



# THE *trinity* candle

**LECTIONARY**  
FOR THIS SUNDAY

**ISAIAH 7: 10-17**  
**MATTHEW 1: 18-25**

## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - THIS SUNDAY

There will be a brief congregational meeting **on Sunday, December 20, 10:00am** for the purpose of electing church officers. The meeting will be conducted via ZOOM.

Meredith Kemp-Pappan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. You may join the meeting via the link below, or you may call in to the meeting with the provided mobile number. If you are new to ZOOM, please contact Rev. Meredith and she will be happy to walk you through the process.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09)  
[pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09)  
 Meeting ID: 823 489 5951  
 Passcode: trinity  
 One tap mobile  
 +12532158782,,8234895951# US (Tacoma)  
 +13462487799,,8234895951# US (Houston)

## THIS SUNDAY

**REMINDER:** We have returned to online worship only due to the current upsurge in Covid-19 cases across the state and our community. We hope you will join us this Sunday **online**.

The worship service will begin at 10:30 am. You will be able to access it either on Facebook or on the Trinity website.

### **LINKS to the online service:**

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

**NOTE:** Due to internet issues, the video might not always be uploaded to the Trinity website right at 10:30am. If you are having issues getting the worship video, wait 10-15 minutes and try refreshing the web page.

## TALKING TRINITY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2021

The January issue of the Talking Trinity monthly newsletter **will be sent electronically** to all Trinity members and friends who have an email address listed in our records. **Paper copies will be mailed to those without an email.** This method will reduce close contact activity related to folding & mailing during the upsurge of COVID-19 cases. If you receive an emailed copy, but need a paper copy, please contact the church secretary.

## PNK CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Without the possibility of creating their own pageants and enjoying them in their own sanctuaries, several churches from around the Presbytery took on the assignment to make an Advent/Christmas pageant to share throughout the Presbytery. With churches recording a scene from a pageant script, a beautiful narrative emerged. Trinity will "premiere" this worship video during Sunday Morning Worship on December 27. The video will be available on our website and facebook page. Our Trinity children and youth participated in this project, and we hope you will see some familiar faces share the story of the Nativity.

## Joys and Concerns Dec. 20 2020

### Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Peggy Tollefson  
 Marge Twidwell  
 Olive Ubel  
 Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador  
**Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:**  
 First Presbyterian - Colby  
**Prayers for the Ecumenical Church**

Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

### Sympathies:

Becky Jones' and family on the death of her brother, Raleigh Carr

### New Concerns:

Brett Stipcak  
 Tom Henstock

### Ongoing Concerns:

Audrey & Jacob Barnard and Marilyn Leinacker  
 Carol Shannahan  
 Cheryl Lindstrom  
 Chuck Pullen  
 Dolores Kirk  
 Don & Carolyn Burns  
 Elaine, Mike & Vicky Alexander  
 Helen Rhodes  
 Jace Raines  
 Jamie Merklein, Felishity  
 Blubaugh & Kenadee  
 Jessie Zimmerman  
 John Eddy  
 Joel Maxon  
 Joyce Adcock  
 Judy and Carl Rundell  
 Kristen Choonchoen  
 Lot Weckerling  
 Natalya & Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson  
 Pam Oroke  
 Pat Miller

Continued on page 2

## TALKING TRINITY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2021

The January issue of the Talking Trinity monthly newsletter will be sent **electronically** to all Trinity members and friends who have an email address listed in our records. Paper copies will be mailed to those without an email. This method will reduce close contact activity related to folding & mailing during the upsurge of COVID-19 cases. If you receive an emailed copy, but need a paper copy, please contact the church secretary.

## OPERATION FOOD SECURE AT TRINITY

Our next free food distribution will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 23.

## TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

The church office is always the "hub" of every church, including ours, and it is no different during COVID. The rise in COVID cases, combined with this being one of the busiest seasons in church life means that it takes even more creativity and flexibility to make sure that essential functions of the office are covered, while, at the same time, the health of the staff is safeguarded.

Secretary, Becky Crowl is working a hybrid schedule, which means she works from home remotely in the mornings, and then works in the office daily from 12:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Even though she will be in the office, the office is still closed to members and visitors, unless an appointment is made in advance. If you have business in the church office (examples: needing to check session chair mailboxes, use the volunteer computer or copier), you will need to conduct your business when Becky is not in the office. If you need to stop by and pick something up, please call ahead and we can arrange for it to be sitting on the visitor's kiosk in the lobby.

