



Welcome

to Trinity Church

Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day

December 24 & 25, 2025

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:8-12)

Merry Christmas! Welcome to Trinity Church's joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ! Whether you're here for the 4 pm Pageant communion service, 7 pm candlelight Holy Eucharist (Communion) with carols, 11 pm choral Holy Eucharist with candlelight, or Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with congregational carols, you will be joining in a beautiful service--and we are so happy you're here with us!

Many thanks to the great multitude of people who gave of their time, talent, and resources to make Trinity's Christmas celebrations so special. From the choir and musicians who have been rehearsing for weeks, to the vergers who carefully think through the choreography of worship, to the volunteers who cleaned and decorated the church, to those who have contributed special gifts to the flowers and music fund, to the altar guild who have been polishing and ironing, to those assisting in worship, to the staff who work to make sure everything is ready, and to everyone who joins in worship and whose presence makes this a more joyous festivity, it takes all of us to make this church's celebration of Christ's birth so beautiful and moving.

A poor child born in a manger, sleeping on hay, was good news of great joy for all the people, first witnessed by peasant shepherds and then both honored and feared by the powerful. In the birth of Christ, we see that the power of the divine is at work in the world for all us. It is not a power that comes through might; instead, it comes through vulnerability and through love. In God's reign, there is no distinction between the mighty and the lowly, between the powerful and the vulnerable, between the holy and the human. God sees in us all our needs and our possibilities. And the possibility among even the least of us is that because God has become human in Jesus Christ, we humans can become more fully the image of divine love we were created to be.

Merry Christmas!
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Welcome to Trinity!

Are you new to Trinity? Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please feel free to reach out to our clergy or staff members with questions at any time. We are here to help, guide, and listen!

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

Worship at Trinity

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

Sundays:

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

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Joyous, sung music

Monday-Friday:

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

7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

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

Connect with Us

CONTACT 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*):

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

Clergy Staff:

The Rev. Chase Danford, Rector
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Gregory Curatolo	Phyllis Koch	Shannon Welch
Jackie Campanelli	Denise & Bill Pearson	Susan W.	Robert & Nancy Burkitt
Manal Miller	Bruno	Claire Sullivan	Agnes Hulse
Stephanie	Michael Issacson	Bill K	Christian Fuscarino and his family
Margaret Jones	John Asfour	Lillianna Paci	
Miles	Mona	Sylvia Credle	
Denzel Donaldson	Annette Owens	Kevin Burkitt	

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.

News & Notes

Shhhhh... the Staff is Sleeping!

The parish office is on reduced hours December 26- January 1 as the staff catches up on a little post-Christmas rest from all the preparation for and events of Advent & Christmas. As always, if you have an emergency, please call the church office at 732-775-5084 and follow the directions for a pastoral emergency.

Celebrating Stewardship: I Believe

Our 2026 Stewardship drive is happening now and we are thrilled with the reponse 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 at the back of the church. So far we have gathered 108 pledges for a total of \$378,700 - join your Trinity Community in helping us vision and build our future together!

Trinity Establishes Local Episcopal Peace Fellowship Chapter

15 people met this past Sunday and agreed to form a chapter by signing on to the covenant*. EPF has a monthly newsletter about activities going on in the larger Church. Go to episcopalpeacefellowship.net and sign up. We made a list of our interests around PRAY/LEARN/ACT. A report of the session is available upon request*. The annual meeting of the National Episcopal Peace Fellowship will be Thursday night January 29th at 6:00 p.m. Interested members will gather for a lite supper that night at Trinity to join in the Zoom. More information to follow.

*(The covenant and report on our gathering are available in the EPF information stand at the rear of the Church)

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!



News & Notes

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.

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 Ayanna Adams at Ayanna@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.

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>

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ On Hiatus!

Bible Sharing is on hiatus. We will reconvene on Wednesday, January 7 at 5pm. See you then!

Mobile Giving at Trinity



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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, Wednesday, December 24:

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



Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25:

- 10am** Festive Holy Communion with Carols

