



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Growing Together. Welcoming All.*

# POSTSCRIPTS

January/February 2023

**Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.**  
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## Stewardship Corner

Whether we leave behind a year of joy or difficulties, let us pause to give thanks. Thanks for the grace of fresh starts, new beginnings, and 'joyful noise' at TPC in the year ahead!

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## Second Annual Christmas Festival



Trinity hosted its 2nd Annual "*Journey to the Manger*" Christmas festival on Sunday, December 18. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day to enjoy our Trinity children's telling of the Christmas story. The petting zoo, complete with a donkey and camel, was a big hit again this year. Children enjoyed making crafts, playing on the playgrounds and drinking lots of hot chocolate. The afternoon concluded with live music and caroling around a roaring fire in the Youth Center fireplace. It was a wonderful time for Trinity families, friends and neighbors to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the season.





### 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 2023

Peiffer Brandt Amy Bynum  
Bev Bradley Christie Jameson  
Caryl Stribling Caroline Banks, youth

### Class of 2024

Ned Parnell Louise Sanford  
Susanne Sawyer Carol Sugg  
Walter Reid

### Class of 2025

Jane Blount Mike Campbell  
Josh Durham Andria Petry-Siage  
Kelly Coley

### Sessional Clusters & Ministry Teams

#### Foundation

Personnel: Peiffer Brandt, Kelly Coley  
Finance: Walter Reid  
Buildings & Grounds: Carol Sugg

#### Formation

Christian Formation: Christie Jameson,  
Susanne Sawyer  
Youth: Ned Parnell  
Worship: Caryl Stribling, Mike Campbell  
Weekday School: Amy Bynum

#### Engagement

Mission & Outreach: Bev Bradley,  
Jane Blount, Caroline Banks  
Congregational Life: Andria Petry-Siage,  
Louise Sanford  
Stewardship: Josh Durham

### Church Staff

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister  
Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell,  
Associate Minister  
Rev. Jodi Martin, Christian Formation  
and Youth Director  
Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music &  
Cultural Events  
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  
Sara Martin, Seminary Intern

## On the Journey



You are invited! We've just moved past a season where invitations were aplenty. You're invited to our Christmas party! You're invited to our house for the holidays! You're invited to bring that fantastic Chex mix you make every year!

Well, I've got one more for you: you're invited to join me in Engage 2023! Hopefully, by now you've heard about our church's year-long initiative of spiritual and faith formation. If there's one thing

I've heard regularly from folks over the past three or so years, it's a desire to reconnect - with God, with their church, with their faith and with each other. That's exactly what Engage 2023 is designed to do. Here's a quick summary and there are two options you can choose from. One is a daily Bible reading plan that includes an Old or New Testament passage, along with the Psalms. The other is a daily devotion that incorporates scripture, reflection, and prayer. Both options have easy-to-use apps or can be accessed online and both will take just a few minutes out of your busy day.

You can learn more about Engage 2023 by visiting [trinitypreschurch.org/engage-2023](http://trinitypreschurch.org/engage-2023). Thanks for letting me invite you. And do me a favor, if you would - share the invitation with family, friends and neighbors who you think might be interested. The more the merrier!

Steve

## Officer Nominating Committee Report

During the Congregational Meeting on December 4, the following Trinity members were elected as Elders for a three-year term: Jane Blount, Mike Campbell, Josh Durham, Andria Petry-Siage and Kelly Coley. In addition, Caroline Banks was elected



to a one-year term as Youth Elder. Sarah Mullis and Reta Phifer were elected to two years on the Officer Nominating Committee. Please join the ONC in thanking these individuals for agreeing to serve!

## Hurricane Ian Relief Fundraiser



On November 20, Trinity's youth hosted a lunch fundraiser to support communities affected by Hurricane Ian through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our featured speakers included the Rev. Amy Brooks Paradise and a youth leader from Greenfaith on the topic of faith and climate change. If you missed the talk, visit [greenfaith.org](https://greenfaith.org) to learn more about this organization. Many thanks to the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team for help in planning and to the Sons of Timaeus for their donation and preparation of our lunch!

