

You're Invited to Join Us!
This 4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.
Join us **IN-PERSON** or
watch our **LIVESTREAM** service on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityTopeka/>
or on our
Trinity website at: [https://trinitypresbyterian.net/
facebook-live-stream-videos/](https://trinitypresbyterian.net/facebook-live-stream-videos/)

Celebrate Advent and Christmas at Trinity



DECEMBER 19 | 10:30 A.M.

After receiving the angel's extraordinary news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth and Zechariah's home to digest her new calling. She seeks refuge and receives a safe haven, a home for her heart to soon sing praise. Sanctuary is anywhere God's love dwells freely and abundantly

DECEMBER 24 | 6:00 P.M.

Candlelight Christmas Eve with Holy Communion

There is no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn, but babies do not wait! And the time comes to give birth where they are. In many ways, Jesus is born without an invitation, and yet, he devotes his life to inviting people who are cast out. In the same way, we might imagine the story of



LECTIONARY

FOR THIS SUNDAY

ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-20
LUKE 3: 1-18

TUESDAYS WITH THE WORD

This is time for a coffee and spiritual fellowship time with Pastor Mere. We meet on Tuesdays, at 9:00 AM at the coffee shop at 21st and Belle, Cafe Quetzal. Join us for this very casual time of fellowship **meeting is January 2022.**



Page Turners **will NOT meet again until February 2022.**
If you have questions, contact Becky Jones or Carol Thomas.

ADULT
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

ADULT ADVENT CLASS (in-person & online)

Join us on **December 19th** as Jurahee Shriver teaches "Images in Religion". We hope you will join us! [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09)

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HARVESTERS food is distributed the 2nd Monday of every month at Trinity Presbyterian Church in the paved parking lot. Distribution is on a first come/first served basis until all the food is given out. We start at 12 pm. The next drive is **Monday, January 10, 2022.**

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Stan McAdoo or call the church at 272-2620.

The Mission Committee has another way Trinity can be of service to those in need!

As the Topeka Rescue Mission volunteers hand out food every week to those who are hungry, people are asking if they have any blankets now that it is getting cold.

Do you have a clean, gently used (not new) blanket or sleeping bag in your linen closet? If you would be willing to part with it, please bring it to the church lobby and place it either in one of the

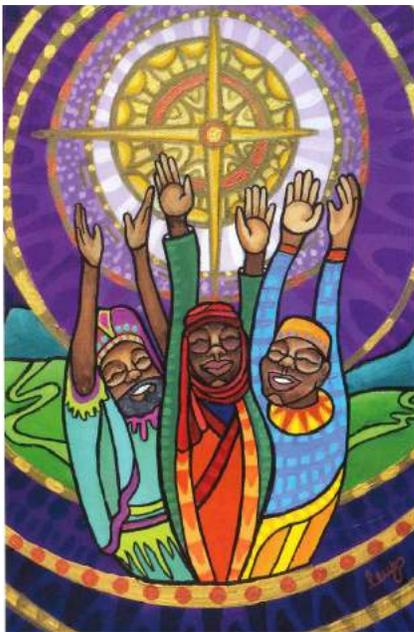




Do you know the intent behind the Mission Committee Angel Tree? Every year we select a group to support and this year we have chosen to give to our Little Explorers Day Care. The Angel Tree is just inside the foyer front door and will remain there through December. An item from the wish list is on the back of each angel ornament on the tree. There is also a complete wish list on the window behind the tree. You can shoot a picture of that list with your phone or take as many ornaments as you would like from the tree. Then bring the purchased items to church and place them under the tree or on the bench.

Please consider purchasing any of the following items:

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| Kleenex | Boogie Wipes | Crayons |
| Toilet Paper | Plastic Silverware | Paper Plates |
| Hand Soap | Napkins | Paper Towel |
| Aluminum Foil | Googly eyes | Construction Paper |
| Clorox Wipes | Glue bottles or sticks | Baggies: sandwich, quart, gallon |



The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one way we join together as Presbyterians from around the country to meet the needs of vulnerable people we might not be able to meet face to face but who need our support. The gifts we share connect us and also change lives.

Please consider a generous gift to the Christmas Joy Offering going on now through the end of December. This offering supports our past, present and future church leaders. You can find information and donation envelopes in the church pews and on the visitor's desk. Thank you.. This is a commitment of the Presbyterian Church for nearly 140 years.

This offering is collected from November 28 to December 30.

Checks should be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church with the notation "Christmas Joy Offering" in the memo line.

Please give generously, for "if we all do a little – together – it adds up to a lot."


 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 PO Box 643700
 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Every generous act of giving... is from above. — JAMES 1:17

The only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ – a perfect gift from a generous God. Your gifts reflect our generous God by supporting leaders in our Church and world – past, present and future. Please give generously. **When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**

Name: _____ Envelope Number: _____

My Gifts: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$500 Other \$ _____

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Visit presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy
 for more information or to give online.


 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Presbyterian Mission



Final 2021
Financial Contributions

Please turn in all
2021 Financial contributions
as soon as possible.

