



Trinity Times

Summer 2023

Our High School Youth, chaperones, Brooke and Jeff will be traveling to Montreat, North Carolina June 3rd-10 to attend Montreat Youth Conference.

Please keep our group and the entire conference in your prayers as they seek to learn more about God, Faith and Joy!

We look forward to sharing about our Montreat experience on Sunday, August 6th during worship!

Join us for Worship!

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

Summer Office Hours

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

SAVE THE DATE

MONTREAT (YOUTH LED) WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 6TH 10AM

*ALL ARE INVITED TO A FELLOWSHIP
LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP*

'From the rising of the sun
to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD
is to be praised'

Psalm 113



Summer Blessings Abound

Besides being the warmest season of the year (June-August), what is summer and when is it? Traditionally, summer begins on Memorial Day and ends on Labor Day. Summer is usually a season of travel as school children are on vacation from the classroom and the work place often takes on a slower pace. Disney's Olaf would often sing of such a time at this with words like these, "When life gets rough, I like to hold on to my dream of relaxing in the summer sun, just lettin' off steam. Oh, the sky will be blue, and you guys 'll be there too when I finally do what frozen things do in summer". So why does it matter to the community of faith? For the Church, we enter Ordinary Time once again. This the part of the liturgical year which falls outside the two well-known seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. For the Church, it is the "green season" which provides a time of growth. Summer often provides for evaluation.

The Church can look back at where we have been, and look ahead at what may come. The words of former pastor, and the late George Mehaffey, remind us of this when he said, "Remember the past; Live in the present; and look to the future." In the weeks leading up to this edition of the Trinity Times I had the opportunity to gather at table with Trinity's leadership in a series of conversations addressing what does it mean for Trinity Palm Coast to be a nurturing, serving, and worshipping congregation while striving to be Inwardly Strong, Outwardly Minded, and Upwardly Focused. We hope (and pray) that these I.O.U. conversations will prove to be fruitful as we, the members and friends of Trinity Palm Coast move faithfully together in faith. So as we go, to wherever, or whatever our goings might be, might we do so with the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the hearts and minds, so that, we might love and serve the Lord.

Traveling Together!
Jeff



MIDWEEK
FEED THE BODY * FEED THE SOUL

Summer Fellowship, Food & Worship

An opportunity to rest from your usual weeknight routine and to join our church family for a refreshing evening. Join us for dinner, fellowship and worship in Mehaffey Hall.

 Trinity Palm Coast
156 Florida Park Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32137

 Wednesdays from 5-7pm
June 21st
July 19th
August 16th

Come and join us!



Faith Formation



I am not sure if many of you know what led me to apply for the job as the Youth Coordinator at Trinity. I was ready for a change in careers and Debbie Bonner had mentioned that she was stepping down as Youth Coordinator. I became excited about the possibility of being able to take my love for my church and make a career out of it. I called Ron Watson (Pastor of Trinity at the time) and asked him his opinion, could I do this? He told me that he couldn't really give me any advice besides, "apply and see what happens." He later told me, "I never saw this coming."

This is one of my favorite things about God, more often than not, we never see it coming. (It being God's plan).

I shared with the youth a couple of Sundays ago, the scripture verse from Ephesians 3:20: "Glory to God who is able to do far more than we can ever think or imagine, by his power at work within us."

God is able to do far more than we can ever think or even imagine.

I know that a lot of you were shocked and saddened by the news of my resignation, but I want to remind you that God is good all the time and all the time God is good. I am not the church. This is the church, and this is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people.

You are the people.

You are the church.

I think Paul's letter in Ephesians 4: 3-13 sums up what we are called to do as members of God's church:

³ In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. . . , I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run! —on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in

acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

⁴⁻⁶ You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

⁷⁻¹³ But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift.

This is the church, and you are the people. You have come to Trinity to worship God. You have come to Trinity to be a part of something bigger than just yourself and your individual faith. You have come to Trinity to be a part of a community of faith. Be the church! Use your gifts to grow God's kingdom.

I love each and every one of you and I cannot thank you enough for these past 8 years. Use what God has given you and watch as God's Spirit moves!

Namaste.

God's Light in Me Sees Gods Light in You,

Brooke Tucker



From the Music Director's Desk



Praising HIM is what I breathe.

When we ourselves are moved while singing, the congregation is also moved.

