



### \*\*\* WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY - Online or In-Person \*\*\*

Please join us for Worship this Sunday, either in-person or online. Our worship livestream will begin at 10:30am on our facebook page and on our website. Link to LiveStream:

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityTopeka/> or  
<https://trinitypresbyterian.net/facebook-live-stream-videos/>

To celebrate the beginning of Fall programming, 2 trumpet players will be our guest musicians in worship this Sunday. They will play music by Vivaldi, as well as arrangements of familiar hymns. Whether you join worship in person or on the livestream, we hope to "see" you there!

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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.

### WELCOME BACK SUNDAY - THIS SUNDAY - SEPT. 13

Beginning this Sunday, 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."

Carol Thomas ([ctmshm@gmail.com](mailto: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**.

### TOPEKA JUMP

Trinity's justice ministry will be holding its House Meetings on Sunday, Sept. 20th at 1:00 and Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00. This year we will be having Zoom meetings. We will share stories about problems we or our loved ones have experience and expand our congregation's justice ministry so we can tackle the problems that deeply impact our community. Please join us. You can get your Zoom invitation by contacting Jane Williams at [jewilliams58@cox.net](mailto:jewilliams58@cox.net) or 228-2771.

### 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.)**

## LECTIONARY FOR THIS SUNDAY

### ROMANS 14: 1-12 MATTHEW 18: 21-35

#### Joys and Concerns - SEPT 13 2020

#### Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Melissa & Ainsley Wallace  
 Pam Oroke  
 Brad & Susan Parry  
 Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los  
 Bueyes, El Salvador

#### Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:

Presbyterian Church of WaKeeney -  
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#### Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

#### Joys:

#### Sympathies:

Eric & Jill Greer on the death of Eric's father,  
 Dennis  
 Kay and Ralph Howard on the death of her  
 sister-in-law, Betty Hall

#### New Concerns:

Ruth Jenkins' sister, Donna's grandson,  
 Chase

#### 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 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';  
 nephew, Glen Nielson, friends JP &  
 Peter, 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

**CONGREGATION  
NCARE  
REMINDER**

During this time 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. Call or text their cell phones.

**More beautification of Trinity's campus!**  
Volunteer, Art Lancaster, creates two lovely flower beds. They're welcoming spaces for the congregation to enjoy on Sunday. **And, we just must say...How very Great, *they* Art!**



**Before** ⇨



Thank you,  
Art!



⇨ **After**



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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	
<b>AT HOME</b>	
	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.
<b>ASSESS YOUR HEALTH</b>	
	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.
<b>UPON EXITING YOUR VEHICLE</b>	
	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.
<b>IN ENTRYWAYS AND HALLWAYS</b>	
	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**

	<b>If you must leave the sanctuary for any reason, you will be unable to re-enter.</b>
	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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