Contributions received
after December 29, 2021
will be posted to 2022.

Pre-Paid 2022
Financial Commitments

Please indicate on your
check
that it is for
your 2022 Pledge.



2022 Pledge Envelopes
(Monthly or Weekly)
are now available in the foyer
or by contacting the
Church Office or Carol Shannahan.



Funerals and memorial services are an opportunity for our congregation to support the bereaved through hospitality. Beginning January 20, 2022, a newly re-organized FUNERAL HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE will assume oversight for funeral receptions and luncheons. The Deacons will continue to offer meals and other pastoral care to the family during times of crisis, such as illness and or death, as well as in times of joy, such as the birth of a baby.

TONI FARRELL-HIGGINS, IRIS NEUENSWANDER, AND LYNN WEAVER
will be the Funeral Hospitality Co-Chairs.

If you would like to be on the contact list to volunteer bringing a dessert or side dish for serve for a funeral reception, please let one of the hospitality co-chairs, or Karen Meenen, know.

Joys and Concerns - Dec. 19, 2021

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Scott Anderson
Allen, Melissa and Madison Ansberry
Cathy Armstrong
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks:

First Presbyterian Church - Wilson

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

China, Hong Kong, Macau

Joys:

Jeremy and Clare (Higgins) Thoman welcome a son, Conrad Allan, on Sunday, 12/12/2021. The proud grandparents are Jon and Toni Farrell-Higgins

Michael and Madison Meenen welcome a daughter, Violet Evelene Meenen, on Tuesday, 12/14/2021. The proud grandparents are Doug and Karen Meenen

Ongoing Concerns:

Carrie Lancaster
Brenda Dietrich
Jim Jenkins
Becky Crowl
Carolyn Burns
Cheryl Lindstrom
Chuck Pullen
Helen Rhodes
John Eddy
Joyce Adcock
Jessie Zimmerman
Judy and Carl Rundell
Kay Wildman

Marjorie Marrs
Marilyn Leinacker and family
(Audrey and Jacob Barnard)
Marilyn Watt
Martha Benignus
Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson
Pam Oroke
Rose Fritz
Ruth Jenkins
Virginia Pelton
Wendy Pullen
Our troops overseas
Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek & Cheryl Arney; Becky Schooler's sister-in-law, Jill; Brad Stipcak's mother, Beverly, brother, Brett, sister-in-law, Jaime Stipcak, and nephew, Riley Stipcak; Carmen Raines' friend, Mark and family friend, Gage & cousin Alison; Carol Shannahan's mother, Anita & friend, Wanda; Carolyn Burns' sister-in-law, Carol Jessop; Carrie & Art Lancaster's daughter, Grace Ray; Cathy Headworth's aunt, Jniece Bell; Elise (Higgins') friend, Katy Everitt; Iris Neuenswander's sister, Rosalee; Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; Karen Botkin; Kay & Ralph Howard's stepbrother, Max Hall, nephew in-law Doug; Kay Wildman's niece, Renee Wohletz; Lettie Karlson's friend, K.C; Maddie Mellies' stepfather, Dave Leinweber; Marilyn Leinacker's daughter, Lisa; Mary Nestor's sister-in-law, Susan Nestor, sister, Kay Fessler; Carmen Raines' cousin, Alison; Nelson Spaulding's daughter, Deborah Harris; Rev. Mike Kuner; Ruth & Jim Jenkins' great niece, Kaila, friend, Laura Louna, brother-in-law, Jim, sister, Donna's grandson, Chase, friends JP & Peter, and great niece & husband, Michelle & Tony; Toni Farrell-Higgins' mother, Loretta Farrell & Son-in-Law, Jeremy's mother, Carla Thoman; Wendy Pullen's sister, Shannon; Zimmerman family



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Liturgist: Carol Thomas
Sermon on the Steps: Carrie Lancaster
USHERS: Craig & Iris Neuenswander
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES
(in-person & online)
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/
Online
1:00 PM ENDOWMENT CMTE MTG—ZOOM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Sticks 'N String Group
(Parlor)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

CANCELED Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal)
CANCELED Line Dance
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Yoga for the Young at Heart
(Rm 13/14)
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

CANCELED Page Turners Book Study
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)
6:00 PM *CHRISTMAS EVE Service

WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

By personal check:

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

Online-Bank 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-Trinity Giving:

You can find this option on Trinity's website at www.trinitypresbyterian.net.

Select the "Give" tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions. Special Offering can also be designated.



It is never too late to make a financial commitment to support Trinity's missions and programs.

If you have not done so, please turn in your 2022 commitment card by mail; in the Sunday offering box; or online by going to the website, selecting the GIVE option and then selecting "2022 commitment" in the drop-down menu.



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



To my Trinity friends, co-workers, office volunteers and card senders:

You are my extended family. My heartfelt gratitude cannot be fully expressed by these printed words. But, please know how truly thankful I am for all the prayers, comforting thoughts and time given to the church during my time away.

With true appreciation, Becky Crowl



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