

Activities and Opportunities

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Death

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Edd Templin at his death on November 23.

Hospital Patient

Eddie Woodward - Agape Hospice House, Landrum, SC

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.



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.

Communion. In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym 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.

Queer-Led Worship. On Thursday, December 4 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. Absolutely all people, queer and allies alike, are welcome to worship. This service will be live-streamed. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

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.

Adult Faith Exploration Advent Series. For the four Sundays of Advent, the Adult Faith Exploration Class will explore and experience how Christmas is observed in each of the four Gospels in a study led by Renee Heiliger. This creative, four-session adult study compares each of the Gospels to styles of various homes. Illustrations of each Gospel house are provided by artist Kevin Burns based on his interpretation of the shape and character of each Gospel. Together adults will be invited to view Christmas from the different perspectives offered in each house as they further reflect on the mystery of Jesus. This study is interactive, hands on, and engages the heart as followers journey to the manger. Class begins at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 & 13 on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The first session of the annual meeting of the congregation will be held immediately after worship in the Gym today. At this time the proposed budget/ministry plan for 2026 will be presented and nominees for Congregation Council will be introduced. The meeting will then stand in recess until 11:30 am on Sunday, December 7 when the congregation will meet after worship in the gym to adopt a budget/ministry plan for 2026 and to elect members of Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms and the nominee for the one one-year youth term are: Lynn Andrews, Chris Barsody, Jess Bigby, William Bryant, Sharron Goodlett, Tori Hilbourn, Kerrie Seymour, Jeff Waddell, Matthew Wessinger, Carl Witherspoon, and Clayton Dykes. While the ballots are being counted, participants will enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is invited to bring a brunch finger food to share. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership held its Community Problems Assembly Thursday, November 6 with an attendance of 300 people. At this meeting all congregations voted on two issues to address in this cycle. They are housing with emphasis on legislating eviction filings and establishing an eviction court and mental health with emphasis on mental health crisis training for first responders. For anyone interested in attending one of the research meetings for either issue, please contact either Cathy O'Neill at cathycate51@gmail.com or Oscar Bennett at oscar@thedartcenter.org. New members added during the assembly include Earle Street Baptist Church, Israel Metropolitan CME, Rock Hill Baptist Church II, and St. Mark United Methodist Church. New Washington Heights Association also joined as a member.

Operation Santa. Trinity supports Mental Health America via the Operation Santa program each Christmas season. Please consider donating gloves/hats, L and XL Sweatshirts, blankets, journals, pens, and/or adult coloring books. These items should be newly purchased and placed in one of the donation boxes here at Trinity. Donation boxes can be found in the Breezeway and near the back corner of the Gym by the refreshment table.

Ornament Exchange. All Trinity adults are invited to attend a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 pm at the home of Dexter Brecht and Jack Heidt, 236 Woodhouse Way, Greenville. All participants are encouraged to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange as well as an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. Soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP for this event by reaching out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws or Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws

Sharing Tree. As the holiday season approaches, Trinity's Outreach Committee invites everyone to participate in the long-standing Sharing Tree tradition of giving. Gifts will be shared with the local organizations noted below. Items may be dropped off at the Church Office by December 1; gift cards may also be placed in the offering plate during worship. Please enclose gift cards in an envelope labeled with your name. Socks and flashlights do not need to be gift wrapped. Scan the QR code to sign-up to purchase a gift(s). Items need to be returned by December 1.



Fiber Arts Group. Those who enjoy (or want to learn) crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, sewing, latch hooking, or some other fiber-based craft not listed here are invited to come together for a time of crafting and community. Really, all crafts that travel well are welcome! The group will meet on Monday, December 1 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan at 314-605-2605 with questions.

Sabbath Rest During Advent. Life is a constant hustle: Go! Do! Achieve! Yet even God, who created everything, found time to rest after creating before moving into the work of engaging with creation. And Jesus? Jesus loved to pray ... and rest! How does one rest? Does anyone rest anymore? Is it possible to find time to practice Sabbath? Join Patrick Preacher for classes about Sabbath from a biblical perspective while embodying ways to incorporate Sabbath into your weekly routine – just in time to get your body and mind ready for the bustle of the Christmas Season! This one-hour, two-week class will be offered at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 10 in the Assembly Room. Each session will focus on Sabbath rest and include some opportunities for practice. Participants are welcome to attend one or both of the sessions. Contact Patrick Preacher via text with any questions at 864-483-2590.

Mahjong Group. A group gathers each Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Assembly Room to spend time together and play Mahjong. It's a non-competitive group with folks willing to teach others to play the game. Questions may be directed via text to Lani Ludian at 864-419-9574.

Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. The group will gather today following worship at *Mac's Speed Shop*, 930 South Main Street. Please reach out to Angie McCormack this morning if you would like to attend.

December Worship Schedule

Thursday, December 4

Queer-Led Worship

Worship at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary with refreshments to follow

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

followed by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Intergenerational Christmas Pageant with Holy Communion at 10:00 am in the Gym

followed by a festive, catered Christmas Brunch

Thursday, December 18

A Blue Christmas service will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm

for all who are grieving the death of loved ones

or who are experiencing illness, struggles, or other losses during the holiday season

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Wednesday, December 24

Nativity of our Lord/Christmas Eve

3:00 pm - Candlelight worship with Holy Communion
and brass in the Sanctuary (Nursery provided)

5:30 pm - Candlelight worship with Holy Communion
and Brass in the Sanctuary (Nursery provided)

Sunday, December 28

First Sunday of Christmas

A Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym