



THE trinity candle

LECTIONARY
FOR THIS SUNDAY

LUKE 1: 5-25
MARK 1: 1-8



Trinity recently implemented an option for individuals to give money to Trinity through our new On-Line Giving process. You can find this option on our website at trinitypresbyterian.net.

Select the "Give" tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions. Please contact Carol Shannahan with questions.

On-line Giving FAQs Trinity Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS

1. How does one give online?

Select the "Give" button on Trinity's website and you will be prompted for the needed information.

2. Do I have to set up an account to give online?

No. However, creating an account would allow you to set up recurring payments and to review your payment history.

3. Are there processing fees associated with giving online?

Yes. For each donation, the fee is 2% of the total donation.

4. Who pays the processing fees associated with giving online?

The donor is given an option to add an extra amount to help offset the 2% fee. Otherwise, Trinity incurs those fees.

5. Will online donations appear on Trinity's tax statements?

Yes. The donor is given credit for the total donation, including any offset amount. So, if the donor includes the \$2 processing fee for a \$100 donation, the donor gets credit on their statement for \$102. The donor will also receive a year-end tax statement from the Presbyterian Foundation reporting the donor's total donations for the year.

6. How does the donor specify the purpose of their donation?

There is a note section in which the donor is encouraged to indicate the specific purpose of their donation. This would be similar to using the memo line on a check and is necessary to insure the donation is used for the purpose intended.



Operation Food Secure at Trinity has been extremely successful. On Wednesday, November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, cars were packed into our parking lot, down Sims Street, around the park and on side streets all waiting to receive a free box of food and a gallon of milk. Our volunteers distributed 340 boxes of food—enough to feed 1243 people! Trinity was once again featured on the news and the company who supplies the food is making a

video with drones flying overhead to film the traffic. They saw the need first hand and were absolutely amazed. Thank you to all of our volunteers who make this happen.

Our next free food distributions will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 9th and again on Wednesday, December 23.

JOYS AND CONCERNS - DEC. 6 2020

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation
Jeremy & Clare Higgins
Carol & Danny Thomas
Pat & Natalya Thomblison
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

FOCUS PRESBYTERY OF No. Ks:

First United Presbyterian - Clay Center

ECUMENICAL CHURCH

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

SYMPATHIES:

Family & friends of Grace Reichle, a previous Trinity member, on her death
Linda and Jeff Dolezal on the death of her mother, Dorothy Hall.

NEW CONCERNS:

Audrey & Jacob Barnard and Marilyn Leinacker
Dolores Kirk
Don & Carolyn Burns
Elaine, Mike & Vicky Alexander
Jamie Merklein, Felishity Blubaugh and Kenadee
Kristen Choonchoen
Gerald and Joyce Adcock's aunt, Norma Jean
Natalya & Pat Thomblison and Kathleen Thompson
Robert Burtch
Wendy Pullen
Kay Howard's friends, Jo Miller, and Karen Swogger and daughter, Sarah

Ongoing Concerns:

Carol Shannahan, Cheryl Lindstrom, Chuck Pullen, Helen Rhodes, Jace Raines, Jessie Zimmerman, John Eddy, Joel Maxon, Joyce Adcock, Judy and Carl Rundell, Nelson Spaulding, Pam Oroke, Pat Miller, Rose Fritz, Douglas Phenix, Our troops overseas, BECKY JONES' brother, Raleigh Carr, & friends, Janice Pechacek and Cheryl Arney; BECKY SCHOOLER'S sister-in-law, Jill; CAROL SHANNAHAN'S friend, Janet; CARMEN RAINES' friend, Mark; ELISE HIGGINS' father-in-law, Bill Ward; IRIS NEUENSWANDER'S friend, Robin's family;

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CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Want to find joy in 2020? Try giving to the Christmas Joy Offering. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has four

church-wide Special Offerings which help share Christ's love with millions of people around the world. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. This is a commitment of the Presbyterian Church for nearly 140 years. This offering is collected from November 29 to December 20. There are many ways to give to Trinity right now. Just indicate if your offering is for the Christmas Joy Offering.



FROM THE TRINITY FINANCE COMMITTEE

If you are 70 1/2, you may gain a significant income tax advantage by directing your individual retirement annuity (IRA) distribution to Trinity as a qualified charitable donation. Your distribution would be tax free and, of course, would have no tax implications for Trinity. This provision in the tax law would also apply to required minimum distributions from IRAs when you turn 72.

This provision may be particularly beneficial because with the increase in the federal standard deduction, many people no longer realize a tax benefit from deducting charitable contributions as itemized deductions. By making the annuity distribution a direct gift to Trinity, your reportable income is reduced, resulting in a tax savings. You should consult your tax professional if you are interested in accessing this benefit to both you and Trinity.

FINANCE MATTERS

As you prepare for the busy holiday season, please keep in mind the following dates:

December 2020--2021 Weekly Pledge Envelopes. Boxed sets of 2021 pledge envelopes are available, please call the church office or Carol Shannahan (559-8551), to arrange a time to pick them up, if you would like to have them. You do not have to use these envelopes; you may use any other envelope you choose. The important thing is to write "Pledge", or appropriate account, on the memo line of the check.

December 2020--2021 Pre-Paid Pledges. If you wish to prepay any amount of your 2021 pledge, please make sure it is clearly marked "2021 Pledge" to ensure it is recorded correctly.

Sunday, December 29, 2020--Final 2020 Giving. We are not quite at the end of the year, but please begin thinking about completing your 2020 pledges and gifts to Trinity. In order to report your donations on your 2020 statement, we are asking that the donations be received on or before Wednesday, December 30, 2020. The timeliness of your gifts is appreciated in order for the Financial Secretary to correctly process and record them. Anything received after the 30th, will count as a 2021 donation. Please let me know if you need an update of your 2020 pledge.

January 2021-- 2020 Giving Statements. The 2020 giving statements will be mailed in January, so you will have them before you begin tax preparation.

Thank you for keeping Trinity in your Holiday planning.

Carol Shannahan, Financial Secretary, 785-559-8551

JARON MARCUS' mother, Sherilyn; KAY AND RALPH HOWARD'S stepbrother, Max Hall, and their niece, Marsha Albright and husband Doug; LEAH FULTON'S sister-in-law, Shirley Mulkey; LETTIE KARLSON'S friend, K.C; MADDIE MELLIES' stepfather, Dave Leinweber; 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's grandson, Chase, 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, & friend, Gerald Manchester; CHUCK PULLEN'S sister, Ruth Winterton & brother-in-law, Bud Winterton; ZIMMERMAN family

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases in our community, and in order to follow the Safer-at-Home announcement from the Shawnee County Health Department, the Church and Church Office will be closed until further notice.

Please continue to call and email the church if you need anything. All staff will continue to be available directly during normal working hours by calling their personal cell phone numbers.

Please stay safe!

TRINITY MEMBER DIRECTORY ONLINE

Visit Trinity's website at www.trinitypresbyterian.net to access the most recent directory update. If you have forgotten the password, call or email the church office.

2020 CHRISTMAS DEDICATION FORM

The Deacons will not be ordering poinsettias this Christmas season. Instead, we would like to give you the opportunity to take the money you would normally have spent on a plant, and make a donation to one of the worthwhile causes listed below and dedicate the donation in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Those remembered and honored will be shown on the worship screens during the ONLINE 10:30 a.m. service on December 20th.

YOUR NAME: (please print) _____

 **DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:** (select with a check mark):

- Los Talpetates Scholarship Fund -----DOLLAR AMOUNT: _____
- Presbyterian Disaster Fund -----DOLLAR AMOUNT: _____

Be sure to write the Fund name of your choice in the memo of your check.

DEDICATE MY DONATION AS FOLLOWS: (List names as you want them to be printed in the dedication flyer.)


IN MEMORY of: _____

IN APPRECIATION of: _____

to the GLORY OF GOD.

 **WHEN TO PAY:**

Payment & order form are **due** in the church office by **FRIDAY, DEC 11, 2020** to have your dedication included in the list shown during online worship the Sunday before Christmas - Dec. 20th.

 **HOW TO PAY:** (REMINDER: the church office is closed / no staff on site)

SEPARATE from your regular pledge, please **mail form and check** to
Trinity Presbyterian Church - **attn: Becky C**
4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604

Questions? Contact Cathy Armstrong

WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

By personal check:

Mail it to-
Trinity Presbyterian Church
4746 SW 21st Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Online Bill Payment:

A service offered by most financial institutions, which creates automatic recurring or one-time gift payments electronically from your bank account. Designate Trinity as payee, and have payments sent to:
Trinity Presbyterian Church
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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

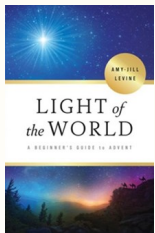
CONGREGATION CARE REMINDER

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join Adult Sunday school through Zoom every Sunday at 8:45.
November 29- December 27



Join us as Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. She will trace the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations and connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation, and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the Flight to Egypt.

CHILDREN'S-ZOOM-SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each Sunday

8:45 am - Jr High/Sr High
12:30 pm - Preschool
1:00 pm - 1st-3rd Grade
2:00 pm - 4th -6th Grade



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KeyboardistJaron Marcus