



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together, Welcoming All On Providence

POSTSCRIPTS

January/February 2018

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Stewardship Corner

And now on to a New Year filled with new opportunities for all at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Opportunities calling for each of us to stay strong in our commitment to the work and worship of this, our church home.



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Gilchrist Family Makes Large Donation to Gilchrist Sunday



For over thirty years, Gilchrist Sunday has been an integral part of the life of our church, enabling us to experience some of the more well-known and respected preachers and theologians of our time. This ministry initially began in the 80's from a portion of a gift given by Katie Gilchrist after the passing of her husband Pat, both of whom were charter members of Trinity.

This past fall, Nancy Millen - daughter of Pat and Katie Gilchrist - and her husband Press expressed a desire to make an additional contribution to the Gilchrist Fund. They wanted the gift to be large enough that, coupled with the existing amount, it would support the annual expenses of the event through income off the fund, leaving the principle untouched - thereby assuring that Gilchrist Sunday would carry on in perpetuity. In October, Session enthusiastically received a gift of over \$47,000 from Press and Nancy Millen. Steve made a day trip to Chapel Hill, where they currently reside, to express personally the deep thanks and gratitude from the congregation.

We are thrilled that Gilchrist Sunday will continue being a source of inspiration for our congregation and community. And we are deeply grateful to the Millens for their generosity, as well as Pat and Katie Gilchrist for their initial vision!

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Lynette Neel, Clerk
Donnie Bobbitt, Pres. of the Corp.

CLASS OF 2018

Casey Field David Hood
Sean Kirby Kim Nims
Dale Sarjeant Caroline Reid

CLASS OF 2019

Claire Etheridge Brent Mullis
Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst
Kathleen Schneider Sherese Smith

CLASS OF 2020

Phil Blount Steve Griffie
Sarah Henry Debbie Thompson
Meredith Thompson

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER

CLERK: Lynette Neel

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Equip

Personnel: Phil Blount
Capital Campaign: Walter Reid
Finance: Louise Sanford
Buildings & Grounds: Dale Sarjeant
Stewardship: Brent Mullis

Grow

Christian Formation: Kim Nims and
Sherese Smith
Youth: Casey Field and Caroline Reid
Worship: Laura-Nelle Hurst
Weekday School: Amy Shook

Serve

Mission & Outreach: Meredith Thompson & David Hood
Fellowship: Sean Kirby
Congregational Care: Sarah Henry
Welcoming: Debbie Thompson
Communications: Cookie Parnell

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
Rev. Grace Lindvall, Assoc. Minister
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
Dr. Reta Phifer, Children's Choir Dir.
Becky Purnell, Office Manager
Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator
Kevin Nunnery, Facilities Manager
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir.
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant
Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus

Welcome to our New Session Members

Trinity welcomes Phil Blount, Steve Griffie, Sarah Henry, Debbie Thompson and Meredith Thompson to the Adult Elder Class of 2020 and Caroline Reid to the Youth Elder Class of 2018.

Phil and his wife, Jane, have two children: Philip who is 25 and Jameson who is 21. Jane and Phil are co-founders of Philips Academy. They have been members of Trinity Presbyterian Church for 15 years.

Steve and his wife, Myra have two children: Carter and Lara, ages 3 years and 9 months. They have been members of Trinity since 2013.

Sarah and her husband, Warren, have two children: Marie and Douglas. The family joined Trinity in 1998.

Debbie Thompson joined Trinity with her family in 1964 and has been a lifelong Presbyterian while serving on many ministry teams in addition to Session in the past.

Meredith Thompson joined Trinity in 2013 and has been active, serving on the Fellowship Ministry Team and various outreach activities at Trinity.

Caroline is Trinity's first Youth Elder in the Class of 2018. She is daughter to Walt and Susanne, and sister to Will. She has been a lifelong member of Trinity.



Our New Entrance and Welcome Center Are Open Officially!



At long last, Trinity is pleased to open officially our new Welcome Center accessed through a handsome door off the newly completed front parking lot! While the rear parking lot and cloister entrance will continue to function as normal, this construction marks the official new "front door" of Trinity.

Come park in our new parking lot with easy access from Providence Rd. and enter through our beautiful new door. There you will be greeted by

our wonderful office volunteers, who have been relocated to the new space. Take some time to watch the scrolling pictures and announcements on the large-screen television mounted on the wall. Grab yourself a cup of coffee and relax in the couch and chairs in our new gathering space, complete with a child-friendly play area.

Many, many thanks to the Capital Campaign Construction, Buildings & Grounds, and Welcome Ministry Teams, as well as Kevin Nunnery and Becky Purnell, for all their hard work to help make this happen!