“Praise the Lord; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name: for it is pleasant” Psalm 135:5

“The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health” Psalm 41; 3

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted” Matthew 5:4

Recently, the choir has been singing with no robe at the choir loft out of concern for our members' safety. I appreciate the ladies who shortened all the choir robes: Carol Corson, Daisylin Davey, Marti Benz, Kelli Jebbia, Sandy Boland, Tina Jeffe, and Judy Spurrell. Thank you so much for your time and devotion!

The concert was amazing, and here is the letter from our handbell choir director, Ms. Lillian Warner:

“Thank you to everyone for a job well done. It was lots of work but well worth it. Everyone did a great job! Thank you, Thank you, and thank you!!!”

Amen to this note! God was with all throughout whole practice.

Thanks to Mr. Jack Jeffe for recovering from finger health issues and back to share your talent with us. You once asked me that “are you sure the people wants to hear my playing few weeks consecutively?” and I said “yes, of course, we all love your music sharing with us. So glad that he has been playing not just offertory music but hymns and choir music too.

God wants us to use our talents He given for praising HIM. I am sure.

We hope that many children will participate in the children's choir. Parents; please encourage your child to join. So far there is one child, Madeline Arnold who has joined.

Summer is around the corner. The choir will recess throughout the summer, however we will be singing anthems along with leading congregational hymns every Sundays even if attendance will vary.

I plan for this summer to be a time for recharging and refreshing to prepare for fall.

As we all know, we have a deepening shortage of male members in choir as well.

Please mark your calendars for December 10th--we need more singers for this! It seems a bit early to mention this but in order to plan “Lessons and Carols,” which includes scripture readings, narrations, choir, organ, piano and organ duet, and etc. this winter, We NEED YOU!!!!

Please join us. No audition needed. Contact me if you have any questions.

Our music ministry continues with our efforts, passion, and extra hours of devotion to make Sunday service viral and I deeply appreciate your love and support to us.

Sincerely,

Heasuk Che, Music Director/Organist





Worship and Music Notes

What a **joy** it is to worship together as we continue our Faith journey through Eastertide!

It is our **mission** at Trinity to provide opportunities for **nurture, fellowship and service** for all. Let us continuously work together, with God's help, and prayerful consideration, to support one another as we open our hearts and minds to find ways to fulfill our mission, as well as provide a worship experience that helps us feel connected to God and to each other.

We are grateful for the addition of handrails on the chancel to allow for easier accessibility to the choir loft. Our choir members thank you.

There are many tasks that need to be done on a regular basis and we welcome anyone who would like to assist. At this time, we are in need of Greeters and Ushers. Please speak to any committee member for more information.

Our choir would welcome new voices to sing with us.

We would also encourage you to remember/honor loved ones with Chancel floral arrangement(s). There is a sign-up bulletin board in the Narthex.

We pray that the coming months will be a blessing to you and that you will continue feel God's love here.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
Worship and Music Committee.

-Judy Spurrell

Board of Deacons



We are so thankful for a full Board of Deacons this year. We have so many people in our flocks that need to be cared for and looked after. We certainly stay busy throughout each month. At our monthly meeting we are able to share some stories amongst us of our flocks. We laugh, we cry and we pray for everyone in our flocks.

Since January of this year we have given out 6 prayer shawls/blankets. We are thankful for the women of the church who are kind enough to make these for us.

Since January of this year we have had 952 various contacts with flock members. Our contacts have been by phone calls, emails, sending cards and visits in person.

We are so thankful for our Deacons!!
God Bless them.

Blessings,
Brenda Digby
Deacon Moderator

Chancel Flowers for Sunday Morning Worship

There are still spaces available for 2023!

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 \$40 per arrangement and flowers will be ordered when payment is received. Thank you!





Trinity Finance News

Financial Update (As of 4/30/23)

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD	
Total Revenue/Income	\$340,750	\$110,249	\$121,413	\$11,163	Over plan 😊
Total Expenses	\$340,750	\$118,733	\$111,904	(\$6,829)	under plan 😊

Trinity finances are in good shape at this point in the year. Our Revenue, which includes income from your giving, plus investment returns and use of Heritage Funds, is above plan. And total Expenses are below plan. We are very thankful for the generous gifts that all of you provide for the work of our church.

