

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Every Perfect Gift

Near the end of October, we mailed our pledge cards, inviting parishioners to offer an estimate of financial support for the coming year.



We deeply appreciate all who have returned pledge cards already. If you have not yet responded, please do so at your earliest convenience:

- You can return your pledge card or mail it back in to Trinity;
- You can go online to make your pledge @ <https://trinitybend.org/on-line-pledge-form>; or
- You can send Joan Wellman, our contributions secretary, a confidential email directly @ contributions@trinitybend.org.

And however you respond, please know that we all appreciate the gifts you offer.

In-person worship @ Trinity — Sunday @ 8 AM

You are welcome to join us for in-person worship in the Trinity sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 8 am. Please note that the liturgy is relatively simple, and slightly briefer than otherwise. Communion is offered in one kind. Please note the following added details:

- Dress warmly. We are opening the side windows in the nave of the church to improve air circulation. You'll be more comfortable if you keep an extra layer on these chilly fall mornings.
- Wear a mask whether indoors or out. Observe physical distancing and discourage physical interactions.
- If you are immunocompromised, likely to be more susceptible to COVID for any reason, or are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. Please join the 10 am online service.
- You are free to gather outdoors informally in front of Trinity after worship. (Masks still encouraged.)

Sunday Forum — Sunday @ 9 AM (online)

Our adult forum meets weekly, offering a time of fellowship, as well as a chance to exchange information or engage in deeper reflection. Here's the link to this weekly Zoom gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89676287817?pwd=TE9GbHU4MmJteHJoZmlIMldhToNUZz09>

This Sunday, Alternative Christmas Giving! Zoom in to find out how Trinity will continue our Christmas traditions of helping our local and international communities. Our project managers will give updates on Trinity's sponsored charities including Gifts for the Christ Child, the Christmas Giving Tree, Episcopal Relief and Development, Condega, Cove/COPY and Family Kitchen. Let's celebrate the Christmas spirit together!

Next Sunday, the Adult Forum is taking a break. The resumption of in-person worship at 10 o'clock (see below) is a major step forward, but it also greatly complicates how to meet together at 9 am.

Livestream Liturgy — Sunday @ 10 AM (online)

As always, we'll be streaming on YouTube. Here's the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/Qe5ChlFwuGg>.

We thank you for continuing to be so generous. You can continue to give by check or online @ <https://trinitybend.org/donations/>. Your financial support is critically important. Now more than ever!

If you have prayer requests to be included during the 10 am liturgy this weekend, please send them to trinitybendprayers@gmail.com no later than 8 am on Sunday.

In-Person Worship for 10 AM liturgy to resume NEXT Sunday

The Church's calendar begins with the liturgical season of Advent, which falls on November 28 this year. That makes next Sunday our New Year's Day, and we'll celebrate the occasion in a big way this year by resuming in-person worship at our 10 o'clock liturgy in St. Helens! Happy New Year!!

This new beginning will also oblige us to make some resolutions. We cannot eliminate all risks associated with COVID, but we will resolve to mitigate those risks.

NOTE: *The liturgy will still be livestreamed on our YouTube channel (and Facebook), for the benefit of those who will not be able to join us physically.*

There are several important points to emphasize:

- We will require that those who are eligible for vaccines will be vaccinated before attending.
- We will require those participating to properly wear proper masks when they join us here. Face shields and/or fabric "buffs" are not adequate.
- We will not gather in Brooks Hall between morning services for the weekly Adult Forum or gather indoors for a coffee hour indoors after the later service.

Although worship will resume for Advent, many of our seasonal gatherings for the season – e.g., the annual St. Nicholas Dinner – will not be possible again this year.

Our midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon will also resume in Advent, starting December 1.

"Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!" available starting today

These Advent Calendar posters are a gentle, fun way to be reminded of the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Giving Tree

This year's Christmas Tree is already up for those getting gifts for children this year. Pick up a tag soon!!

Vestry Nominating Committee

If you are interested in the possibility of serving as a member of the Vestry, please contact Father Jed or any member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: Bill Carrington, Karen Hauswald or Judy Inglis.

COMING SOON: ADVENT INFO in the DECEMBER NEWSLETTER and/or WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday's bulletin, and the monthly newsletter going out the first of this coming week, will be full of information about ways to observe this holy season of Advent. Stay tuned!

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols — Sunday, December 5 (in person and online)

Before we get caught up in the frenetic pace of Christmas, the Church invites us to celebrate this holy season of Advent. It has its own unique character – as well as music and biblical readings. We'll celebrate a distinctively Anglican liturgy of Lessons and Carols in two weeks, at 10 am on Sunday, December 5.

Episcopal Church Year Kalendars

The 2022 Kalendars are here. For a donation of just \$3.00, you can follow the church year with this traditional calendar that notes the days and festivals of the church, commemorations of saints and martyrs and is an easy lectionary source. Call ahead but drop by during the week if you'd like one.

CALENDAR

This following list of events is not comprehensive. To add your meeting or event to our calendar, please contact the parish office by phone - 541-382-5542, or email - ministry@trinitybend.org.

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| 11/21 | The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King | 8 AM | Holy Eucharist at Trinity |
| | | 9 AM | Sunday Forum (<i>online</i>): Alternative Christmas |
| | | 10 AM | Holy Eucharist (<i>online</i>) |
| 11/23 | Tuesday | 8 AM | The Tuesday Gang ... a sermon discussion group (<i>online</i>) |
| | | 4 PM | Prayers in the Evening (<i>online</i>) |
| 11/24 | Wednesday | 9 AM | Sermon Reflections (<i>online</i>) |
| | | 12 PM | Noonday Prayers (<i>online</i>) |
| | | 7 PM | Trinity Choir Rehearsal (<i>St. Helens Hall</i>) |
| 11/25 | Thanksgiving Day | | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |
| 11/26 | Friday | | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |
| 11/28 | The First Sunday of Advent | 8 AM | Holy Eucharist at Trinity |
| | | 10 AM | Holy Eucharist at St. Helens (<i>and online</i>) |