Masks are still required to enter the building, even if you are just picking up something from the lobby.

I also want to remind you that you can always reach me by my cell phone, (405) 905-8900. If I am in a meeting or can't answer right away, leave a message or text and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

I thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*In Christ, Rev. Mere*



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.



Be an Angel this Advent by providing items for the children of essential workers who attend TDC Childcare at Trinity. A list of needed items is in Talking Trinity. Bring items to Trinity (*call ahead or use your code to assure you have access to drop off in the lobby*) or mail a check made out to

Trinity Presbyterian Church with Angel Tree or your designated item in the memo line. Thank you for sharing. Questions can be directed to Peggy McAdoo.

Robert Burtch  
Rose Fritz  
Wendy Pullen  
Our troops overseas  
Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek & Cheryl Arney; Becky Schooler's sister-in-law, Jill; Carol Shannahan's friend, Janet; Carmen Raines' friend, Mark; Douglas Phenix; Elise Higgins' father-in-law, Bill Ward; Gerald And Joyce Adcock's aunt, Norma Jean; Iris Neuenswander's friend, Robin's family; Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; Kay & Ralph Howard's friends, Jo Miller, & Karen Swogger & daughter, Sarah, stepbrother, Max Hall, & niece, Marsha Albright & 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; Michelle Sawtelle; Nelson Spaulding's daughter, Deborah Harris; Pat Thomblison's son's colleague & 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



## FINANCE MATTERS

As you prepare for the busy holiday season, please keep in mind the following dates:  
**Weekly Pledge Envelopes.** Boxed sets of 2021 pledge envelopes are available, but not required. You may use any other envelope you choose. Just be sure to write "Pledge" on the memo line of the check.

**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.

**2020 Giving DEADLINE:** In order to include your 2020 donations on your 2020 giving statement, your donations must be **received on or before Wednesday, December 30, 2020.** Anything received after the 30<sup>th</sup>, will count as a 2021 donation. Please let me know if you need an update of your 2020 pledge.

**2020 Year End Giving Statements.** The 2020 final giving statements will be mailed in January 2021, 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



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](http://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.

### TO ACCESS THE TRINITY'S MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ONLINE:

- ❖ Go to [www.trinitypresbyterian.net](http://www.trinitypresbyterian.net)
- ❖ Click on **Members/Session**
- ❖ Enter the **password** in the shaded area. (Call or email the church office to get the password.)
- ❖ Select the **Submit** button.
- ❖ Click on **Membership Directory**.
- ❖ Click on **View File** and you are there!

### TO CHECK THE SESSION MINUTES SECTION, you need a second password. Again, call or email; then:

- ❖ Click **Session Minutes**.
- ❖ Enter the **2nd password**.
- ❖ Click **Submit**.
- ❖ Check out the list of files.

**NOTE:** To get to **Session Minutes**: when you go to the website, you must **first** enter the **member password**, then select the **Session Minutes**. Enter the **session password** and you are there.

QUESTIONS: Call or email the office.

## 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  
4746 SW 21st Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

### Online Giving:

You can find this option on Trinity's website at [www.trinitypresbyterian.net](http://www.trinitypresbyterian.net). Select the "Give" tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions.

## TRINITY MEMBER DIRECTORY ONLINE

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



## 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.

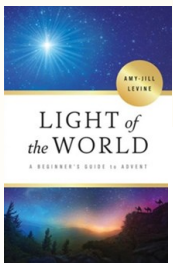
Grace and Peace, Pastor Mere

### 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



### TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4746 SW 21st Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

Phone: 785 272-2620

E-mail: [office@trinitypresbyterian.net](mailto:office@trinitypresbyterian.net)

Web: [www.trinitypresbyterian.net](http://www.trinitypresbyterian.net)

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor .....Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan  
Dir. of Christian Education & Outreach..... Karen Meenen  
Parish Nurse ..... Kathy Welch  
Church Secretary ..... Becky Crowl  
Music Director ..... Brad Stipcak  
Keyboardist .....Jaron Marcus