



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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POSTSCRIPTS

May/June 2021

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Outdoor Worship 2021

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Trinity's first outdoor worship service of 2021 was the member led 7 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service in Trinity's Columbarium. Although a cold morning, it was well attended and a meaningful way for Trinity members to worship in person on this most holy of days.

The Worship Ministry Team (WMT) has been busy behind the scenes preparing for the weekly outdoor worship service. The WMT met on April 18 to discuss preparations for the outdoor service beginning May 2 at 10 a.m. on the lawn in front of Carson Fellowship Hall. Trinity will continue with the same service format and follow the same 2020 protocols, including live-streaming the service. Please join us (safely) for outdoor worship as we share the gift of worshipping together.

The Session

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Nancy Williams, Clerk
Bev Bradley, Asst. Clerk
Peiffer Brandt, Pres. of the Corp.
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

Class of 2021

Eric Banks	Jeremy Mobley
Mike Campbell	Eric McGovern
Fran Worthington	Hank Smith

Class of 2022

Andrea Anderson	Betty Anderson
Peter Devlin	Patrice Pickett

Mike Wellman

Class of 2023

Peiffer Brandt	Amy Bynum
Bev Bradley	Caryl Stribling
Christie Jameson	

Ministry Team Chairs

Equip

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt
Finance: Jeremy Mobley
Buildings & Grounds:
Eric McGovern and Eric Banks
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett
Youth: Sherese Smith
Worship:
Caryl Stribling and Andrea Anderson
Weekday School: Amy Bynum

Serve

Mission & Outreach:
Bev Bradley and Peter Devlin
Congregational Life:
Betty Anderson and Mike Campbell
Welcoming: Christie Jameson

Church Staff

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
Rev. Rebecca Heilman, Associate Minister
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation and
Youth Director
Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
Michael Rowland, Organist
Cheryl Jernigan, Church Administrator
Caroline Dalton, Comm. Coordinator
Angela Drugan, Admin. Coordinator
Rick Neil, Facilities Technician
Jodi Neal, Sunday Assistant
Crystal Gray, Interim WDS Director
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

On the Journey



I'm writing this article in my new backyard on Earth Day. The leaves are as green as ever. A momma woodpecker flies back and forth between each tree, bringing insects to her new family. Sadie pokes through the backyard, exploring new holes and rolls in the thick, lush grass. We've learned through this pandemic that there's a lot we've taken for granted and the outdoors is one of them. If there's anything we've embraced this year, it's that

nature holds a sense of sacredness - a place where God is in every swaying branch and trickle of water, a place of quiet and calm from a busy household, and a place to warm our bones. The earth has acted as a sanctuary for us, the church. It's a place where, even in a global pandemic, there is safety in the fresh, sweet smelling air.

As you read this, Trinity members will probably be back in that fresh air, worshipping under the oaks and praising God for the sacredness of reconnecting with each other after a long and risky winter. My prayer on this Earth Day is that we no longer take nature for granted.

We've learned this year that by slowing down, so does air pollution. We've learned that the outdoors provides a place to breathe freely. We've learned we can embrace the earth and it can embrace us right back, giving more than we ever imagined.

Trinity's Sanctuary Updates



At the end of April, work commenced on Phase 2 of the upgrades to our Sanctuary's A/V system. Phase 1 involved the installation of four cameras so our services can be broadcast online indefinitely. Phase 2 focuses on sound upgrades for those worshipping in person. Four column speakers have been installed on columns at the front and side of the Sanctuary. These speakers are the same color as the columns and blend in nicely. In addition, a "loop system" is being installed to benefit those with hearing aids equipped with T-Coil technology. We have plans to shorten four pews and create handicapped spaces for those in wheelchairs. There is a lot happening - we can't wait for you to see the changes!

Since the announcement of this summer's sabbatical, planning has continued to ensure a powerful renewal experience for both Steve and Trinity's congregation. The Sabbatical Team has discussed the timeline and key elements of congregational activities. While we will be expertly led by our wonderful church staff, there will be increased opportunities for leadership among congregation members and space to mirror Steve's sabbatical theme.

