



Trinity Times

Winter 2021-2022



Christmas Eve Services *Friday, December 24, 2021*

4:00pm Candlelight Service with
Communion in the Sanctuary
*Service will be in-person and live-
streamed at trinitypalmcoast.org*

6:30pm Outdoor Candlelight Service at
The Florida Ag Museum Barn,
7900 Old Kings Road,
Palm Coast, FL

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 10:00 am
In-person and Live Stream at
trinitypalmcoast.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00am - 12:00 noon

Behold
I BRING YOU
GOOD TIDINGS
OF GREAT
JOY
which shall be to
all people.
Luke 2:10



Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Beebe, Pastor
Heasuk Che, Director of Music/Organist
Brooke Tucker, Director of Faith Formation
Lillian Warner, Director of Handbell Choir
Tommy Buonocore, Sexton
Judy Grady, Financial & Admin. Asst.

“The Way Home”

Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Any quick online search for the meaning of Advent will bring an explanation like, *Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.* Likewise, most will speak of expectant waiting and the preparation which is necessary, year in and year out, time and time again. In the world in which we live we begin to experience that which is to come as we hear the familiar sounds of the season, begin to see familiar sights, and taste once again those dishes that we've come to expect. And yet, we, like the magi, are encouraged to go at it in a different way. We are to wait expectantly, and yet prepare for the unexpected. We've come to celebrate the familiar and we often miss the unexpected gifts which Nativity brings. Our theme this season is ***the way home***. As a community of faith we believe that we are providing many opportunities for our members and friends to expectantly wait, while we prepare our hearts and minds, not only for the coming of the One who is to come, but for the One who came and will come again. In this season, we are encouraged to have the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the hearts and minds, not just that which is familiar, but also the new things, the new opportunities, the new challenges, the new gifts which will be placed before us. In our preparations might we seek to pause from time to time so that that we might see and hear and perhaps even get a taste of the unexpected this day and every day while we expectantly wait.

We can be reminded in the words of our Brief Statement of Faith that this Jesus, the Christ-child, for whom we expectantly wait, the in whom we trust, was: *Fully human, fully God. That [He] proclaimed the reign of God:*

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, that this Jesus, the Christ-child, for whom we expectantly wait: was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

This season, for many, moves quickly, and yet for some it simply doesn't move quick enough. We seek Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. On ***the way home*** we pray that we would experience such as we face the new year ahead. We too should pray that others would experience the same. The Birth of the Christ-child was unexpected by most. God Incarnate appeared before a people who were not prepared. They were not prepared that night, and they were not prepared for what was come. In our waiting and in our preparations we can become aware of *the rest of the story* if our eyes are open, our ears are attuned, and our hearts and minds prayerfully pause to consider which direction each of our journeys, and our journey together, is providing ***the way home***.

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."

John 3:16-17 MSG

Faith Formation

"Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays,

'Cause no matter how far away you roam,

When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze,

For the holidays, you can't beat home, sweet home."

"Coming Home" is our Advent Theme this year and after many weeks away from the church due to sickness, bed rest and adjusting to life with a newborn, the Tuckers have come home to worship in person at Trinity (adding one more to the worship number each week). We would like to thank you all so much for all the prayers, cards, meals, and gifts. We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for all of you!

Advent is a time where we read familiar scriptures, sing familiar songs, and we decorate in the same way we always have. Advent can be a source of comfort, a homecoming, full of joy and hope. But, if we have experienced a tragedy or a loss, Christ's coming can seem far away and the journey a never ending one.

This Advent we hope to provide faith formation tools to help welcome you home no matter where you are in your journey with Christ and encourage you to welcome others to our home.

Trinity's Advent Devotionals will be available to pick up in the narthex on November 28th or if you would rather, an online version will be available through a link on our church website. These devotionals include daily scripture

readings, personal reflections from members of our congregation, prayers, and songs. Many thanks to Kelli Jebbia for putting together this year's devotional and thank you to all the contributors!

Beginning on November 28th, our Advent Spiral will be set up in the chapel. We encourage you to stop by before or after worship or during the week to walk the spiral and to participate in the weekly prayer stations set up in the chapel.

You will notice in this issue of the Trinity Times, there are a number of Christmas Carols. These Christmas Carols are familiar songs, with new lyrics. Anna Strickland from A Sanctified Art wrote these new lyrics to go along with this year's theme, Coming Home. There is a link and a QR code on each song that will take you to an instrumental where you can sing along with the new lyrics. Find a quiet, place in your house, maybe light a candle and use these songs as a way to carve out a moment of sabbath in your busy life.

This Advent, whether you feel at home, close to home or far from home, I pray that you focus on living in the moment, knowing that God has a home in your heart.

