



SUNDAY WORSHIP

You are invited to join us for our online worship service. The video will be available on Facebook at 10:30 am on Sunday morning and on our website. You can watch our livestream on our Facebook page (although you do not need facebook to view the link).

Link to the Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityTopeka/>
And, if you miss the livestream, you can always watch the video later on our Facebook page and on our website: <https://trinitypresbyterian.net/facebook-live-stream-videos/>

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The target date for resuming in-person worship is September 13. Included with this newsletter, on pages 3-5, is a letter from Session and a "Checklist For Returning To Worship" with information to help guide you in this transition back to in-person worship at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Aug. 30 and Sept. 6

Carol Thomas is the Zoom host and will start letting people in at 9:15 Sunday mornings; 9:20- share joys and concerns; 9:30- lift up our joys and concerns in prayer; 9:35- class begins. Summer Sunday school is a discussion using the lectionary that Pastor Mere will be using in worship. Carol Shannahan will facilitate the class. Scripture is sent out a day or two before class for those who would like to be ahead of the game.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING SEPT. 13

Welcome Back Sunday!

Beginning Sept. 13, Sunday School will begin at 8:45am to give those who would like to go to worship in the church enough time to get there.

- ❖ **September 13**, Laura Sidlinger will be our first speaker on "Building Healthy Relationships."
- ❖ **September 20**, We'll begin our 6 week study of Adam Hamilton's *The Walk*. We have that book available to purchase for \$12. The book is NOT a must for the Sunday School class, but a good resource to have.

Carol Thomas (ctmshm@gmail.com) will continue to be the ZOOM host.

The ZOOM waiting room will open at 8:40am. We will begin sharing joys and concerns at 8:45, conclude Joys and Concerns with prayer at 9:00, and then we will begin the lesson.

To purchase "The Walk" from the church, email or call the church to order your book. Make your check out for \$12 to: **Trinity Presbyterian Church** and put in the Memo Line: **Adult CE**.

LECTIONARY FOR THIS SUNDAY

ROMANS 12: 9-21
MATTHEW 16: 21-28

JOYS AND CONCERNS - AUGUST 30, 2020

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Mary Nestor
Craig & Iris Neuenswander
Jerry & Cathay Newland
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los
Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:

First Presbyterian - Topeka

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

New Concerns:

Carol Shannahan

Ongoing Concerns:

Audrey Chestnut
Cheryl Lindstrom
Chuck Pullen
Jace Raines
Jessie Zimmerman
John Eddy
Joyce Adcock
Judy and Carl Rundell
Nelson Spaulding
Neva Ebeling
Pam Oroke
Ralph Howard
Rose Fritz

Our troops overseas

BECKY JONES' brother, Raleigh Carr, & friends, Janice Pechacek and Cheryl Arney;
BECKY SCHOOLER'S sister-in-law, Jill;
CAROL SHANNAHAN'S mother, Anita & friend, Janet;
CARMEN RAINES' friend, Mark;
ELISE HIGGINS' father-in-law, Bill Ward;
JARON MARCUS' mother, Sherilyn;
KAY AND RALPH HOWARD'S stepbrother and step-sister, Max & Betty Hall, and their niece, Marsha Albright;
LOT WECKERLING and her son, William;
LEAH FULTON'S sister-in-law, Shirley Mulkey;
LETTIE KARLSON'S friend, K.C;
MARILYN LEINACKER'S daughter, Lisa;
MARTHA MILLER'S father & mother, Robert & Phyllis Cordell;
MARY NESTOR'S sister, Kay Fessler;
NELSON SPAULDING'S daughter, Deborah Harris;
PAT THOMBLISON'S son's colleague and friends of the Younger family, & friend Alyssa;
RUTH & JIM JENKINS' sister, Donna;
nephew, Glen Nielson, friends JP & Peter, daughter-in-law, Ali, niece, Debbie & 8-year old great, great niece, Kenzie;
TONI FARRELL-HIGGINS mother, Loretta Farrell & her aunt, Esther Searls;
WENDY PULLEN'S brother, Mike Roy & CHUCK PULLEN'S sister, Ruth Winterton;
ZIMMERMAN family

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Prayers and Concerns

Please keep in prayer all of our friends and family. If you are in special need of prayer or a phone call, or would like yourself, family member, or loved one added to our prayer list, please email the church office or contact Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Kathy Welch (Parish Nurse), or Cathy Armstrong (Deacon Moderator). It is also helpful if you let us know if they or you would like pastoral care.


Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mere

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Have you changed your:

postal address 

email address 

or phone number 

Please email or call the church office with the new information so we can stay connected with you. ❤️

CONGREGATIONAL CARE REMINDER

During this time of mandated precautions due to the COVID-19 virus, there will be no visits to hospitals, health care facilities (nursing home, assisted & independent living) or in-home visits unless there are extenuating circumstances.

All Trinity staff are available if needed. Please call or text their cell phones. You may also access current information about Trinity from our website (www.trinitypresbyterian.net) or calling the church office (272-2620) during business hours.

LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

Last week a request for volunteers was made and the call was heeded. The Property Committee is pleased to report landscape work volunteers have come forward and landscape work is proceeding. Check out the September issue of the Talking Trinity for pictures of the work and some of the folks doing it.