## Welcome Maddy Hardy!

Trinity has a new Children's Choir Director! Her name is Maddy Hardy, and she is also a teacher in our Weekday School. Maddy earned a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from UNC School of the Arts. She has also been an ensemble member of the Piedmont Opera and a Choir Section Leader of Maple Springs Methodist Church in Winston-Salem.

Maddy shared some thoughts on why music is important to her and what she has planned for our Trinity children. "I love being able to share my love of music with a new generation. I was eight when I discovered my passion for singing, so if I can help a child discover their passion, it would make me so happy!

Music education is vital for children. Multiple studies have proven the effectiveness of music and choir classes in developing language, speech and reading skills. To me, singing is a way to connect to others, to my body, to God and to the world around me.

We are looking forward to our first performance in January. The kids have been working so hard on our first song! Going forward, I hope to develop the children's music theory and musicianship skills and learn more fun songs! Choir practice is after the "Morning Watch" portion of the worship service. Jodi will escort the children from the Sanctuary to the choir room.



## Cultivating Community: Weekday School Style



The WDS has eleven classroom communities. Add the support of loving families and all the friends of the WDS that share their time and talents. Viola! Trinity WDS grows from classroom communities to a school community.

Alyce Walker delighted the children on Halloween with her magical storytelling! Dale and Janet Sarjeant shared their time and acting talent as "innkeepers" in the WDS Advent chapel service. Their grandson, Asher, was delighted! Whitney Sarjeant spearheaded a holiday staff appreciation fundraiser by donating a portion of her Instagram bracelet business sales to sponsor a Christmas luncheon at Leroy Fox for WDS staff. Even the smallest efforts cultivate community. Many of you have saved your gallon milk containers to donate in our effort to build an igloo for the toddlers.

Please consider coming to a WDS chapel service at 9:30 AM on the last Wednesday of each month in the Sanctuary. Mark Spring Fling - April 24, 2023, on your calendar. Delight young minds by reading a book. Get your baby "fix" by rocking an infant. Growing, playing, learning together. Welcoming all. #TogetherAtTrinity



## Session Highlights

### September

- Anti-racism Task Force report/potential motions were received. The report was introduced with instructions to think about Anti-racism in terms of putting others before ourselves and not worrying about what we might lose. The Session was asked to review recommendations/motions before the October Session meeting for discussion and a potential vote on the recommended actions.
- Motion from the Worship Ministry Team recommending the approval of the McDonnell/Perry (non-members) wedding on April 15, 2023, with non-Trinity officiant of Reverend Chris Payne was made and approved.

### October

- Motion to approve the job description for the Director of Music and Cultural Events position as presented with an annual salary of up to \$48,000. The motion was moved, seconded, and approved.
- The motion from the Worship Ministry Team to approve the baptismal request on November 20 for Ryder Isaiah and Caroline Marie Nielsen, whose parents are Gina and Kyle Nielsen, was seconded and approved.
- Motion for approval of Caryl Stribling and Susanne Sawyer as Commissioners for the October 25 Presbytery Meeting was made, seconded and approved.
- Presentation and discussion of Anti-racism Task Force recommendations/motions were moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

### November

- The ONC motioned to call a Congregational Meeting on December 4, immediately following worship, regarding the election of new elders and Officer Nominating Committee members. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.



Mary, "On the Journey"

## Our Church Family

### Church Triumphant:

**August 25** Dean Tracy Humphrey  
**December 1** Margaret Lavinia "Peggy" Palmer  
**December 12** William Walter Humphrey, Jr.

## Save the Dates

**January 29** Reception for Michael Rowland  
**January 30** Weekday School Summer Camp  
 Registration Opens  
**February 25-26** Gilchrist Speaker Series

## Financials as of December 31

	December Actuals	YTD Actuals	Annual Budget
Receipts:	95,280.53	608,472.54	619,147.00
Unrest. Funds Used:	13,551.75	15,389.46	39,000.00
Boltz Funds Used:	652.13	7,826.00	7,826.00
Endow. Funds Used:	0.00	141,120.00	141,120.00
Gilchrist Funds Used:	901.10	901.10	1,500.00
Sanford Bldg. Maint. Funds Used:	307.88	3,695.00	3,695.00
Thomson Funds Used:	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses:	92,552.97	797,884.57	862,514.00
<b>Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>18,140.42</b>	<b>(20,480.47)</b>	<b>(45,226.00)</b>