

Activities and Opportunities

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Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Jana Kelley at the death of her brother and sister-in-law.

Welcome to worship at Trinity, a place of love, grace, and belonging where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated. If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

Contributions. Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



Worship Bags are available in the Narthex for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

Children's Worship Activity. Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Preschool Playgroup will meet today, January 5 in the middle Pence Classroom (Room 204) following worship. A simple, kid-friendly lunch will be provided followed by an Epiphany themed activity and story. Children (birth through age 4) are invited to join the group along with their parent(s) and siblings. This group has become a meaningful way for not only God's youngest children to bond, but also for parents of little ones to be in community together.

Epiphany Prayer Intention. In worship today, January 5 Trinity observes the Second Sunday of Christmas and the Day of Epiphany. All worshippers will have an opportunity to select an Epiphany Prayer Intention. Paper stars containing various prayer intentions are available for worshippers to select an intention that resonates with them or to select an intention at random to see how God might work in their lives through this intention. Paper stars will be available for the first few weeks of January in the worship space on Sundays and in the Church Office during the week. Today stars can be found in the Narthex, on the credenza by the Pastor's portraits, and in the Sitting Room. Please choose to participate in Trinity's life together by selecting a prayer intention.

Communion. In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available. The addition of grape juice enables God's beloveds for whom alcohol is problematic to participate more fully. Grape juice is in the smaller section of the chalice.

Nursery for infants and toddlers. A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

All young adults (20's and 30's ish!) are invited to gather in the Multipurpose Room for an Epiphany Celebration on Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a small wrapped hand-made gift or a purchased gift (under \$10) for the gift exchange. Reach out to Lara Wannemacher at larawannemacher@gmail.com or 864-630-5325 if interested in attending.

Faith Formation for Children. The Education Committee, in collaboration with the pastoral and program staff, is excited to announce that beginning January 26 three classes will gather at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Education Building. Classes will be available for pre-schoolers (who will be accompanied by a parent or caring adult), for children in K5 through Grade 2, and for children in Grade 3 through Grade 5. Teachers, volunteers, and participants are needed. Please reach out to Jeff Rehm at jarehm41@gmail.com with questions or to sign up to be a part of this program to encourage, teach, and lift up Trinity's youngest members.

2025 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for this year are available this morning to those that requested envelopes. Please see Kay Cook in the Narthex to receive your envelopes and contact the Church Office with questions.

Youth Ice Skating. Youth (grades 6 -12) are invited to gather after worship today, January 5 (meet at Angie's office) to walk downtown for lunch and ice skating. Lunch will be provided and the cost of skating is \$12.00. Pick up will be at 1:30 pm at Ice on Main, 206 South Main Street.

Queer-led Worship: Taize Around the Cross. On Thursday, January 9, worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws if interested. This service will be live-streamed.

Trinity Children and Youth will join together for lunch on Sunday, January 26. Following lunch, the groups will divide for "Exploring the Faith: Miracles of Jesus." Pastor Parham will lead the youth and Angie McCormack will be with the children. The event will end at 1:00 pm. For more information or questions, contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-630-4026.

Festival of Queer Books. Trinity will host Greenville's first ever Festival of Queer Books on Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 am to noon in the Activities Building. With public schools and libraries limiting access to books representing queer families, this is an important step in providing queer youth, children, and families access to books about characters and themes they can relate to. In collaboration with other LGBTQIA+ affirming organizations, the day will have something for everyone - a bounce house, a silent disco, read-alouds, and of course FREE BOOKS! Each family will leave with a selection of books about LGBTQIA+ and/or other marginalized peoples. The focus of the day is on children's picture books in an effort to make literacy accessible for all ages. Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws if interested in being a part of this exciting event.

Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group. A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in the Sitting Room. Calvin Harmon leads and facilitates this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning includes a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Upcoming dates include February 12 and March 12.

Poinsettias may be picked up after worship today.

Youth Event. On Saturday, January 25, youth and families will travel to Moonshine Mountain in Hendersonville, NC for snow tubing. All youth must have one parent or guardian attending and carpooling is encouraged. Reservations have been secured for 1 hour and 45 minutes of tubing starting at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00.

Women's March. On Saturday, January 18, there will be a gathering in cities across the nation to march for women's rights in cooperation with the People's March on Washington DC. Greenville's march will take place at Falls Park. Those who are interested in participating in this event, but would like to do so in a group, may meet outside the Red Canopy Door at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 18 to walk together to Falls Park. More information about this event can be found at www.womensmarch.com Please contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-630-4026 if you plan to attend.

Everyone is invited to gather for a
Congregational Baptismal Celebration

Sunday, January 12, 2025
11:30 am
in the Multipurpose Room

Lunch will be provided
as well as activities to remember and celebrate
God's naming and claiming us as God's beloved, precious, baptized children.

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for more information or to sign up for this event.