



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fourth Sunday  
in Lent

March 15, 2026

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (Psalm 23)*

In an interview with Hebrew College, the Christian pastor and author Brian McClaren offered the following reflection on one of the most beloved biblical texts, the Twenty-third Psalm:

"Like nearly all my peers in my conservative Protestant background back in the 1960s, I was trained to read the Bible personally but never politically, spiritually but never socially or economically, and particularly but never universally. (Of course, even that training was a socio-political act, but we didn't see it.) God's care applied to me and my individual soul, but not to economics or public policy. It spoke to my destiny in "the sweet bye and bye," but not to racism or economic inequality or environmental destruction in the fierce here and now. Perhaps most tragically, as I now see it, we were taught to read it as a message exclusively for "me and my fellow Christians" but not for anybody else.

As an adult, I have been converted, so to speak, from reading the text in an exclusively personalistic, individualistic, and escapist way. So now, I find myself stretching to ask, "Could I see God as the shepherd of all of humanity and not just one religion or nation, seeking to guide us all, no exceptions, through pandemics, racial injustice, toxic populism, through ecological overshoot and economic inequality, through hostile polarization and weapons proliferation?"

As I ponder this question, I remember that the psalm doesn't say, "The Lord is my puppet-master," or "The Lord is my dictator," or "The Lord is my machine operator." The shepherd seeks to feed, lead, and guide sheep — living creatures with a will of their own. As far as I can tell, sheep are never terribly controllable, and they seem less trainable than a dog or horse. So even as I ponder God's guiding universal presence, I am reminded of our shared responsibility to be guidable, to maintain a deep inner receptivity to wisdom from beyond our current understanding."

Peace,  
Chase

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](http://www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship)*

**7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**

### Wednesdays:

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

## Connect with Us

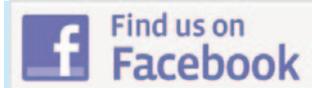
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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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](mailto:Derek@TrinityNJ.com).

**CHOIRS:** Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at [Deborah@TrinityNJ.com](mailto:Deborah@TrinityNJ.com) for information!

### **PARISH LEADERSHIP** (*Vestry*):

Bill Presutti (warden) Wendy Jaghab (warden)  
Brice Byham, David Clark, Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin,  
Megan Jones, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, and  
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## Parish Staff

### Clergy Staff:

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## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Denzel Donaldson	Tom	Kevin Burkitt
Manal Miller	Gregory Curatolo	Tom S	Shannon Welch
Stephanie	Denise & Bill Pearson	Sophia	Joe Madigan
Margaret Jones	Michael Isaccson	DJ	Michele Beckerman
Miles	Tina S	Tom Moran	Carol Moriggia

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](mailto: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 readed 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](mailto:PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com).

**Trinity Cycle of Prayer** During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends

3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19 Maria, Charles,	3/20
Ron Gorsky & Abbie Carthy	Edward Green	Douglas Grote	Amelia, Ramona & William Hagon	Gary & Allison Hampson

## News & Notes

### Adult Education Today: Kairos Palestine II Reading ~ Today at 9am

Today at 9am in the multipurpose classroom, we will begin reading Kairos Palestine II: A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide. This critically important document is a cry from Palestinian Christians to the American Church. It calls upon the Church to speak. Geoff Curtiss will lead the forum and is a member of the Episcopal Church's Palestine Justice Network and serves on the board of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. We live in an age where "might makes right" which demands a faith-based stand against tyranny and power. Next week will be the monthly EPF Trinity meeting.

### Easter Flowers and Music Gifts ~ Due March 29th

This Easter, would you like to remember a loved one who has passed away, honor someone special in your life, or give thanks for a blessing? We invite you to make a gift to the Easter Flowers and Music fund. These gifts will support the beautiful flowers that will grace our church for our Easter celebrations and our music program that works to bring music and song into our hearts all year long. All Thanksgivings and Memorials will be printed in a special insert available both online and for in-person worship. Please use one of the envelopes on your pew or fill out our online form located in our weekly email blast.

### Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesdays at 6pm During Lent

Join us at 6pm on Wednesdays in Lent, as we journey the Way of the Cross at our weekly Stations of the Cross service, immediately before our Wednesday Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

### Weekly Bible Sharing for Lent ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Looking for a new lease on Lent? We welcome you to join us Wednesdays at 5pm for "An Unlikely Lent" at Bible Sharing. We will use a multi disciplinary approach as we deepen our Lenten experience. The Resurrection didn't happen in isolation. It unfolded before a crowd. Let's look together at stories of those women and men!

### **Be A Superstar at our Theatre Night Fundraiser for Trinity Center for Community This Thursday, March 19 ~ Jesus Christ Superstar**



Do you love musicals? Do you have dreams of being a superstar? The Spring Lake Community House & Theatre has generously donated all their tickets for opening night of their production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* to Trinity Center for Community and we want you to join us! The evening begins with an Opening Act Reception at 6:30 PM and follows with the performance at 7:30 PM at Spring Lake Theatre. 100% of the ticket price goes to support the programs of the Trinity Center for Community. Guests are encouraged to dress like a rock star! Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code to the left or at the link in our weekly email blast. If you have any trouble purchasing tickets, please see Wendy Jaghab or Joanie McCoy. Tickets prices are as follows:  
\$125 Superstar (includes reception, show, and program recognition; \$80 tax-deductible)  
\$45 Patron (includes reception and show)

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

The Monday Bible Study with Geoff Curtiss is looking at the history and archeological evidence behind the Bible narrative from the collapse of the Bronze Age 1177 BCE to the rise of the Persians in 550 BCE. Israel came into existence as a result of this collapse and participated in the changes brought about by the Iron Age. Changes in social structures, administrative relationships, the introduction of new metals and ideas of about being governed are all part of the new age. To join please email [lindacurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:lindacurtiss@gmail.com) to be included. Our sessions are recorded and can be forwarded to keep you up to date.

### **Agape Dinner ~ Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm**

Our annual Agape Dinner, hosted by the Hospitality Committee, will be Tuesday during Holy Week, March 31st at 7 pm. Please join us in honoring this ancient Christian tradition. An Agape dinner is sharing a simple meal to foster community, fellowship, and divine love (agape). Originating in the early church, it recalls Jesus' table fellowship, often including bread, wine, and shared prayer. More details coming soon, please put this on your calendar and don't miss it! Contact David Clark 732-535-1775

### **Maundy Thursday Night Watch ~ Thursday, April 2nd beginning at 9PM**

*Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful even to death; remain here, and watch with me." (Matthew 26:38 ESV)*  
Join us as we keep an all-night watch in the Chapel after the Maundy Thursday service. Spend time in quiet, in prayer, in watchfulness. We will take turns sitting for one hour in the chapel from Thursday, April 2nd through Friday, April 3rd. The watch will begin at 9:00 PM and will end at 6:00 AM. Someone will be here at all times to let you in at the office doors. Come and keep watch with us! Sign up at the back of the church or by contacting the church office!

### **Black History and Women's History Event ~ Tuesday, March 17 at The Asbury Park Library**

Come celebrate Black History and Women's Herstory month with The Episcopal Peace Fellowship on Tuesday, March 17th at the Asbury Park Library at 6PM. We will listen to local artist and historian Charles Trott of the Diasporic Images of Africa (DIA) speak. We will learn about the African Diaspora and how connected we all are as humans. Please come and support our local artist!

### **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](mailto: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.