Annual Advent Caroling *by Sean Kirby*

The third annual Advent Caroling Night has quickly grown into one of Trinity's most anticipated and joyous occasions for fellowship. This year we had close to 60 members celebrate this evening by going out into our neighborhood to sing some of our favorite hymns and Christmas songs. After close to two hours of spreading Christmas cheer we returned to the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner and refreshments. The children then settled in to view a Christmas movie and to participate in cookie decorating. It was truly a wonderful evening!



Trinity Children's Christmas Pageant *by Reta Phifer*



Trinity's Children's Christmas Pageant was held on Sunday, December 17th to the delight of the many family and friends gathered in Carson Fellowship Hall. Twenty-six children, ages 4 through 5th grade, portrayed with grace and solemnity the cast in the well-known story of the birth of the Christ Child. The children led the congregation in the singing of Christmas carols and in the anthem, "Walk in the Light" by Andre Thomas, which challenged all to reflect on the Light of Christ and to continue to walk in His ways. The pageant falls under the responsibility and

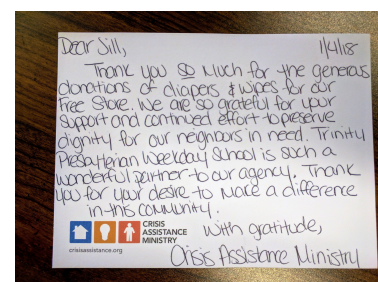
of the Christian Formation Team. Reta Phifer and Sherese Smith served as the leadership team for the pageant with Kate Trimakas serving as assistant. Naill and Jackson Anderson assembled the stable which housed the Holy Family.



Our WDS children helped sort Angel Tree donations, helped bring in collections for a Diaper Drive, and even helped set up for Room in the Inn!

Weekday School Outreach for the Holidays

We are proud of the outreach activities we are involved in over the holidays each year! The Angel Tree to benefit Charlotte Bilingual Preschool brought in 150 books for the 102 students at the preschool. Our annual Diaper Drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry allowed us to deliver 1,417 diapers, 154 pull-ups, 5,944 wipes and 11 pairs of new underwear for families in the Charlotte area. And we're always happy to set up for Room in the Inn guests of Trinity Presbyterian Church each Wednesday through the winter. Thank you for your continued support of everything we do at the WDS!!



Save the Dates

January 15

MLK, Jr. Day, church office
closed

January 29

WDS 2018-19 registration

February 4

Heritage Sunday

February 4

Souper Bowl Sunday

February 9-11

Women's Retreat

February 14

Ash Wednesday, 7 PM

March 1

WDS camp registration

March 19-23

WDS book fair

March 22

WDS – Flat Tire Trio Concert

March 29

Maundy Thursday Service, 7
PM

March 30

Good Friday Service, noon

April 1

Easter

Photos from Christmas Eve



Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

November 9 Curtis J. Walden
November 24 Brode Thomas Duke, Jr.
November 30 Ann Lancaster King

Church Sympathy

October 26 George Wyant, brother
of Stowe Wyant
November 22 Robert S. Baker, brother
of Wayne Baker
November 24 Nawal Saba, mother-in-
law of Andria Petry-Siage

Births

November 16 Elliott Matthew Rowe,
son of Caleb Rowe and
Jennifer Underwood
November 29 Harrison Thomas Burkhardt, son
of Brandon and Kelly Burkhardt

Congratulations

December 3 Jean Royal's 90th birthday

Session Highlights: Nov. 19

Session approved the transfer and use up to \$5,000 in funds from the Organ Maintenance Fund to repair failed motors in the organ.

Pete Mazeine, chair of Long Range Planning Task Force, presented Session with information about the task force's negotiations with Philips Academy to renew their lease and the specific terms of the lease, including an expanded description of the portion of Trinity's premises that it will be leasing, improvements to the building, and the annual rent structure. Pete also shared that the Transition Team, approved by Session in June, will coordinate construction and communication with the WDS and Philips Academy.

Session approved Philips Academy Lease.

Session accepted the gift for Gilchrist Lecture/Sundays in the amount of \$47,487.21 from Pressly and Nancy Millen, with the stipulation that Pressly and Nancy Millen are included in any Gilchrist promotion along with charter members Pat and Katie Gilchrist.

Financials as of November 30

	November Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	53,712.12	564,654.20	683,888.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	6,820.00	54,158.21	62,150.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	59,668.00	59,668.00
Boltz Funds Used:	453.92	4,993.12	5,447.00
Sanford Bldg Maint Funds Used:	114.08	1,254.88	1,369.00
Expenses:	69,546.38	811,574.73	910,120.00
Surplus/Deficit:	(8,446.26)	(126,846.32)	(97,598.00)