Brooke Tucker
Director of Faith Formation



Behind the Stage of the Music Director /Organist

I grew up with my grandparents and two aunts. One day, one of my aunts bought a tiny organ after work. I would watch her practice over her shoulder. I could master the very first level. It inspired me to major in piano so I applied to college. Around that time, one of my seniors took me to an organ concert. I was thrilled at the magnificent sound. That very night, I switched to an organ major and never stopped playing. Playing the organ is my breath of prayer and faith.

The very priority of being an organist is to practice. And being a Music Director has inspired me and given me so much gratitude to God and Trinity Church.

Being Music Director/Organist has required every ounce of spirit and effort toward the church. Thankfully, I love to utilize my full ability to support the ministry.

My role as Music Director is to support and enhance the richness of each service following minister's ministry: Sunday morning worship, Lent, Resurrection Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas service, etc.

My preparation includes: helping church leaders plan service, practicing and memorizing what I assigned for each service, selecting and arranging hymns, prelude, anthem, postlude and music for any funeral and wedding, rehearsing choir and voice and instrumental solos, recruiting new volunteer singers, attending all meetings, practicing organ at home on a daily basis.

Special thanks to Mary Lorraine Brinton who donated Young- Chang piano in the choir room.

Please contact me if you have interested in musical dedication to God.

Heasuk Che
Music Director/Organist



Worship and Music Notes

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 28, 2021 on the First Sunday of Advent at the 10:00 am service.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, communion will be celebrated at the 4:00 pm candlelight worship service.

At 6:30 pm, on Christmas Eve the outdoor worship service will be held at the Barn. See you there!

The Advent wreath with candle lighters and readers will begin on the first Sunday of Advent and continue through Christmas Eve.

Poinsettia sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex. Cost is \$15.00 and orders must be in by December 5th.

If you are travelling in the holiday season, be safe, and be sure to watch the livestream worship service each week with your friends and family.

The Rev. Dan Graham will be in the pulpit on December 26 and on January 2, 2022 to lead worship and communion.

An Epiphany event is being planned.

Trinity By the Numbers

Month Ending October 31, 2021

Total Giving (revenues)	\$288,894.61
Total Expenses	\$287,609.97

We have \$1,248.64 more giving than expenses year to date.

We **appreciate** the **faithful members** who continue to **give generously** in challenging times.

We **appreciate** all the hard work the **leadership** has done to **manage** their expenses and **plan** for next year's budget.

We **appreciate** the early **pledges** we have received from thoughtful members who are supporting our ministry here, now, and tomorrow.

Remember **Commitment Sunday is November 14, 2021**. We are anticipating inflation in all our fixed expenses excluding the staff. We will not have a PPP loan next year to assist us with payroll costs next year. **Church budgeting is always demanding, but our God is great and has been good to us.** We are in the business of miracles. **Thank you for your sustaining encouragement throughout the year.**

Offering of our Gifts

Please continue to give your offering. Offerings can be received in the Church, by mail, or you may utilize online banking options at www.trinitypalmcoast.org or by scanning the QR code here:



Session Briefs

At Stated Meetings on October 18, and November 15, 2021, the Session

- Noted the deaths of active members John Keyes on September 24, 2021, and Elder and Deacon Paul Eckstein, on September 27, 2021.
- Noted that our total membership is currently 366.
- Approved celebrating Communion on November 28, 2021, which is the First Sunday of Advent, instead of December 5th, and on Christmas Eve at the service in the sanctuary.
- Approved changes to our mask protocol: if you are fully vaccinated against Covid, wearing a mask in worship is optional. Otherwise, it is recommended that you continue to wear a mask.
- Approved limited congregational singing in worship.
- Approved moving \$22,210.27 from Intracoastal restricted account into the Family Food Program.
- Received the resignation of Dana Mack as Church Receptionist, effective October 31, 2021. Volunteers will handle that position.
- Noted that, thanks to an anonymous donor, upgrades and modifications will be made to Mehaffey Hall.
- Approved a Resolution of Thanks to Lillian Warner and the Bell Choir for the great music they have provided for our worship services.
- Heard a report from the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

Jane Pellmann
Clerk of Session

Presbyterian 101

Trinity Palm Coast is part of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Our presbytery is one of the 170 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our mission is "to support our faith community, so that together we are a greater witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ!" We have 56 congregations located in Florida's northeast and north-central regions. Each of these churches is a place to experience the joy of Christian fellowship as we hear God's Word, celebrate the sacraments, and respond to Christ's call to discipleship. We have about 150 minister members and commissioned ruling elders who serve Christ in a variety of ways.