Steve will explore his God-given talents and interest in music as well as how mindfulness may play a more important role in his daily life. Through worship and other congregational activities, we will consider our own God-given talents, allowing us to chart an individual course for inspiration and reflection. This renewal period will be a time to focus on spiritual, theological, and recreational matters giving us fresh energy and insight to reflect and return to the work of the church when Steve returns in September.

Over the next several weeks, there will be opportunities to learn more from Steve about his plans through the Monday Message and an in-person gathering following outdoor worship. In the meantime, if you have any ideas or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the Sabbatical Team.

Signs of Hope and Joy in the Pandemic



As we turn a corner, some Trinity members share their first signs of hope and the joy upon being vaccinated.

For **Ali Field**, it's the ability to hug friends and family again. She sees signs of hope in our nation addressing systemic racism. She looks forward to seeing her students' smiles and her kids playing without worry of the virus. "I have learned that we are not the one in control of our lives, that we have to listen and pay attention to the signs that are given to us and work together to problem-solve." Grace, laughter, and time together are gifts given and received.

For **Steve Johnson**, there's joy in sharing simple pastimes again. "One of the biggest signs of hope for me recently has been watching our boys play Little League

again. After more than a year of remote learning, mask-wearing and limited outdoor play dates (that's 20% of Henry's life!), it has been great to see them get to do a 'normal' kid activity that they love."

Susanne Sawyer shared her hope in being vaccinated and attending their oldest grandchild's wedding. "A time of joy, thanksgiving, great laughter, and much relief." She saw hope in the resilience of people and their caring nature and the ability to think outside the box. Susanne said, in the final analysis, hope helps us hold together.

Click trinitypreschurch.org/psextra for full responses.

Happenings at Trinity Presbyterian WDS

Trinity's Weekday School students are exploring the lifecycle of the butterfly in great detail. Our caterpillars have now molted into their shiny chrysalis stage; a stage which will last approximately two weeks.

Follow us on Instagram @trinitywds3115 to watch the process with us.

"Just when the caterpillar thought its life was over, it became a butterfly!"



What's Happening



Easter Sunrise Service



Save the Dates

May 23 Confirmands Confirmed and Senior Homily
May 23 End of Year
June 6 Congregational Picnic
 Senior Homilies

Our Church Family

Congregational Sympathy

April 10 Leigh McDonald Richards, daughter of Gussie McDonald

April 30 Dr. George W Sistrunk, Jr. father of George Sistrunk

Births

April 29 Lilah Nawal Siage, daughter of Andria Petry-Siage and Youssef Siage

Celebrations

March 11 Rebecca Heilman and Douglas Campbell engaged

March 19 Betty Knox's 100th birthday

2021 Communion Dates

May 23 - Pentecost Sunday
August 1
October 3 - World Communion
November 7 - All Saints
November 28 - First Sunday in Advent
December 24 - Christmas Eve
January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

Session Highlights

February

- The Finance Ministry team presented a motion to approve the 2021 operating budget for the Trinity Presbyterian Weekday School. Motion was approved.
- The Personnel Ministry Team recommended forming a search committee for a Weekday School Director. Motion was approved.
- The Personnel Ministry Team recommended a revised organizational chart for the Weekday School Director. Motion was approved.
- Motion to approve the 2021 Ministry Team Roster was approved.

March

- The Worship MT made an omnibus motion to approve: 1) an outdoor Easter Sunrise Service on April 4, 2021, beginning at 7:00 a.m. and 2) 10:00 a.m. outdoor Worship services to begin May 2 and continue through September 3.
- 2021 Communion dates listed above. Motion was approved by email March 2, 2021.

Financials as of April 30

	April Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	48,553.02	208,849.46	660,470.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	509.04	5,645.83	40,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	565.58	2,262.32	6,787.00
Endow. Funds Used:	10,479.50	41,918.00	125,754.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	262.83	1,051.32	3,154.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	64,505.22	257,484.64	871,102.00
Surplus/Deficit:	(4,135.25)	2,242.29	(29,937.00)

