



PastScripts

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Beneath the Spire...

"I'm In!"

Back in the summer, our Stewardship Ministry Team was going through the same process all Stewardship Ministry Teams go through: discerning the theme. Dale Sarjeant and the rest of the team (Louise Sanford, Phil Blount, Brent Mullis, Jeremy Mobley, Kathleen Schneider, Fran Worthington and Lindsey Field) settled on "I'm In!" – a positive message of commitment to the good work God is doing not just in our individual lives, but in the life of this great church. I certainly hope by now that you've seen the wonderful video they helped to put together – check it out at www.bitly.com/im-in-2017.

Ever since they picked the "I'm In!" theme, I haven't been able to stop thinking about the prophet Isaiah. He has a strange vision of his calling to ministry and doesn't remotely feel up to the task – specifically, he doesn't know what to say. Scripture says that God touches his lips with hot coals to cleanse them – a Biblical way of saying, "I'll give you the words to speak." Then God asks, "Whom shall I send," teeing up the prophet-to-be for his moment of truth.

Isaiah doesn't disappoint: "Here I am," he boldly proclaims – "Send me!"

In other words, "I'm in!"

I think we all can identify with Isaiah here. We are part of this church family because we believe, in some deep place within us, in the mission and vision God has given us. We may not agree with every sermon, every decision, every change or non-change that takes place. But we feel led here; a kind of undeniable "tug" on us that won't let us go.

We are thus called to ministry – and we don't always feel equipped for it. We don't feel worthy to be an elder, a Sunday School teacher, a Room in the Inn volunteer, an usher. We aren't sure that our giving of time, talent and treasure matters all that much. The "tug" is undeniable – but how we respond to it may not be.

To us, God says, "Whom shall I send?" More to the point: *Are you in?*

My hope and prayer, as we move toward Response Sunday on October 23 and the celebration lunch after worship, is that each of us will prayerfully consider what ways we are "in" to the mission and vision of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Every year we are asked to discern this; every year we are empowered to play a part in the church God is busy creating here.

As your pastor, I simply want to say "thank you" – thank you for your commitment to Trinity and its mission; thank you for the many ways you answer God's tug with your enthusiastic, "I'm In!"

Steve

DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP—SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2



On October 2 our church joined together to serve the community around us. Following worship more than 85 people went to six different partner organizations. Our volunteers ranged in age from four months to ninety-one years old! These experiences shared on Day of Discipleship are already blossoming into greater partnerships and helping us to grow in our vision to become a more missional church. The six sites we served were:

- McCreesh Place
- Galilee Center
- Charlotte Rescue Mission
- Nations Ford
- Urban Ministry Center
- Making Care Blankets and Blessing Bags



Stay tuned to learn more about the next Day of Discipleship in 2017!



Christmas Giving

This Christmas Trinity is partnering again with Alexander Youth Network and Thompson Family Services to bring gifts to children in need during the Christmas season. We invite you to participate by finding the age and information of a child in the Cloister area (beginning in November) and providing a gift for that child in need. All gifts are asked to be brought in to Trinity on **December 11** during worship or to the church office before that date. Below is more information about both of these organizations:

Alexander Youth Network - Through their Angel Network we have the opportunity to provide gifts from the wish lists of children receiving quality treatment for serious emotional and behavioral problems. Contact with questions: Nancy Williams at 704.542.6150 or omomx3@gmail.com.



Thompson Family Services provides dormitories and group housing for children that are displaced from home due to abuse and mental problems within their families. Trinity's congregation brings love and joy to these children by donating one gift for each child. For questions please contact Peggy Harding at 704.846.4170 or rharding1@carolina.rr.com.



HANGING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath will be assembled in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. The Flower Committee welcomes volunteers. You may participate by helping with the assembly of the wreath on the 26th or by contributing fresh greenery for the wreath.

If you would like to help with the assembly of the wreath, please contact Carol Sugg at 704.557.6709 or email her at csrsugg@aol.com so that we might know to expect you. If you would like to donate fresh greens for use in the wreath (nandina berries, little gem magnolia leaves, holly, etc.), please soak them overnight. You may bring them to Trinity on November 25 and leave them on the back patio. The Flower Committee appreciates all contributions.



The Communications Ministry Team would like to announce that there will be no *PostScripts* sent out during the months of January and February 2017. Our team is working on updating this communication and it will be "under construction" during these months. Thank You!