In Presbyterianism, congregations are united in accountability to a regional body called the presbytery, or, in Continental Reformed terminology, the classis, which comes from the Latin word for "fleet." Presbyteries are made up of the minister and an elder 'commissioned' from each parish, as well as other clergy, such as theological college professors, chaplains, and retired ministers. When there is a larger number of ordained ministers than ruling elders, additional ruling elders are appointed to redress the imbalance. The commissioners of the presbytery are expected to exercise their own judgement and are not required to represent the majority view of their congregations. In some Dutch Reformed bodies, a classis serves as a delegated body, which ceases to exist in between meetings, whereas a presbytery exists perpetually. The officers of a presbytery are a moderator and a stated or principal clerk. The moderator acts as chair of presbytery meetings and has a casting, but not deliberative, vote. As with the moderators of synods and assemblies, the moderatorship is a *primus inter pares* position appointed by the presbytery itself. The moderator is

addressed as "moderator" during meetings, but their position has no bearing outside of the presbytery meeting and affords him/her no special place in other courts, although typically the moderator (especially if a member of the clergy) will conduct worship and oversee ordinations and installations of ministers as a "liturgical" bishop, and other ordinances which are seen as acts of the presbytery. The stated or principal clerk takes minutes and deals with the correspondence of the presbytery, and is often appointed for an indefinite term. Presbytery Clerks are the ecclesiastical administrators and generally regarded as substantially influential due to their greater experience of the governance of the church and their ordering of the business of the presbytery. They are thus very much more than secretaries and often in fact are the lynch pin of the organization. Presbyteries meet at a regularity between monthly and quarterly, some half-yearly.

Source: Wikipedia



Trinity Presbyterian Women

The Fall season was busy for Presbyterian Women (PW) as various members assisted with the Pumpkin Patch, Trunk or Treat, and the Holiday Fair. And now, we move into an even busier season as Advent officially begins the season of our Lord's birth.

As an organization, PW will be hosting a Christmas Gathering held at 10 AM, December 1st, in the Sanctuary. You will have the pleasure of hearing Lillian Warner and the Handbell Choir perform. In addition to the musical celebration of the season, the 2022 PW Board Members will be installed by Daryl Mullee, the Moderator of the St. Augustine Presbytery. The Honorary Life Member award will be presented to a deserving Trinity PW, and an explanation and collection of the Thank Offering will also occur. We hope that you will plan to attend this festive occasion.

Throughout the Christmas season, members of PW will assist the church by writing Advent Devotionals, decorating the sanctuary and narthex, and participating in this wonderful season's religious activities.

Because the 2022 Board will be installed at the December Gathering, planning for the upcoming year will begin in earnest in January. On February 9, 2022, PW will be hosting its next Gathering in Mehaffey Hall. The speaker will be determined at the January PW Board meeting and announced in the Trinity Weekly Bulletin. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could again have a luncheon as we did prior to Covid? What a wonderful opportunity for friendships to grow.

On the last Saturday of January, the St. Augustine Presbytery will conduct its semi-annual Gathering. Normally, one of the churches within our presbytery hosts the event which brings PWs from

northeastern Florida for a day of learning, meditation, spiritual growing, and fellowship. However, due to Covid, the August 2021 Gathering was held in person and virtually at Montgomery Center and may be held there in January. More information will follow about the location and hours in January.

Trinity PW enthusiastically invites all women of the church to join one of four PW Circles as we engage in a Bible Study about women in the book of Matthew who were in Jesus' ancestral line. The Circles meet the third week of each month (except Dec., July, and Aug.). Three Circles meet during the day and one at night. If you would like more information, please contact the church office, (386) 445-4757, or Sandy Glasner, 386-517-6838, Trinity PW Moderator.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS GATHERING

**Wednesday, December 1st 2021 -10:00
am in the Sanctuary**

**Special Guests: TPC Handbell Choir-
Lillian Warner, Director
Selections from Advent/
Christmas Seasons**

**and Installation of PW 2022 Coordinating
team by**

**Daryl Mullee, PW Moderator
of St. Augustine Presbytery**

**♦All are invited to join us together in
Christ's name♦**

The Gathering can be viewed live at:

<https://youtu.be/kzTS1WEaUEQ>



**Presbyterian Women will be starting a
ZOOM Bible Study Circle in January
2022. Interested women (members/
friends) please contact Martha Gioielli
at (850) 661-1685 or mtged@aol.com
for further information.**

Advent



“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

Between memory and hope

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 96)

In Advent we expectantly wait for the One who has already come. We anticipate the promised justice of God’s new world, yet we praise God who raised the “righteous branch” to rule with justice and righteousness. We hope for the restoration of the afflicted, the tormented, and the grieving, yet we delight that healing has come in Christ. We long for the beating of swords into plowshares, yet we rejoice that the Prince of Peace has appeared. We yearn for the barren deserts of our inner cities to flourish, yet we laud the desert Rose that has bloomed. We dream of the

land where lions and lambs live in harmony, yet we acclaim the child born to lead us into the promised land.

Christ has come! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! In Advent, we are living between the first and the second coming of the Lord. The dialectical tension of maranatha [alternately translated “Come, our Lord!” or “Our Lord has come”] — placing us between memory and hope, past and future — may strengthen our Advent liturgies. Perhaps we need to cling to the ancient cry of maranatha! and its paradoxical meanings so we may freely embrace “the new thing” prophesied by Isaiah (Isaiah 43:19) that God is doing among us right now. The tension and paradox we find in Advent shapes our celebrations during the season.

What Is the Advent Wreath?

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.

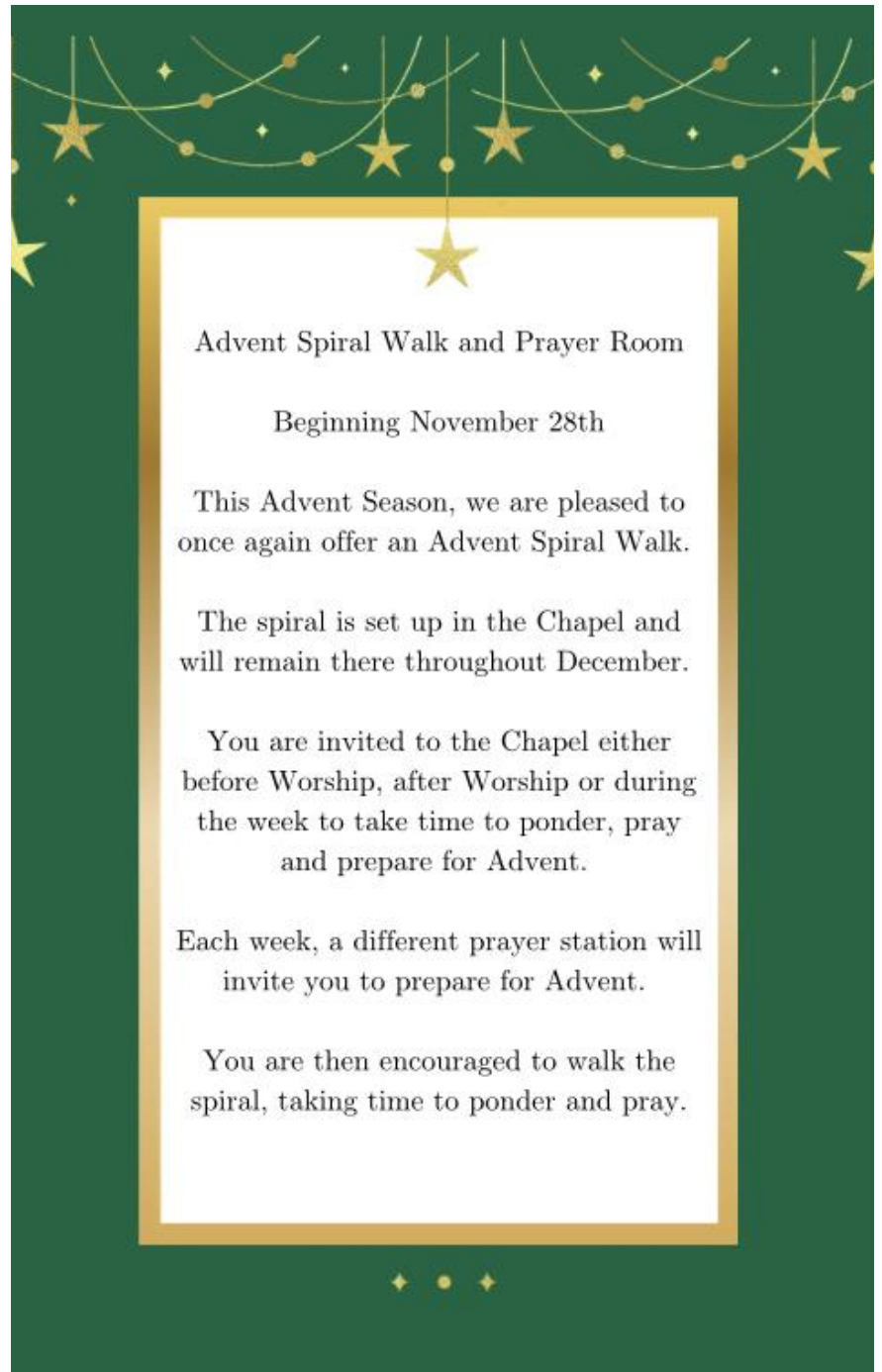
Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God’s unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: “*In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*” ([John 1:4-5](#)). Advent candles are often nestled in the evergreen wreath.

