



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 2020

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday:
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

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Stewardship Corner

There are many ways to support the work of TPC when away. Please give via our website, text, or mail. To learn more, visit our [giving web page](#). Thank you!



Use the church website or Church Life Mobile App to give anytime.

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Trinity and Covid-19



On March 13, our church suspended all church activities. This unprecedented move was borne out of a commitment to "seek the welfare of the city." As Steve put it, "Normally we bear witness to God's healing and wholeness by gathering together. In this unique season, we will bear witness by doing the opposite."

Since then, we have learned new ways to be church. Online Sunday morning worship allows us to provide members and guests alike with an authentic worship experience while encountering new innovations that feel right for the moment. A "Trinity Care Team" intentionally connects with homebound members and those without email. Sunday School classes, book studies, and fellowship groups have maintained their connections through Zoom. It is not like it used to be - but it is exactly what we need right now.

At some point the pandemic will pass and we'll be back together again. But we will not be the same. We are making plans on how to gather safely when the time comes. We are also pondering how what we have learned, during this time of separation, can be put into practice to help us be church better going forward.

One thing is for sure - we have been and always will be Trinity Presbyterian Church of Charlotte: "Growing Together. Welcoming All." Thanks be to God for that!

On the Journey: Being Church in a Pandemic

THE SESSION

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Nancy Williams, Clerk
Fran Worthington, Asst. Clerk
Phil Blount, Pres. of the Corp.
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

CLASS OF 2020

Phil Blount Steve Griffie
Sarah Henry Debbie Thompson
Meredith Thompson Jimmy Click

CLASS OF 2021

Eric Banks Jeremy Mobley
Mike Campbell Eric McGovern
Fran Worthington

CLASS OF 2022

Andrea Anderson Betty Anderson
Peter Devlin Patrice Pickett
Mike Wellman

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Equip

Personnel: Phil Blount
Finance: Jeremy Mobley
Buildings & Grounds:
Eric McGovern and Eric Banks
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett
Youth: Andrea Anderson
Worship: Sarah Henry
Weekday School: Laura Gutknecht

Serve

Mission & Outreach:
Meredith Thompson
Congregational Life:
Betty Anderson and Mike Campbell
Welcoming:
Debbie Thompson and Peter Devlin

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
Rev. Rebekah Hutto, Temporary
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation and
Youth Director
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
Cheryl Jernigan, Church Administrator
Caroline Dalton, Admin. Coordinator
Sharon Smith, Comm. Coordinator
Rick Neil, Facilities Technician
Jodi Neal, Sunday Assistant
Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Dir.
Jill Billings, Weekday School Asst. Dir.
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita



This year in our #ConnectTPC theme, we have discovered how important it is to connect with one another. The coronavirus pandemic has definitely presented us with many new ways to be church, some difficult and some encouraging.

Over the last month, I have loved watching church members make phone calls, write cards, deliver packages, pray for, and send encouragement to members of our community. Friendships are being made among members who did not previously know one another. We are more aware how important connection is as we support one another at a distance.

Our mission partners are most deeply affected by this virus. Supportive Housing Communities and Urban Ministries have Amazon Wish lists where we can order and donate needed supplies. They have also encouraged us to donate online as cash flow becomes a need. Members of our church have also been making masks for local hospitals.

Trinity's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team seeks to deepen our relationships with our mission partners during this time, finding out what they need and keeping the connections strong. We are learning about wider efforts in our denomination and will be sharing these each week in the Weekly Word. Join us as we pray for the food insecure, homeless, unemployed, and the confused and scared in Charlotte.

Trinity Zooms

Still meeting! Our Session held their regular meeting over Zoom last month. We adapted to the new technology and got the job done!



We hope that you were able to join us for our annual BBQ Lunch and Youth Mission Silent Auction on March 8. It was a huge success and the time together was great Trinity fun! Our pit-master team — Brian Field, Casey Field, John Jameson, Sean Kirby, Jeremy Mobley, and Lee Tappy – donated, cooked, and served a delicious BBQ lunch.