We also wanted to let you know that Trinity received a very generous estate gift in February. Session voted to add this gift to our Heritage Fund, where it will be managed in accordance with the approved process for Heritage Funds. The Heritage Fund is used by Session to support, maintain and strengthen ministries of our church, now and into the future. We have used some of these funds for operation of the church during the last 2 years, as well as for unanticipated expenses, such as replacing an air conditioning unit. Anyone can make an “above and beyond” gift of any amount to this fund at any time. Contributions come from estate bequests, stock or bond gifts, and gifts from retirement assets (such as 401K required Minimum Distributions) or annuities, IRA, 401K or insurance beneficiary designations, bonus earnings or any other source of income. If you are able, please consider supporting Trinity’s future through a contribution to the Heritage Fund.

If you have any questions about Trinity finances, please contact one of the elders on Finance Committee: Martha Gioielli or Kathy Cooke. Any questions about your pledge or giving can be addressed to our Financial Secretary, Judy Grady.

Water Intrusion/Roof Update

Most of the work for our Water Intrusion and Roof project is complete. We are working to finish sealing of windows and replacement of damaged insulation and ceiling tiles. We anticipate presenting the final costs, as well as status of our Building Campaign and PCUSA loan in the next month or so. Thank you for your continued prayers for all of those involved, and for your very generous gifts which made this project possible.

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:



Service & Outreach Mission's Committee

Your participation helps TPC support these mission partners throughout the summer

The Birthday Mission



Old Glory Dogs 4 Veterans, Inc

Helping Veterans and Law Enforcement, Firefighters & EMS Personal! Our objective is to: Provide training, support & certification to Military Veterans, Law Enforcement, Firefighters & EMS Personal who are in need of a certification service dog in order to reclaim their independence.



Family Life Center

The mission of the Family Life Center is to provide compassionate support to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence through advocacy, crisis intervention and community awareness.



Trinity Presbyterian Church-Chinle, AZ

Native American Mission



The **Family Food Program** and Mission Partners help feed over a 1,000 families on a weekly basis in Flagler County. Our 2023 Mission Partners are:

- ◆ Weekend Backpack Food Program with *Grace Community Food Pantry & Flagler County Schools*
- ◆ Weekly food distribution to families through the *Care Cupboard at United Methodist Church-Bunnell*
- ◆ The year-long *Boys & Girls Club* before and after school programs at Rymfire Elementary school

Signup or find out more information about all of the missions through Service & Outreach at Trinity Presbyterian Church on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.



Nominations

Congregational Leadership is an important area of service in the Church. Each year, members of Trinity Presbyterian Church are called through the congregation to exercise a ministry of leadership within the Church as Elders and Deacons. These are distinctive leadership roles, calling for particular gifts and commitment.

The **Congregation Nominating Committee (CNC)** is seeking members to consider for service as Elders and Deacons. The committee asks the congregation to nominate members who have been regular in worship, active in the life of Trinity, generous in support of our ministry and faithful on their life and witness to the gospel. The CNC consists of: Jeffrey Cooke, Laurie Harrison, Cathie Huff, Gwen Levene (chair), Judy Murgitroyde, Jane Pellmann, Jason Wheeler, and a Deacon (to be named).

To make a nomination, simply contact a member of the CNC, complete a paper nomination form, or use the [Trinity On-line Nomination Form](#).



All nominations will be considered by the CNC. We will call nominated candidates for an in-depth, meaningful discussion of any position suggested. The ultimate

slate of officers will be set by the CNC to be presented at the annual meeting or at another designated congregational meeting.

Elders The Session is the governing body of the congregation. It currently consists of 12 Elders who serve staggered 2-year terms. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Book of Order describes the office as follows: *Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgement. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed.*

Deacons The Board of Deacons consists of 19 members who serve staggered 2-year terms. Deacons undertake ministries of care and compassion within and beyond the congregation. Some of the responsibilities of this office are to care for a flock of members throughout the year.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Book of Order describes the office as follows: *The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgement should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them, from time to time, by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people and assisting with the Lord's Supper.*



Elders & Deacons

SESSION

Class of 2023:

Kathleen Cooke
Ginny Elgin
Carol Graff
Gwen Levene
Judy Murgitroyde
Shelley Wheeler

Class of 2024:

Roger Ailshie
Martha Gioielli
Kelli Jebbia
Jennifer Kaczmarek
Thad Lang
Judy Spurrell

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2023:

Colleen Connors
Nancy Cumming
Brenda Digby
Patty Edwards
Muriel Fallon
Sandy Glasner
Susan Kopyar
Jan Markiewicz
Millicent Peart

Class of 2024:

Bill Butler
Wendy Earle
Leisa Gardner
Jane Gaulding
Judy Hennenlotter
Tracy Martin
Joyce Peters
Marlene Williams
Kennv Wittmer



Trinity Presbyterian Church Celebrates Our Graduates!