Meaning & Symbolism of the Advent Candles

The Advent candle tradition involves four candles around the wreath and a final candle, in the middle of the wreath, lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different:

- The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting.
- The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.
- The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. This candle is colored pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.
- The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace. He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This color is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.
- The **fifth candle** represents **light and purity** and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth. This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.



*(Excerpts taken from **The Advent Wreath & Candles - Meaning, Symbolism and History** by Laura Richie for crosswalk.com)*



When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. Close to Home acknowledges the “already but not yet” tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God’s promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us.

The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery. John the Baptist prophesies about the One who is to come, but reminds us that we are still

wandering far from God’s promised day; his message hits close to home, especially for those experiencing inequity and oppression.

After receiving the angel’s news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth’s home, seeking refuge and safety. Christ is born in the midst of a journey home, in a crowded dwelling space amidst livestock and shepherds alike. The Magi travel far from home to pay homage to Christ, and, having been warned in a dream, they avoid Herod by traveling home another way. In these scriptures, home is both physical and metaphorical, something we seek and something we are called to build. Ultimately, God is our home and resting place. God draws near and makes a home on earth—sacred ground is all around us.

Close to Home also names the pain many of us will carry into this season. The holidays can poke at our grief. Many will be missing loved ones lost to sickness and tragedy. The traumas of the pandemic will still be with us. Many will have lost homes—due to natural disasters, economic hardship, and unjust policies. Many do not feel safe in their own homes due to poor living conditions or harmful family dynamics. Many feel alone and isolated at home. Churches are discerning transitions with their physical buildings; many of our spiritual homes are changing.

This Advent, may we be comforted by the One who dwells intimately with us. May we expand safety and sanctuary for everyone wandering far from home. May we come home—wherever home is found—to live fully with joy, hope, and courage.

With our Advent Theme being “Close to Home,” we would like to create a visual Christmas Village that represents our congregation.

We ask you to bring in a small Christmas house (write your name on the bottom) that represents you and your family.

We will display the houses in the sanctuary as a visual representation of who we are and how we come together as a community.

There will be a table set up in the front of the sanctuary for you to bring your houses, beginning Sunday, November 28th.





Advent Devotional

The 2022 Advent Devotional is available online at:
<https://trinitypalmcoast.org/trinity-presbyterian-2021-advent-devotional>
Limited copies are available at the Church.

Poinsettias

What is the meaning of poinsettias? Also known as the Christmas Star and Christmas Flower, it's said that poinsettias' association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend. The story goes that a child, with no means for a grander gift, gathered humble weeds from the side of the road to place at the church altar on Christmas Eve. As the congregation witnessed a Christmas miracle, the weeds turned into brilliant red and green flowers.

Named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first United States ambassador to Mexico and the amateur botanist who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825, the poinsettia is also known as Mexican Flame Leaf, Winter Rose, Noche Buena and, in Turkey, Atakurk's Flower, because it was the favorite flower of Atakurk, the founder of modern Turkey.

While considered by the ancient Aztecs to be symbols of purity, in today's language of flowers, red, white or pink poinsettias, the December birth flower, symbolize good cheer and success and are said to bring wishes of mirth and celebration.



Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

Don't forget to sign up for chancel flowers for 2022!

This is a wonderful way to honor and remember loved ones or celebrate special occasions.

Sign-up cards are located on the flower board in the Narthex.

Cost is \$35 per arrangement and flowers will be ordered when payment is received.

Thank you!

POINSETTIAS SALE

Poinsettias will be available for purchase again this Christmas season!

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember loved ones.

Order forms are available in the Narthex or outside the Church office.

The price is \$15 each.

Please submit your orders on or before December 5th. Thank you!





Tommy Buonocore

Our Sexton for 25 years.

**Celebrate Tommy's 25th anniversary
at Trinity on Sunday, January 9,
2022 at the 10:00 am service.**

Come check these books out at the Library

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| 202.2 WIL | And the Laugh Shall Be First |
| 269.2 GRA | Coffee and Conversation with Ruth Bell
Graham and Gigi Graham Tchividjian |
| 248.4 LUC | Cure for the Common Life |
| 236.24 WAS | Everything the Bible Says About Heaven |
| 240 JER | God, I Need Some Answers |
| 242 LUC | God's Mirror |
| 220.5 MAN | I Never Knew That Was in the Bible |
| 291.44 DYE | Manifest Your Destiny |
| 230.51 MCK | More Presbyterian Questions, More
Presbyterian Answers |
| 813.54 LAM | Traveling Mercies |

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Lucado, Max
Washington, Linda

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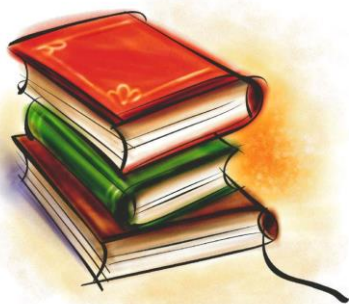
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Dyer, Wayne

McKim, Donald

Lamont, Anne



Service and Outreach



SUNDAY— NOVEMBER 28

THE ANGEL TREE WILL BE READY FOR YOU TO MAKE
YOUR SELECTION PLEASE DON'T WAIT !