The dessert and auction tables were overflowing with generous donations from the youth and our amazing congregation. Bidding on those items was beyond generous and helped us to raise in excess of \$8500! Thank you so very much. Every bid, every donation, and every show of support always makes a difference.

We do not yet know what type of mission work we will be able to do this summer or whether it will involve our anticipated destination of Craigsville, Virginia. We do know this: mission involvement is very important in the development of our faith and the Youth of Trinity are very fortunate to have the ongoing support of their congregation. We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming months.

Bids & BBQ!



Trinity Adopts New Dog Policy



Trinity's campus has so much going for it with beautiful trees and room to roam. No wonder it's a hit with lots of dogs and their owners, too. We love sharing our space, but we need to ensure the safety and well-being of all. Keeping it clean counts, too.

In March, our Session adopted a dog policy to address concerns. Too many folks let their dogs run without a leash and some left behind a mess!

We are now asking all dog owners to follow our new policy:

1. All dogs must always be on a leash, per city of Charlotte ordinance.
2. Dogs or other animals are not allowed inside the softball field or in our playgrounds at any time.

3. It is the owner's responsibility to carry dog waste bags and clean up after their dog, depositing them in our dog waste station or taking the bags home to discard.

New signs are posted around the property. You, as members of the Trinity family, are encouraged to help enforce the dog policy anytime you see someone who needs a friendly reminder.



Happenings at Trinity Presbyterian WDS



Even though we are not meeting physically on campus, Trinity's WDS is communicating with our students via Facebook Live and Zoom. We use both to provide ideas and resources to support our parents during their time at home with their children. We miss our friends and send our best.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school is open! Please contact us at 704-366-3556 to check class availability or to schedule a virtual tour. We have a video of the Trinity WDS experience we're also happy to share. Come join us!



Still Connecting!



Save the Dates

Sept. 20 Gilchrist Sunday
 Oct. 16-18 Montreat Retreat

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant

April 7 Charles Dixon Hutton
 April 23 Robert Clement Harding

Congregational Sympathy

Patricia Johnson, sister of Ray Weeks

Birth

April 19 Jane Margret Chandler,
 Daughter of Grace and Clinton Chandler

Marriage

March 29 Meredith Holland Thompson and
 Barbara Gail Burg

New Members

Our 2020 Confirmands:
 Luke Sistrunk, Ella Tate, Kate Trimakas

Session Highlights

January

- The Finance Ministry Team’s motion to approve the 2020 Trinity Presbyterian Operating Budget, as presented by Louise Sanford, was approved.
- The Finance Ministry Team’s motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$24,313 from the Trinity Endowment to the General Operating Fund as needed in 2020 was approved. This is to provide funding to offset the deficit from calendar year 2019. This funds transfer will come from the accumulated earnings in the endowment and not the original investment principal.
- Motion to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 23, 2020 immediately following worship was approved. The purpose of this meeting was to hold the meeting of the corporation, receive the annual budget, and approve the pastor’s terms of call. The purpose of the meeting was fulfilled.
- Worship Ministry Team’s motion to have communion on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at the Women’s Retreat and Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 at the Montreat Retreat was approved.
- Motion to approve the wedding of Meredith Thompson and Barbara Burg on Saturday, April 4, 2020 was approved.

February

- The Worship Ministry team made a motion to approve the baptism of Hannah Wellman, daughter of Mike and Kathryn Wellman, on March 29. Motion was approved
- The Finance Ministry Team’s motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$24,313 from the Trinity Endowment to the General Operating Fund as needed in 2020 was approved. This is to provide funding to offset the deficit from calendar year 2019. This funds transfer will come from the accumulated earnings in the endowment and not the original investment principal. (Note: This is the second of the required two approvals from Session).

Financials as of April 30			
	April	YTD	Annual
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
Receipts:	94,839.17	270,162.12	675,510.00
Boltz Funds Used:	543.83	2,175.32	6,526.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0	98,841.00	98,841.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0	0	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	240.08	960.32	2,881.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0	0	5,000.00
Expenses:	52,830.45	264,825.68	881,648.00
Surplus/Deficit:	44,459.35	116,336.64	(41,718.00)