



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:7-9)

After college, I worked for a few years at a law firm while the Church and I discerned whether God might be calling me to the priesthood or whether I might first embark on another path. My day to day work was not the most exciting, although I enjoyed learning about some of the complexities of law and the healthcare system. But the best part of my job was getting to know my coworkers, most of whom were junior associates only a year or two out of law school. We would usually all go to lunch together once a week, occasionally we gathered at someone's home for a barbecue, and some of us even traveled together from Houston to visit the "home office" in DC. I stayed in touch after I moved on from the firm to go to seminary, and so three years later when I graduated, I invited all of my former coworkers to my ordination to the transitional diaconate in Houston. Many of them attended and joined for the celebratory lunch afterward. Last week, one of those former junior associates passed away at the age of 50. He had been out for a run when he had a fatal heart attack. I remember him as an avid marathoner, and from his social media posts, it seemed that he remained a committed runner and practiced an active lifestyle. His is a death that shocks us with its unexpectedness. My former colleague was a devout Roman Catholic, and I believe he would have found comfort in Paul's words to the Romans quoted above: We do not live only for ourselves. We live for God and God's people. And in life and death, we are loved by God as God's children.

They are comforting words, and yet, of course, we still mourn at the loss of one so full of life. Just as we mourn all whom we love but see no longer. This week, our nation marked the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Many people in our area--perhaps many of you--know someone who perished that day: 147 Monmouth County residents died, and because many people in the Asbury Park area lived or worked in New York City, you might know others. My prayers, and the prayers of our church, are with all those who lost loved ones and colleagues, all those who survived, and all those who were traumatized, whether they watched the destruction from blocks away in lower Manhattan, northern Virginia, or Somerset County, Pennsylvania, or whether--like me--they watched television news images in disbelief from thousands of miles away.

This year's significant 9/11 anniversary falls within our church's observance of the Season of Creation. This season reminds us of our interconnectedness. We live with and for one another, and we live because of one another. And "one another" includes all of Creation: people, animals, plants, everything. The Season of Creation also reminds us that life is fragile. We cannot take life for granted. The death of a 50 year old runner might scare us ("that could be me," we might think), but if fear keeps us from enjoying what we love, that would not honor anyone's memory or do justice to the gift of life we have been given. Similarly, 9/11 probably scared us and we rightly remember those who died and the injustice of it all. I believe the best way to remember and honor those who died is to work for peace, for greater understanding, to break down walls that divide us. The most powerful antidote to terrorism and religious and political fundamentalism is not war, but peacebuilding through education, praying together, fellowshiping together, and volunteering together.

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

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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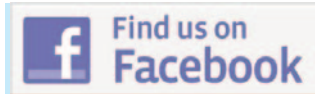
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Trinity Basics

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) Wendy Jaghab (warden)
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Michael Isaccson	Rise Legato	Tom Williams
Manal Miller	Joseph Clark Jr	Laura & Daniel	
Stephanie	Grace Couluris-Woodruff	Fred Tagliarini	
Margaret Jones	Tom Dempsey	Annmarie	
Miles	Dianne & Debbie	Tom	
Denzel Donaldson	Candace Lindh	Lori K	
Gregory Curatolo	Laura Bentivegna	Joan K	

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
9/14 John Asfour & Alan Perchick 9/15 MaryAnn Baxter 9/16 Russell Bennett 9/17 Marcia Bennett 9/18 Gail Bennett

News & Notes

Upcoming Sunday Adult Education Opportunities

Today: **"What is Anglicanism and What Does it Have to Do with the Episcopal Church?"** The Rev. Chase Danford will lead the second session on the development of Anglican Christianity and how it became present in the United States (and other countries) as the Episcopal Church.

Sunday, September 20: **"Full and Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise."** Kim Byham, Trinity parishioner and advocate for LGBTQ inclusion in the Episcopal Church, will present about the history of the movement that has eliminated bars to ordination and marriage in the church.

Sunday, September 27: Monthly **Episcopal Peace Fellowship** meeting will share about advocacy opportunities.

Sundays in October: Classes exploring the **history, theology, and worship of the Episcopal Church**, including an introduction to the Book of Common Prayer. This is especially geared for new members and visitors, but will be a good refresher for all.

All classes held in the multipurpose classroom at 9am (except EPF monthly meetings, that begin at 8:50). Interested in serving on the Adult Education Committee? Reach out to Rev. Tiff at Tiff@trinitynj.com

Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

It's Sunday School Time! - Get ready for another exciting year of Sunday School! We begin today at 9:45am in the Sunday School room. Can't wait to see you!

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.

Help Assemble Welcome Bags ~ Today after the 10am Service

Many Hands Make Light Work! On Sunday September 13th, we invite you to stay after the 10am service to assemble 250 red newcomer bags to give out to Trinity visitors! See you there!

Adult Forum ~ Full & Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise Sunday, September 20 at 9am

This week marks the 50th anniversary of the Episcopal Church's first statement in support of the LGBTQ+ community. Meeting in Minneapolis, the General Convention stated that "homosexual persons have a full and equal claim to God's love and care." An event "Full & Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise" takes place from September 3 to 5 in Minneapolis. Kim Byham and Scott Helsel will attend and Kim is a presenter of the history of the movement that has eliminated bars to ordination and marriage in the church. Kim will give a version of that history at Trinity at 9am on Sunday, September 20.