ADOPT AN ANGEL BEFORE THEY DISAPPEAR

GIFT NEEDS TO BE RETURNED READY TO BE
DELIVERED (follow the instructions on back of angel)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE THE SMILES APPEAR
AND TO WARM THEIR HEARTS GOD BLESS THEM ALL



Annual Golf Tournament--Sign up now!

If it goes right, it's a slice.

If it goes left, it's a hook.

If it goes straight, it's a miracle!

Whether your swing yields a slice, hook, or miracle shot, it's time to tee up for a cause at our Annual Golf Tournament on **Monday, January 31, 2022**. Don't miss the chance to show off your golf swing and help raise money for a great cause while playing 18 holes on the beautiful championship course at Grand Haven Golf Club. It's the perfect location to gather with your golfing buddies and spend the day on the links. The final putt will be followed by a delicious buffet dinner, live auction, and raffles.

Sign up now at: <https://familylifecenterflagler.org/golf>





An Advent Study Opportunity

led by
Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Thursdays 9:15 AM

December 2, 9, 16, 23

This Advent study explores the sacred stories of Advent and Christmas through the biblical narratives of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary in dialogue with short excerpts from film: particularly, the documentaries by the Story Ministry division of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, produced alongside the affected communities. Using brief clips as conversation starters and interweaving them with the biblical narrative and Advent themes, a dialogue is created between the Bible's sacred stories, our own human experience, and these also-holy stories from the films. Each week also includes a brief filmed interview connecting the day's topic with the unfolding impact of COVID-19. The films share stories that are drawn from the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami that killed 230,000, gun violence, refugee resettlement, immigration detention and environmental racism.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

Focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities.

Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.

Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.

Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.



Family Fun Day at Montgomery
Presbyterian Center

Saturday, December 18 - 11AM

Bring your family and join us for
a day of rock climbing,
canoeing and games!
Lunch will be provided!

RSVP to Brooke
brookeerintucker@gmail.com



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 19 – 3PM

Meet in the Church parking lot
with your festive attire and own
transportation

For more information email or
call Brooke 386-445-4757
brookeerintucker@gmail.com



Epiphany

January 9, 2022 3-5 PM

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.

**EPIPHANY
CELEBRATION**

**THE MAGI FOLLOWED A STAR, WHICH
ULTIMATELY LED THEM TO JESUS. THEREFORE,
WE TOO USE ALL THE RESOURCES WE HAVE
AVAILABLE TO US TO MOVE CLOSER TO JESUS.
WE INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF TRINITY'S
EPIPHANY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY
9TH 2022 FROM 3PM-5PM.**

The word "epiphany" (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god. For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

- An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95)



*God of light, shining in darkness,
through a little child, born in
Bethlehem, you open to us the
treasure of your grace.*

*Help us to search diligently for
him, so that we may offer our lives
to you with thanksgiving, joy, and
praise; through Jesus Christ, the
rising star.*

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2022

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and we hear the voice of God: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased” (see Psalm 2:7). At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus’ baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Accordingly, this Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism or the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own Baptism.

The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus’ ministry to bring in God’s rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God’s approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus’ baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus’ ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to

gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”
Luke 3:15–17, 21–22



Baptism is one of two sacraments practiced by Presbyterians; Communion is the other. The act of Baptism is deceptively simple—but in a handful of water, there is a deep well of mystery and meaning. In Baptism, we are called to a new way of life as Christ’s disciples, sharing the good news of the gospel with all the world. Presbyterians describe Baptism as a sign and seal of the covenant of grace made by God through Jesus and extended to us. In Baptism, God claims us as beloved children and members of Christ’s body, the church, washing us clean from sin as we renounce the power of evil and seek the will and way of God.

-By David Gambrell, Associate for Worship

Study with Rev. Dan Graham

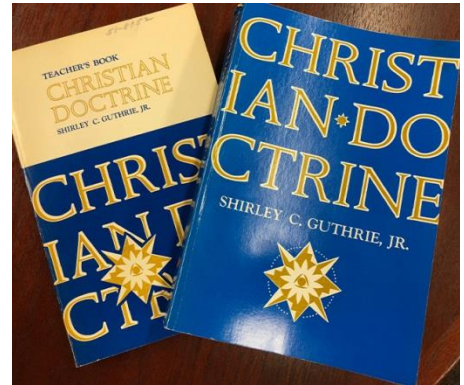
A Brief Introduction to Some Ideas in Calvinism or Do you have to believe in Providence and Predestination to be a Presbyterian? This course will explore epistemology, causation, and soteriology (salvation) from a Reformed perspective. Class members will be invited to discuss how they know what they know, who/what makes things happen, and who are the elect and the damned.

Texts: Christian Doctrine by Shirley C. Guthrie, Jr.
Holy Bible

Instructor: Dan Graham

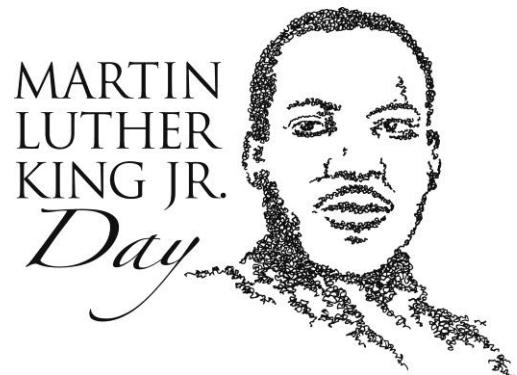
Course Length: eternal, in 90 minute increments

Beginning Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 1:15PM



A Prayer of Confession for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friends in Christ,
God knows our needs before we ask,
and in our asking
prepares us to receive the gift of grace.
Let us open our lives to God's healing presence,
forsaking all that separates us
from God and neighbor.
Let us be mindful not only of personal evil
but also of our communal sins
of family, class, race, and nation.
Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us
or brought injury to others,
that we may receive mercy
and become for each other
ministers of God's grace. Amen
BCW, 1006



Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.

Martin Luther King Jr.

***In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the church office
will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022***

You are Invited to The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January 30, 2022 11 AM

In accordance with The Book of Order PCUSA (G-105), The congregation shall hold an annual meeting ... for any or all of the purposes appropriate for congregational consideration. All active members of the congregation present at either annual or special meetings are entitled to vote. Congregations shall provide by rule the quorum necessary to conduct business. Meetings of the congregation shall be called by the session, by the presbytery, or by the session when requested in writing by one fourth of the active members on the roll of the congregation. Adequate public notice of all congregational meetings shall be given. Congregations shall provide by their own rule for minimum notification requirements and give notice at regular services of worship prior to the meeting.

Business to be transacted at meetings of the congregation shall be limited to matters related to the following:

- a. electing ruling elders and deacons;
- b. calling a pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor;
- c. changing existing pastoral relationships, by such means as reviewing the adequacy of and approving changes to the terms of call of the pastor or pastors, or requesting, consenting to, or declining to consent to dissolution;
- d. buying, mortgaging, or selling real property;
- e. requesting the presbytery to grant an exemption as permitted in this Constitution.
- f. approving a plan for the creation of a joint congregational witness, or amending or dissolving the joint congregational witness.

“Come and see what God has done!” — Psalm 66:5

These words from the Psalmist ring forever true here at Trinity Palm Coast, where the ministry of 40+ years has touched thousands of hearts. The church family has open arms to all who would enter her doors and experience Christ’s love in worship, fellowship, and service. We are a fellowship of nearly 400 believers who live by the motto: Open hearted; open minded.

Trinity is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a worshiping, nurturing and serving community.

Membership is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church. Such involvement includes: Proclaiming the good news in word and deed, Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation, Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support, Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life, Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents, Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church, Responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others, Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life, Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership, and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

Elders & Deacons

SESSION

Class of 2021:

Lance Alred
Kathleen Cooke
Carol Graff
Marc Hitchins
Jenn Kaczmarek
Judy Murgitroyde

Class of 2022:

Carol Corson
Martha Gioielli
Kelli Jebbia
Ken Mettler
Leslie Russo
Shelley Wheeler

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021:

Colleen Connors
Barb Donahue
Wendy Earle
Patty Edwards
Ginny Elgin
Ruth Gordon
Tracy Martin
Julie Pearson
Michael Peters
Shirley Wilson
Joye Woods
Hailey Tucker

Class of 2022:

Paul Burkhart
Bill Butler
Donna Decina
Brenda Digby
Leisa Gardner
Cyndy McCormick
Maudie Parker
Joyce Peters
Alison Reid
Jan Roberts
Marlene Williams



Officer Nominations

Congregation Nominating Committee (CNC) is in the process of preparing a slate of Trinity members to serve as Elders or Deacons for the class of 2024.

You may nominate yourself or another member you think would be a good candidate.
Please contact Carol Graff.