"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is
a rock for all ages." ISAIAH 26:4



Chloe, Brian, Andrew, Madilyn, Hailey and
Hannah remember to be inwardly strong,
outwardly focused and upwardly minded as
you enter into this next stage of your life ❤️.
Your Trinity Family Loves You and Is So Proud
of You!



Brian Guerin is graduating from Flagler Palm Coast High School and is going into Flagler Schools TRAIL Transition Program. This is an outcome-oriented program whose focus is to assist Flagler County's 18–22-year-old persons with disabilities in finding meaningful, age-appropriate vocational placements in our community while keeping in mind their unique learning styles and individual needs.

Hannah Goff will be graduating from Mainland High School and during high school she has earned her private pilot's license. She will be taking a year off to earn enough money to continue her pilot's training to become a commercial airlines pilot.

Chloe Kaczmarek will be graduating from Flagler Palm Coast High School and also receiving her AA from Daytona State College. She will be taking some time to travel this summer and then looking forward to finishing up her bachelor's degree in Spring 2024. She is keeping her options open for a degree path!

Hailey Tucker is graduating from Flagler Palm Coast High School with her International Baccalaureate Diploma and will attend Wingate University with majors in International Business and Communications (with emphasis in sports media)

Andrew Wheeler will be graduating from Flagler Palm Coast High School and will also be graduating from Flagler Palm Coast High School Fire Academy and Flagler Technical College. He is looking forward to working in Flagler County with the Fire Rescue Squad after passing his exam. He then hopes to earn his nursing degree to become a fire flight nurse.

Madilyn Winternheimer is graduating from Flagler Palm Coast High School. She will be touring this summer with the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps before joining the Marine Corps while also pursuing a higher education studying criminology and forensic sciences. (She is at a training event for the Troopers this weekend in Colorado).

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of our graduating seniors!

Congratulations to Sierra Holt upon her graduation from University of Central Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology!

Sierra will be continuing at UCF earning her Masters in Psychology!!



Congratulations to Megann Beebe upon her graduation from The University Of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Life Sciences.

Megann will be working at Camp Merri-Mac this summer and then beginning a job with Young Life in North Carolina in August.



On Sunday, May 21st, The Faith Formation Committee awarded The Trinity Proverbs Scholarship to Hailey Tucker, Chloe Kaczmarek and Madilyn Winterheimer.

The Proverbs Scholarship is awarded to students who are members of Trinity, who have participated in the life of Trinity throughout their high school years, and who have been accepted to higher educational institutions (educational or trade).

We as a congregation are excited to see the great plans that God has for these scholars.

The Proverbs Scholarship is made possible by your donations. Thank you to all who donated to make this gift possible.



Trinity Presbyterian Women Happenings

Presbyterian Women have had a successful spring season. We have held our regular Circle meetings with Bible Study. Our Spring Gathering on May 3rd was well attended to hear Jennifer Thomann from the Alpha Women's Center discuss all of the things they do to help pregnant women and their babies, as well as recent new moms get on their feet. We "adopted" this organization as most of their funding comes from donations. They are a faith-based group who try to help women, not only physically, but spiritually, as well. Our luncheon Gathering sent Jennifer back to her facility with the trunk of her car filled with "baby items" and over \$200.00 in funding.

We are not going to be doing our rummage sale this summer, but instead, will do a "stuff the truck" event in July. So, when you are cleaning out your closets and garages this year, we ask you to bring the items you would have donated to our rummage sale to church the 2nd week of July and we will have the Alpha truck there to fill up for selling in their Thrift Shop.

We will be taking July and August off and will resume again in September with a new study guide entitled "Sacred Encounters", which is based on the Book of Luke. All women are invited and welcome to attend and join our monthly Circle meetings.



Library News

Looking for a good book to read this summer? Check out www.goodreads.com and type in "Best Christian Fiction" in the search box. Lots of selections will show up for you to enjoy.

Book Club

Please plan to join TPC Book Club on September 14, 2023.

Bring book suggestions for the upcoming 2023-2024 club year.

Everyone is welcome.

We are looking forward to another successful year!