FOOD TRUCKS AND LIVE MUSIC

Come join us on October 27 for an evening of great food, fellowship, and music, as Trinity Presbyterian once again hosts its Food Trucks and Live Music event. Now in its fourth year, this event has become a Trinity tradition. Church members, friends, families, neighbors, and folks from all over Charlotte love this event for the fantastic food trucks and the outstanding music.

We're excited to announce that Charlotte favorites Roaming Fork and Street Spice will be on hand and Southern Cake Queen will be there to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Music will be provided by Jerry Chapman. Jerry has played several of our past events with his bands, The Holdouts and Mediocre Bad Guys, but we're mixing things up this time and having him for a solo performance. It'll be the perfect music for a perfect night!

Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs and stake out the perfect spot on our lawn and bring your family and all your friends to treat them to a night like no other. Children are free to wear their Halloween costumes if they wish!

Finally, please feel free to bring one or more non-perishable items so that we may donate them to Loaves & Fishes to help fight hunger here in our community.

Hope to see you there!

PICK UP A HYMNAL

Throughout the month of October Trinity's older hymnals (pub. 1990) will be available for your browsing in the large room in the undercroft (at the bottom of the stairs near the elevator in the Cloister). They have been arranged on large tables in alphabetical order of last names for easy location. The hymnals will be there all month so come by at your convenience to look through them. Feel free to take any of them you'd like for your personal use and/or library. If you know of friends or family members of those noted in the dedication who would have interest in "their" copy, feel free to take the hymnal and get it to them.

Beginning in November we will start distribution of the hymnals to interested congregations. Any that are unclaimed at that time will be included in these donations. Contact Carol Sugg at 704.552.2955 or csrsugg@aol.com with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT REQUEST FORM

Have a church announcement that you or your ministry team would like to share? We have a great new Google form that we're asking all Trinity members to use going forward for submitting announcements for the Weekly Word, bulletin and website. It's very efficient and easy to use!

To access our Announcement Request form:

- Go to www.trinitypreschurch.org
- Click on "CONNECT" heading at top
- Click on "Church Calendar" dropdown
- Scroll down under calendar to find the link

Thanks for using this new format!

Trinity now has its own **LITTLE LIBRARY** for children. We invite church members to donate a children's book that you have loved. Just place the book inside the **LITTLE LIBRARY**. You will find our **LITTLE LIBRARY** just outside the main church library. Parents, please help your children select a book to take into worship or to take home. The book is theirs to keep or to return at a later date. Children are encouraged to help keep the **LITTLE LIBRARY** stocked by bringing a book of their own to donate.

All Saints' Day

Celebrating the Communion of Saints

On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. As is the custom in our congregation, we will lift in prayer the names of those members who have died since the last All Saints' Day, as well as the names of others dear to our members who have died. A letter will convey an invitation to families of members whose names will be read aloud to be present for the service.

This day of giving thanks for those who have lived and died in the faith is a modern-day celebration of a festival that originated in the 8th century. In its origin, the festival included two days: November 1 was a time of celebration of the known "heroes" of the faith (martyrs and those canonized as saints by the medieval church); November 2, called "All Souls' Day," was a day to commemorate all others, known and unknown, who have kept the faith in their time and place. Because in the Reformed tradition all those who live by faith are designated as saints, there is only one day of celebration. It is called All Saints' Day and occurs yearly on November 1.

In England, All Saints' Day was also known as All Hallows' Day (from the Old English word for saint: *haelou*). Preparations for the celebration to honor the deceased were made on the evening before (All Hallows' Eve). A secularized version of that evening of preparation is the basis for modern observances of Halloween.

In our congregation, All Saints' Day is remembered with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Please join us to celebrate and remember.

Sights of our progress





Growing, Playing and Learning together!



The Weekday School is having its annual Wreath Sale in November! With the holidays around the corner, purchasing a few wreaths is a great way to show your support for the Weekday School! Order forms will be available soon!

- *Visit our website at www.trinitypreschurch.org.*
- *Call us at 704.366.3556 and speak with Stephanie Palmer or Jill Billings.*
- *Email us at spalmer@trinitypreschurch.org or jbillings@trinitypreschurch.org.*
- *Schedule a tour for Wednesday or Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.*

We look forward to serving you and your family!



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Newsletter - PostScripts: 1st day of each month
Wednesday email: Two weeks before the email
Website events: One month before the event
Website announcements: One month before the event

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