Thank you

Thank you!!!!

I am pleased to announce that our Pumpkin Patch and our Trunk or Treat were a huge success. This year we raised the most money we have ever made in the 8 years that we have been doing the pumpkin patch! Thank you all for volunteering your time and stepping in when we needed help!



-Brooke Tucker

Thank you to all who helped make the 2021 Holiday Fair a success. This includes those who donated sale items, unpacked and displayed sale items, priced the items, sold them, bought them, cooked the lunch, sold the lunch, cleaned up the kitchen and/or the church after the sale. In spite of poor weather and slim crowds, the fair raised over \$3000 which will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help areas within the United States that have been impacted by disasters (hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.)

-Holiday Fair Committee



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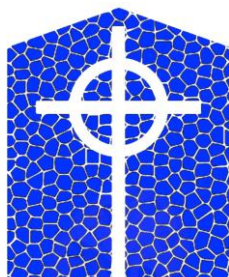
The church works hard to keep us all up-to-date with all the goings-on here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you have any difficulty, the church office can help, call the office at (386) 445-4757. They can even arrange for the Times to be mailed to your home!

A Note from the Editor



I want to wish you all a joyous and peaceful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed this issue of the Trinity Times. Please note: the deadline for content submission for the Spring Edition is February 8, 2022. The Spring Edition will cover the Lent Season and Spring Happenings, including the months of March April and May.

Please send submissions to trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Thank you!
-Judy Grady



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Here is a link to the instrumental track for Hark, the Herald Angels Sing so you can sing along <https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/179358> or scan the QR code:

Friday | A Home for all (Joy)

A Home for All

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing



Scan to hear the tune!

Text: Anna Strickland (2021) Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1840)

Light the can - dles, deck the halls We are mak - ing
Stack the gifts be - neath the tree Hang the lights where
Set the ta - ble for a feast Crys - tal, chi - na,

room for all Prac - tice hos - pi - tal - i - ty
all can see Send cards full of Christ - mas cheer
sil - ver gleam Once the ban - quet has been blessed

Give in Chris - tian char - i - ty But to cre - ate
To the fam - ily far and near But the great - est
Ga - ther 'round in Christ - mas best But Christ's ta - ble

las - ting change A trans - ac - tion - al ex - change
gift we share Is a world that's just and fair
has been set With the sim - plest meal of bread

Won't make straight our crook - ed ways Or lift val - leys
Though it feels so far a - way We work for God's
Of - fer - ing a - bun - dant grace Here all peo - ple

in - to plains Prophets of the ag - es call: "We must build a
promised day have a place


home for all!"

29 | SANCTIFIED ART CLOSE TO HOME DEVOTIONAL | A HOME FOR ALL

Here is a link to the instrumental track for We Three Kings so you can sing along
<https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/180320>
or scan the QR code:

Friday | Home By Another Way

Scan to hear the tune!



Home By Another Way

We Three Kings

Text: Anna Strickland (2021) Music: John Henry Hopkins (1857)

Ma - gi from a far - a - way place
Threat - ened by the good news they bring
Plans that change and storms that de - lay

Ra - diant star - light set - ting their pace
Her - od plots to kill the new king
Dreams and hopes left in dis - ar - ray

Ford - ing wa - di, risk - ing bo - dy
An - gels warn - ing in the mor - ning:
Make us trem - ble, but re - mem - ber

Seek - ing the king's birth - place
"A - void Je - ru - sa - lem"
There is a - noth - er way

We have trav - eled night and day Meet - ing God where -
- e'er we stay Paths are chan - ging, re - ar - ran - ging

As we find a - noth - er way

59 | SANCTIFIED ART CLOSE TO HOME DEVOTIONAL | HOME BY ANOTHER WAY


Here is a link for the instrumental track for Away in A Manger

<https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/179298>

Or scan the QR Code:

Friday | Laying the Foundation
(Peace)

Scan to hear the tune!



Zechariah's Lullaby Away in a Manger

Text: Anna Strickland (2021) Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1895)

When old Zech - a - ri - ah held
"And you child will be called a
We lay a foun - da - tion for

his ba - by son He blessed him and
pro-phet of Christ To bring hope to
what is to be Not know - ing yet

dreamed of what he would be - come As
hearts and to sha-dows the light For
pray - ing for what we can't see We

ba - by John rocked in the tem - ple that
God has sent vis - ions of what you will
trust in God's i - mag - in - a - tion to

morn This song Zech - a - ri - ah sang
do A dream to pro - claim and
build From blue-prints and hope for a

for his new - born
world to re - new
dream yet ful - filled

19 | SANCTIFIED ART CLOSE TO HOME DEVOTIONAL | LAYING THE FOUNDATION