Bible Trivia: Angels

Angels appear frequently in Scripture. They are the messengers of God. Identify the people to whom an angel or angels appeared in the following biblical scenes. [Answers on page 15]

1. An angel opened prison doors for _____.
2. An angel directed _____ to the Ethiopian officer.
3. An angel struck _____ dead.
4. An angel directed _____ to send for Peter.
5. An angel stood by _____ in a storm.
6. An angel rescued _____, fleeing from Jezebel.
7. Angels destroyed Sodom and rescued _____.
8. An angel saved _____ from the lions.
9. An angel directed the betrothal of Isaac and _____.
10. An angel intercepted the slaying of _____.



Calling all heroes in training!!

Join us at Trinity Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School 2023 June 26th-June 30th

Our theme verse for the week is Romans 14:19 "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." We will explore what this verse means for us through song, dance, crafts, games, story time, science, and mission projects.

Camp starts on Monday, June 26th 9:30am-12:30pm and runs daily until Friday, June 30th. There is no cost to attend and lunch is included each day.

We welcome all youth who are entering into kindergarten in the fall through youth who are entering into 5th grade.

Register online at <https://Trinitypc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

Interested in volunteering?
Contact Brooke at 445-4757 or brookeerintucker@gmail.com

A huge thank you to the Trinity members for all the 100th Birthday wishes and many hugs for my dad, Julian Palien and to the CLC ladies for the wonderful coffee and muffin reception on February 26th.
He was overwhelmed with love!
-Jane Gauldng

Thank You



To Our Dear Trinity Friends:
Thank you so much for all your prayers, love and support during Dale's illness.
It meant so much to us during our medically forced isolation knowing that you were remembering us.
God Bless you all.
The Dale Baker Family

Presbyterian Counseling Center (PCC)



Did You Know the Presbyterian Counseling Center (PCC)

Started over 37 years ago in our community by First Presbyterian Church of Daytona Beach in Volusia County and now has counseling services in Flagler and Seminole Counties, too. PCC provides counseling services at ten locations, eight of which are in Volusia County, including an office at Trinity Presbyterian Church. As PCC continues to grow and meet the needs of the community, we strive to provide affordable, quality, and relevant behavioral health services to individuals, children, couples, families, and groups.

Everyone should have the support needed to feel safe, secure, and thrive. As our world continues to become more sophisticated and fast-paced, we are seeing an increasing number of individuals sharing concerns about feeling stressed, vulnerable, and traumatized. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We want to take advantage of this month to highlight the importance of starting conversations around our mental wellness and encourage anyone who may be struggling or experiencing a mental health condition, we are here.

Of course, understanding the risk factors for a mental health condition can be more difficult when it's your own mental health. Take time to ask yourself about your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to see if this is part of a pattern that may be caused by a mental health condition. Here are some questions to get you started:

- Have things that used to feel easy started feeling difficult?
- Does the idea of doing daily tasks like making your bed now feel really, really hard?
- Have you lost interest in activities and hobbies you used to enjoy?
- Do you feel irritated, possibly to the point of lashing out at people you care about?

If you are concerned about your mental health, there are several options available. You are not alone – help is out there, and recovery is possible. It may be hard to talk about your concerns, but simply acknowledging to yourself that you're struggling is a really big step. Taking a screening at mhascreening.org can help you to better understand what you are experiencing and get helpful resources. After that, consider talking to someone you trust about your results, and seek out a professional to find the support you need. If you are aware that your mental wellness and health need attention, PCC is here to help and is ready to receive your call at 386-258-1618.



What is Pentecost?



On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.) The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

Pentecost is new creation

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 117-119): According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power — the unseen power of God — moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it *ruach YHWH*, "the wind, or breath, of God" (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the "unseenness of God" working among us....

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost's new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God's mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. ...

Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Without the gift of the Spirit, Christ's church dries up and withers away, and we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and sees its missing as God's new people. The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ — the church.

Why do we wear red on Pentecost?

In honor of this joyous occasion, it is popular tradition to wear red to Worship, to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity in Christ. Hopefully, our church will be blazing in red.

Trinity Sunday



On Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023 we will proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

Unfathomable mystery

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 149-150)

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a *doctrine* of the church, rather than an *event*. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world.

The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray *to* God the Father, *through* Jesus Christ, *by* the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds central place in our faith. ...

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.



Answers to Bible Trivia

1. The apostles, Acts 5:19
2. Philip, Acts 8:26
3. Herod, Acts 12:23
4. Cornelius, Acts 10:3
5. Paul, Acts 27:23
6. Elijah, 1 Kings 19:5-8
7. Lot, Genesis 19:1-29
8. Daniel, 6:22
9. Rebekah, Genesis 24:7
10. Isaac, Genesis 22:9-12

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-Judy Grady

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