TUESDAYS WITH THE WORD

Join Rev. Meredith and others for a time of fellowship and study using the Wired Word. We will meet via zoom Tuesdays at 9:00am, beginning August 25. If you would like a ZOOM invite, please email or call Rev. Meredith.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK STUDY

Join us on ZOOM at 1:30 Fridays. We are studying Richard Rohr's book, "The Universal Christ." Our next book will be 'A Year of Biblical Womanhood' by Rachel Held Evans. Contact Jenny Lee if you would like more information: jenny222lee@gmail.com. To join the group and receive a ZOOM invitation, contact Carol Thomas at ctmshm@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICE PROCEDURES:

- Masks **are required** in the church, including the office.
- While the church office is closed to all except staff, it is now peopled from 9am -1pm.
- If you have in-person business with the office, such as checking your mailbox or dropping off a pledge, **please call the office ahead of time** and arrange for pick-up or drop-off.
- The Office Phone Number is (785) 272-2620.
- Office Staff are happy to meet via phone or ZOOM. Call to make an appointment.
- **Thank you for protecting the health of our office staff!**
(We truly appreciate your efforts.)



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August 27, 2020

Dear Trinity Family and Friends -

The session is meeting regularly to consider the next steps in our Plan to Restart In-Person Worship. Together with the leadership committees and church staff, we have been working to ensure that the ties that bind us are strong, resilient and steadfast during these challenging times. Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers, attendance at online worship, continued financial support of Trinity, and care for one another.

As the Session works on the Plan to Restart In-Person Worship, it does so against a backdrop of Kansas' Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas, the Centers for Disease Control, Shawnee County Department of Health, the Presbytery of Northern Kansas and our liability insurance carrier.

Per our recent survey, 82% of our members self-identified as "at risk". The church's Plan must be based on extreme concern against Covid-19 infection and any transmission that may occur. Despite our best efforts, no locale can be guaranteed to be germ free. Please act accordingly and be your best advocate in protecting your health.

Staying home and worshiping online is a faithful choice. Please do NOT come to the church if you are ill or feel safer staying home.

Currently, our worship is occurring online and will continue to do so. In-Person Worship is scheduled to begin September 13, 2020.

Session will continue to evaluate options for worship according to state and county guidelines and recommendations from committees and the Presbytery.

Your patience and prayers are requested.

Yours in Christ,

Trinity Session



Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan
Minister

Kathy Welch, R.N.
Parish Nurse

Karen Meenen
Dir. of Christian Education

Checklist for Returning to In-Person Worship

Engage in the steps below to prepare you and your family for in-person worship.



✓ Checklist for Church Members	
AT HOME	
	Pray for Trinity, its leaders, your family, and yourself.
	Discuss as a family what to expect and the importance of following guidance.
	Review any recent church communications on reopening policies and procedures.
	Download the Sunday bulletin to your phone (or follow on-screen during service).
	Do not leave home without your mask!
	Visit your bathroom before heading to the church building.
	Wash your hands right before leaving home and immediately after returning.
ASSESS YOUR HEALTH	
	Stay home if you or one of your family members is showing signs or symptoms of an illness, especially a fever or cough.
	Stay home if you or others you are staying with may have been exposed to someone suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19.
	If you begin to show signs or symptoms related to COVID-19 following an in-person worship service, contact your primary health provider immediately.
UPON EXITING YOUR VEHICLE	
	Mentally prepare yourself for social distancing. Remind children and youth of what this means.
	Keep in mind that you and others will be excited to see everyone. Please wave to each other, no bodily contact.
	Put on a mask; make sure it is correctly secured around the nose and mouth.
	Use hand sanitizer before exiting your vehicle and again before you head home.
	Maintain social distancing as a family unit while entering and exiting the building. Provide others with their needed space.
	Be sure to maintain social distancing in the parking lot and on sidewalks leading to the church.
IN ENTRYWAYS AND HALLWAYS	
	Listen for instructions from leaders and volunteers and pay attention to signs providing guidance. Maintain social distancing. Wear your mask at all times.
	Do not congregate in the entryway, lobby, or narthex. Follow directions from ushers.
	Be intentional with grace and patience as you, your family, and others are experiencing various emotions during the new process.
	The handicap restroom will be open only for emergencies.
	Listen for new directives regarding collecting the offering and recording attendance.
	The nursery, office, parlor, kitchen, fellowship hall and basement level will be closed

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IN THE WORSHIP SPACE

	If you must leave the sanctuary for any reason, you will be unable to re-enter.
	Be prepared for everything to look different. Be gracious and patient as you, your family and others are dealing emotionally with the changes.
	Ushers will seat you, filling the sections from front to back. Family units must sit together. The nursery and parlor will be closed; children and youth will sit with their families.
	Please remain in your seat until you are directed to exit at the conclusion of the service.
	Wear your mask; keep it secure over your nose and mouth.
	There will be music, but the congregation will NOT sing.
	Participate as directed during responsive readings.
	Communion will not be celebrated.
	Acknowledge your friends and neighbors with a nod or wave. Pray for one another.

EXITING THE WORSHIP SPACE

	Ushers will dismiss you from your pew from back to front. Leave the sanctuary maintaining 6' between you and others. Do not stop to visit.
	The offering box will be in place at the back of the sanctuary. Place your tithes and gifts in the box and continue to exit as guided.
	Keep social distancing through the lobby and parking lot. We will not congregate after the service.
	Do not remove your mask until you have reached your vehicle.
	Sanitize your hands and wash them with soap and water when you arrive home.

On-line services will continue. Adult Sunday School is offered through Zoom. Contact the office for an invitation to attend.

Mission Committee will have cloth masks for sale for a \$5.00 donation with proceeds going to mission outreach.

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