



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Together. Welcoming All.

POSTSCRIPTS

January/February 2022

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Stewardship Corner

Now is a great time to reflect on God's gifts, love and memories in the past year, and time and possibilities in the year ahead. Thanks be to God!



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Journey to the Manger

Trinity's church family, friends, and neighbors gathered on December 19 for our first outdoor Christmas festival, "Journey to the Manger." The festival was well attended and provided some needed Christmas cheer on a damp winter day. The Nativity story was brought to life by Trinity's children,

youth, and choir members in a story trail, culminating with a petting zoo of farm animals. Christmas crafting tables were a popular activity with the children and hot chocolate was enjoyed by all. This was a true team effort by Trinity members of all ages, and it was so much fun to see all the smiling faces (even behind masks) gathered for this joyful celebration!



The Session

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
Warren Henry, Clerk
Louise Sanford, Asst. Clerk
Peiffer Brandt, Pres. of the Corp.
Cookie Parnell, Treasurer

Class of 2022

Andrea Anderson	Betty Anderson
Peter Devlin	Patrice Pickett
Mike Wellman	Molly Click, Youth

Class of 2023

Peiffer Brandt	Amy Bynum
Bev Bradley	Christie Jameson

Caryl Stribling

Class of 2024

Ned Parnell	Louise Sanford
Susanne Sawyer	Carol Sugg
Walter Reid	

Ministry Team Chairs

Equip

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt
Finance: Walter Reid
Buildings & Grounds: Carol Sugg
Stewardship: Mike Wellman

Grow

Christian Formation: Patrice Pickett,
Susanne Sawyer
Youth: Sherese Smith, Ned Parnell
Worship:

Caryl Stribling and Andrea Anderson
Weekday School: Amy Bynum

Serve

Mission & Outreach:
Bev Bradley and Peter Devlin
Congregational Life:
Betty Anderson and Louise Sanford
Welcoming: Christie Jameson, Molly Click

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 King, Sunday Assistant
Amy Vaughn, WDS Director
Jane B. Arant, Music Minister Emerita

On the Journey



I love the story about the mother who, wishing to encourage her son's piano playing, took him to the concert of a world-renowned pianist. Before the concert, while the mother was talking to someone, the boy got up and innocently made his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed, the mother discovered that her son was missing. Suddenly, the curtains

parted, and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

At that moment the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit, keep playing." Then the master reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obligation. Together the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

God is like that piano master: coming alongside us and making the beautiful music of our lives even more beautiful. When you're not sure where the music is leading you, listen for God's voice: "Don't quit, keep playing." In this new year, let your lovely music come forth!

Steve

Welcome to the Neighborhood

The Welcome Ministry Team has been busy compiling and delivering gift baskets for our new neighbors who reside on the land sold by the church. Some of the items include wonderful homemade dog treats made by the students of Philips Academy, handmade welcome cards created by the Sunday School children, hand-painted ceramic pots crafted by the Weekday School students with beautiful succulents, as well as a variety of goodies such as hand towels, soaps, snacks, and teas. It has been amazing to connect face to face with our new neighbors and invite them to explore Trinity and all the wonderful experiences and opportunities that are available on our campus!



Dossal Curtain Update

Our Chancel area has been without its dossal curtain for many months due to its poor condition after having hung in place for almost 60 years. While a small task force studied various options for the space, the empty opening was painted to match the walls and that has been our "backdrop." After a year of comprehensive study and research, the task force (made up of Bonson Hobson, Carol Sugg, and Nancy Williams) presented their recommendation to the Worship Ministry Team that a new dossal curtain be ordered in a fabric they selected. Following this recommendation - which was approved by Session - a donor stepped forward and offered to pay for the manufacture, shipping, and installation of the curtain. The initial deposit has been sent and the 100 yards of fabric required will be woven in Italy then flown to New York where the curtain will be made. The exact date of installation is unknown but is estimated to be Spring 2022. The process has been extensive, and the outcome ensures our beautiful worship space will continue to accurately reflect the Georgian architectural style chosen by those who originally designed the space. This dossal curtain should serve Trinity well for the next 50+ years.

Youth Day of Discipleship

For our time of Youth Fellowship on Sunday afternoon, November 21, the youth enjoyed a Day of Discipleship on Trinity's campus.

