

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JOINING TUMC: If you would like to join Trinity either by professing faith in Jesus Christ for the very first time, by recommitting your life to Him, or by transferring membership from another church, please contact one of the pastors through the church office. We would love to have you!

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The church office will be closed December 31-January 1 for New Years.

COMBINED SERVICE: January 5, 2020 we will have a regular 8:30 a.m. service with Sunday School to follow. The 10:45 Refuge and Traditional services will come together for a combined service in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER SERVICE: I want to invite all of our church for "A Time of Prayer," Sunday evening, January 5 at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will have a time of silent prayer in which we will pray for healing and reconciliation for Trinity church, for the United Methodist church and for our nation. We will also ask for God's guidance and direction through this transitional time and pray for Bishop Harvey, the cabinet and the SPRC for wisdom, insight and discernment through the consultation process in the selection of our new pastor. On this first Sunday of the new year, it is an appropriate time to start the year and this time of transition by consecrating it to God through Christ. So please join me for this time of prayer as we seek God and consecrate this new year to Christ.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Please join us for Wednesday evening activities for the Spring of 2020 which include: Family Dinner, 5:00 p.m.; Small groups, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Small Groups, 6:00 p.m. Join us as we spend time together and grow in Christ. Activities will resume on January 8, 2020.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you are interested in providing altar flowers for the Traditional service in 2020, please contact Whitney in the church office for available dates.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: The loss of a loved one can have a significant impact for several years. You don't need to go through it alone. Trinity's own Dr. Latoya Pierce will lead an 8-week support group focused on grief, loss, and bereavement on Wednesdays beginning January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in room 231. For more information contact Marie Burns in the church office or mburns@trinityruston.org

BIBLE STUDIES

HEBREWS STUDY: Starting January 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 222. Becky Clark and Marie Burns will be leading a 12 week in-depth study on the Book of Hebrews. If you joined us this past summer for the Leviticus study, Hebrews is a continuation of that book with Jesus Christ laid on top of the understanding of law. For those of you who may not have had the chance to join us for Leviticus, Hebrews is a book about the greatness of Jesus, the new covenant, and foundations of faith.

DISCIPLE NT FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY: This 12 week study will delve into the New Testament, looking at themes, important facts, and discipleship. Led by three amazing teachers at Trinity, this study is great for those new to studying scripture as well as those who have been readers of the Bible for years. Date and time of class TBD, but we will begin some time in January. Workbooks are \$17.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Trinity's Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who got involved with our many Christmas Outreach projects. If you shopped, cooked, boxed and shipped, delivered, or donated financially you made a difference! This year we served more than 65 families including well more than 300 children through all the programs. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to so many this Christmas Season. May we continue on into the New Year! If you would like to get involved with Outreach please contact Marie Burns in the church office or at mburns@trinityruston.org.

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

MISSION TRIP: We are so excited to share that our college ministry is planning a mission trip for May 24-30, 2020 to the Navajo Nation. This is a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Cost of the trip is \$515 with a \$100 deposit due by January 19, 2020. We will be doing some fundraisers to help with the cost of the trip, so don't let money keep you from coming! For more information or to sign up, contact Becky Clark in the church office (251-0750). Team size is limited so sign up now!

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Every Sunday at 9:40 a.m. in the upstairs Atrium, across from Trinity Center.

COLLEGE MEN'S SMALL GROUP: Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the College Room above the atrium, across from the Trinity Center and gym.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: Meets each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 420 Valley View Drive.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kindergarten-5th Grade meet in Room 300 at 9:30 for announcements and fellowship. Teachers will bring children to individual classes at 9:45 until 10:30.

LITTLE DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2 year old to Pre-K 4 enjoy Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning. Come to the Children's Wing of our church and we will get you to the right class.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ALIVE Youth: Sunday Night youth will start back on January 5, 2020. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m. Refuge Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. Flower Care Team
10:00 a.m. Lunch on Us

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

12:00 p.m. Kiwanis Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Adult Art Classes
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

11:30 a.m. TGIF Men's Lunch

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Joy to
the World



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DECEMBER 29, 2019

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Deborah Guillory, Organist

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NOTES ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(8:30)

Rev. Leslie Stephens

(10:45)

Micky Cloud

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Christ-child, the newborn Prince of Peace!

People: We have been redeemed. We do not have to be afraid.

Leader: Praise to the God who has come to us in flesh!

People: Day by day we are being created.

Leader: Praise to the Spirit who calls us together to serve!

People: We will be sustained wherever his spirit leads.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of our Christmas joy,
break forth, O beautiful heavenly light
and illumine our way to the paths you would have us tread,
in the name of the Christ-child, Emmanuel, we pray.
Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal, No. 246

Joy to the World

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (The Apostle's Creed)

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*HYMN

Hymnal, No. 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

WE WORSHIP THROUGH OUR PRAYERS

AND OUR OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hymnal, No. 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Deborah Guillory, Organ

Wexford Carol

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

K-2nd grade children are invited to Room 300 for Children's Church (10:45)

*HYMN OF THE GOSPEL

Hymnal, No. 249

There's a Song in the Air

verses 1,2,4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*SCRIPTURE

John 3:17

Luke 2:15-18

SERMON

Joe Bleich

Start of the Journey—Instructions to Follow

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymnal, No. 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Deborah Guillory, Pianist/Organist

**All who are able, please stand.*