounds overlooking the majestic Hudson River. Savor delicious, fresh, professionally prepared community meals, and take advantage of ample opportunities for worship and meditation. Most importantly, relish in a time of fellowship and retreat with friends and members of our Trinity community- sign up today! Space is limited, \$115/night, total \$230, scholarships available, double occupancy also available upon request. Questions? See or contact Andy Place at andyplace33@gmail.com. You can access Holy Cross's website at: www.holycrossmonastery.com

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

We continue our exploration on the Moral Teachings of Jesus. We are currently looking at materials from the Gospel of Matthew. To join please email lindacurtiss@gmail.com to be included. Our sessions are recorded and can be forwarded to keep you up to date.

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm!

Ever want to know more about the early church? Here is your opportunity! Join us on Wednesdays at 5pm as we study the Book of Acts! All are welcome to join our friendly group at 5pm! Questions? Call Joanie 908-216-5529

Cristosal Update

Cristosal is receiving International Recognition for its ministry in accompanying victims of violence and abuse. We continue to raise up the imprisonment of our lead attorney on corruption Ruth Lopez. We invite you to consider making a year end contribution to our work. Thank you, Geoff Curtiss VP of the Board.