Our activities included care of the landscaping surrounding the Youth Center and organization of storage including relocation of extra snacks to Trinity's Little Pantry. While these much-needed tasks add to our own enjoyment and effective use of the space, we also know that our partners and others who gather at Trinity will benefit as well. Many thanks to our youth who enjoyed a beautiful fall day while pulling weeds, carrying limbs, rearranging and organizing boxes, and helping Jodi set up the Welcome Center Christmas tree.

Until we can visit other outside organizations, we are glad we had this time to remind ourselves of the ways that all of Trinity's members can be stewards of the property that we share with our surrounding neighbors and partners and remain engaged in the life of the greater community even during times of isolation.

Trinity's Weekday School News

"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
Desmond Tutu

The Trinity Weekday School is busy doing little bits of good while instilling a heart for mission in our preschoolers. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Chameleons and the Shining Stars, our two toddler classes, hosted a food drive to support the Little Free Pantry. The Rainbow Fish, our pre-K students, are embarking on their annual community service project by creating "care cards" for the Love In Action Project. One hundred "care cards" for healthcare heroes were delivered to Atrium's Levine

Children's Hospital. Stay tuned in the new year as the Trinity WDS students grow towards God and become aware that God wants everyone to know His love.



Save the Dates

January 4

February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 20

Weekday School
Registration Began
Room in the Inn
Gilchrist Sunday with Rev.
Dr. Baron Mullis

Session Highlights

October

- A motion from the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) requesting that the Session elect Bev Bradley to serve a two-year term as ONC co-chairman was approved.
- The Personnel Ministry Team's motion that all Trinity employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 was approved.

- Motion to approve Christie Jameson and Bev Bradley to be commissioners of the October Presbytery meeting via ZOOM was approved.
- Motion to accept the letter of transfer for Bridget Luther to The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, Florida was approved.
- Motion to accept the letter of transfer for Guyla and Terry Vardell to Covenant Presbyterian Church was approved.

November

- Motion that Elder Class of 2024; Ned Parnell, Walter Reid, Louise Sanford, Susanne Sawyer, Carol Sugg, and Molly Click as Youth Elder Class of 2022, Statements of Faith Journey be sustained and approved for installation and ordination, as appropriate, was approved.
- The Worship Ministry Team's (WMT) motion to approve the December 12, 2021, baptism of Naomi Katherine Benham, whose parents are Trinity members Hannah and Jimmy Benham, was approved.
- Motion to accept the letter of transfer for Lucy and Brian Tate to Carmel Baptist Church was approved.
- The Stewardship Ministry Team's (SMT) motion to recommend acceptance of a gift for the purpose of supporting the manufacture, shipment, and installation of a new dossal curtain in the Sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church was approved via email.
- The WMT's motion to approve a request for Baptism of Lilah Nawal Siage, by her parents Andria Petry-Siage and Youssef Siage, on November 14, 2021, was approved via email.
- The SMT's motion to recommend accepting two gifts in support of the purchase, shipment, and temporary installation of an electric organ in the Sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church was approved via email.
- The Worship Ministry Team's (WMT) motion was approved for the following communion dates for 2022:

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord
March 6 - First Sunday in Lent
April 14 - Maundy Thursday
April 17 - Easter
June 5 - Pentecost
August 7 - Summer Communion
October 9 - World Communion
October 16 - Montreat
November 6 - All Saints' Day
November 27 - First Sunday in Advent
December 24 - Christmas Eve

Our Church Family

Church Triumphant:
December 21

Betty West Knox

Births:

November 17

Mary Liles Dalton, daughter of
Caroline and Eddie Dalton
Liliana Josephine Glapiak,
daughter of Marie and Matt
Glapiak

November 27

Baptisms:

November 14

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

December 12

Naomi Katherine Benham,
daughter of Hannah and Jimmy

Financials as of December 31

	December Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	106,528.99	639,950.02	660,470.00
Unrest. Funds Use	3,855.11	10,426.39	40,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	565.62	6,787.00	6,787.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	125,754.00	125,754.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	0.00	300.00	00.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used	262.87	3,154.00	3,154.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	85,081.43	793,640.56	871,102.00
Surplus/Deficit:	26,131.16	(4,769.15)	(29,937.00)