Ministry Fair - Sunday, September 27 at 11:15am in the Auditorium

There's always something happening at Trinity and we want you to be a part of the action! Are you looking for a way to make a deeper connection with your Trinity Community? Use one of your skills and talents or find a new one! After the 10am service on September 27th, representatives of Trinity's ministries will be available at coffee hour to share how to get involved at Trinity, whether assisting with worship & parish life or serving our wider community. Come check it out!

Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 4 at the 10am Service

Bring your furry, scaly, feathery, slithering friends for our annual Blessing of the Animals! "All creatures of our God and King" are invited to join us in the church during the 10am service for a blessing from the Trinity clergy. All animal friends ought to be brought on a leash or otherwise appropriately controlled for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Treats will be available for our pets and their people too!

PorchFest is Coming ~ Hospitality Volunteers Needed! Saturday, September 26, 12-5pm

On Saturday afternoon, September 26, Trinity will be a venue for Asbury Park's much-loved PorchFest. During this fun event, over two dozen addresses will host music acts on their front porches or lawns. All performances are free, and listeners are encouraged to explore our community's neighborhoods on foot or bike as they move from venue to venue. Schedule to be released soon! We would like to showcase our church's beautiful architecture and welcoming atmosphere, so volunteers are requested to provide a hospitable presence. If you would like to help, and be here for some wonderful music, let us know at office@trinitynj.com.

Trinity Youth Happenings: 7th-12th Grade

September 19th - Our first planned activity will be a beach cleanup day, followed by a picnic at St. George's in Rumson beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 19th.

September 20th - we will begin a 10-month Confirmation program continuing through June 2027. Our curriculum is based around the "My Faith, My Life series". Together, we'll explore Scripture, Episcopal tradition and history, prayer and spirituality, worship, mission, ministry, and what it means to live our faith in the world. Each gathering will include lively conversation, dinner, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn from one another.

The confirmation program will gather monthly from 5-7pm, hosted by Episcopal churches throughout the Monmouth Convocation. Our first gathering is on Sunday, September 20, at Christ Church, Shrewsbury, followed by gatherings on October 25, November 15 (at Trinity), December 13, January 10, February 21, March 14, April 11, May 16, and June 13. Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, build friendships with other Episcopal youth, serve our communities, and grow together in faith.

Please contact Reverend Tiff for Registration information and additional details at: tiff@trinitynj.com

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Use

Our sound system includes an Assistive Listening Device Unit. We have listening packs and headphones available for use during services, or bring your own headphones. Please see an usher or Verger if you'd like to use a device during services.

News & Notes

It's Time to Start a New Program Year Today!

Today is the start of a new program year! What does that mean? It means that all of our regular programming that took a break for the summer is back! Here's what's happening:

Fellowship - Join us after services for fellowship time and a celebration of the beginning of our program year and the return of our choir, Sunday School, and adult education. The Hospitality Committee will be providing treats and will be passing out our new calendar of events. Come see all of our wonderful plans for the next year!

Choir - Have you ever thought about singing in the Trinity Choir? If so, God may be calling you to this ministry through music! As we begin a new season, this is the perfect time to join us—and singers in all voice parts are welcome.

The Choir will sing for the first time this season today. The best time for interested musicians to begin singing with the Choir, is in the rehearsal at 11:30 AM, following Mass today.

Interested in learning more? Speak with Deborah or with any current Choir member after church.

Sunday School - Hey kids, it's time for Sunday School! Let's all gather together this week beginning at 9:45am to get to know one another and talk about how we can make this a great year! We're so excited to have you back!

Adult Education - We have several new and exciting adult education opportunities coming up - check the announcements regularly and stay tuned!

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

This fall we will be studying the formation of Judaism during the Persian and Hellenistic Periods. Most scholars agree that Torah as a way of life did not exist prior to the rise of the Hasmonean empire following the Maccabean revolt in the 2nd BCE. This raises important questions about the formation of the Biblical narrative. When was the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) actually written? What is the ideology the Pentateuch is promoting and why? Why is Moses not known in many of the texts from this period of time and doesn't really show up until the 2nd BCE? Where was the cult of Yahweh being practiced following Israel's colonization by Assyria, Babylon, Persia and the Hellenists. We are looking at the archaeological evidence and the material resources from 600 BCE to 200 BCE. To be included in our gatherings Monday at 5:00 p.m. please contact lindacurtiss@gmail.com to be included. The sessions are recorded and will be sent along with other materials to those interested in participating.

Weekly Bible Sharing: Restarts This Wednesday, September 16th

Wednesday Bible Sharing begins anew on September 16th. Everyone is welcome to join us then for a three week study on the 23rd Psalm! Any Questions call Joanie 908-216-5529

SAVE THE DATE:

**Stewardship sponsored Potluck Dinner for the Congregation
October 24th 5PM-7PM**