

TRINITY TIMES

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Pastor's Pen

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*"I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations will come,
and I will fill this house with glory," says the LORD Almighty.
(Haggai 2:7)*

This hymn is one of the over 6,500 songs composed by Charles Wesley. Originally, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* was a part of a small collection of poems entitled, "Hymns for the Nativity of Our Lord". These poems, eighteen in all, were intended to draw God's people once again into the message and meaning and magnitude of the "long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free."

Charles, and his brother John, shared a tremendous passion for showing the pressing relevance of Christ's coming in people's lives. They longed to stir God's people with an eager anticipation to encounter the real Christ in their daily lives. This real Christ is the One who is the "hope of all the earth", the "joy of every longing heart", our faithful Deliverer and forever King.

Anticipation is a recurring theme throughout Scripture. God's people under the Old Covenant eagerly awaited the coming Messiah as their Redeemer. Now that Christ has come, God's people under the New Covenant still await the coming Messiah as the One who reign forever and ever. During this Advent season, I invite you to find moments of quiet when you can reflect deeply on the miracle of God become flesh in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Fight to fix your eyes on the Author and Finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:2). As an aid to this pursuit, I invited you to reflect on the lyrical beauty expressed in the Christmas hymn, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*.

Wishing you a peace-filled Advent and a Christ-filled Christmas,

Pastor Steve

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PASTOR'S PEN (CONTINUED). . .

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Charles Wesley, 1744

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

PASTOR STEVE'S OFFICE HOURS AND VACATION. . .



Generally Pastor Steve is in the office Tuesday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. until 12:00 noon. If you drop by during those hours, he usually has an open door unless there are other appointments or commitments during that time frame. Afternoons are regularly reserved for visitation, scheduled meetings or other work. If you wish to meet with Pastor Steve and be assured there is adequate time available to talk, it is a good idea to make an appointment.

Pastor Steve will be on vacation from December 25th through January 1st. If you have any needs, please reach out to Betty Muse or Revs. Bob & Camille Williams-Neal.



Volunteer needed. . .

~Brad Harville



**Volunteer Videographers for Trinity's
Livestreaming Ministry
(It finally works!!!)**



EXPERIENCE: None required, just a mind for technology (younger minds especially!)

HOURS: 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Services

BENEFITS: Opportunity to gain knowledge of video and livestreaming technology! A valuable and potentially marketable skill! Looks great on a resume! And you will be doing the Lord's work!!

TRAINING: Call or text Brad Harville (502) 558-0666 or send him an email at harv8248@bellsouth.net to arrange an appointment for him to show you the ropes!

REASON FOR NEED: Brad cannot always be here on Sunday (but he tries!). Trinity needs your help!!

Tpc Christmas dinner...

***The TPC Christmas dinner is on the
Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m.***

It is potluck with the Fellowship providing the meat,
bread and drinks. Please bring a dish to share.
Sign up sheet is on the Fellowship bulletin board.



PRESCHOOL. . .

~Elizabeth Bodine



Welcome to the Blue Room! In November, Miss Bonnie and Miss Jennie's four year old class enjoyed a full month of learning and fun. We celebrated 50 days of school with the children bringing in 50 of various items. November 11th found the Blue Room celebrating Diwali-Festival of Lights with family and friends. In our pottery class, we made special Diwali candle pots for our parents. (Thank you, Miss Candy!!) We learned about the first Thanksgiving with the beloved storybook character, Pete the Cat. We made thankful turkeys that were displayed on the Preschool bulletin board and decorated and filled bags for needy families.

We learned about letters F, O, and C. We made footballs, owls, ostriches, and cars. We practiced writing by working hard to form every letter in our names. We named our pet fish. We made a Venn diagram while learning about the differences and similarities of furry friends like bears. We worked on skills we need for reading. Kindergarten here we come!



Trinity Preschool would like to thank the church family for your participation in our Kizito cookie dough fundraiser. We made a profit of \$750.00 which will be used to purchase instructional materials for the classrooms. Your support of this project is greatly appreciated.

Thank you . .

~Betty Muse

I saw this quote from an unknown source that read, "A family is a gift that lasts forever" and it reminded me of my many blessings. I was recently surprised by many cards and happy birthday greetings in early November. I know a few angels orchestrated this, but it was so surprising and comforting to hear from my church family. I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family. Our family at Trinity has supported me through happy times and sad times, good times and bad.

Thank you for being a gift that lasts forever.
Betty Muse

Operation warm feet. . .



PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION OF
MEN'S SOCKS TO CHURCH DURING
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Trinity Presbyterian Church
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Louisville, KY 40223
(502) 245-5515

Christmas Season.

We all wear them; we change them daily. We are able to wash them when they are dirty. Homeless people are on their feet all day and they are most likely wearing the only pair of socks they own. Most will wear that one pair of socks until they are so thread bare that they no longer hold together.

Again this Christmas, we **will be collecting Men's** socks to donate to the Fellowship with Christ Ministry a waterfront ministry here in Louisville.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. . .

Where: Wild Eggs at English Station Road

When: First & Third Tuesdays of the Month

What Time: 8:30 a.m.

What: Bible Study and fellowship

Who: All men of all ages connected in any way with Trinity Presbyterian Church

All men are invited; come informally, come as you are, come for one Tuesday, come for them all.

In December, we will meet on the 1st and 15th.



Jingle bells, Jingle bells! Jingle hill and dale!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we acknowledge the wonderful gifts God has given us. Please remember to give back by contributing cookies and other baked goods to our Christmas sale on December 5th to support fund raising for local charities. To help you get started, we have put out Christmas trays/plates in the kitchen **for those who need them**, labeled with TPC on the back, for you to take home and bring back filled with cookies. Doilies are also available in the Narthex for everyone to line the cookie platters for a festive look. Remember the secret of wonderful baked goods. It is the "baker's hand" lending care and love in preparation that gives our products a delicious, comforting quality which our guests truly enjoy. This is our chance to show community love by bringing the best we have to offer.

We are in need of more hostesses to help serve the cookies and baked items at the sale from 7:45 am to 11:00 am. Come hear the positive comments about the sale from returning guests, and get in the Christmas spirit! We also need baggers and runners, so please say "yes" and sign up on the sheets posted in the hall on the TPW bulletin board.

Please take the colored flyers and place them in local businesses. Use the black and white ones for copying also to put in your neighbors' paper boxes. This will help to spread the word about Trinity.

Oh what fun it is to have the annual Christmas sale!!

*If you have questions or need information, please contact Dr. Sandra Hollensead
at goldiwhee@aol.com or 593-4014*

We are requesting that all who are able provide a minimum of four dozen cookies (or preferably more), and any combination of cookies, cakes, pies, or candy, to our December 5th Christmas sale.

Cookies should be stacked neatly on plates and wrapped well with cellophane to retain freshness. Other baked items should also be wrapped as well. Please label the plates/trays that you wish returned to you. We also have a limited supply of trays in the kitchen for your use. If you bring a special cake or other baked good that will not be sold by weight, please suggest a price. You will be asked to identify the ingredients in your recipe for a recipe card to alert buyers of any ingredient to which they may be allergic. Baked goods are to be dropped off in the TPC kitchen 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday December 4th.

We are still in need of hostesses to fill the containers of our guests as they request items from our trays at the sale. If you have every had ***visions of sugar plums dance in your head***, this assignment is for you. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the TPW board in the hallway to the left of the sanctuary entrance, or let me know by return e-mail and I will sign you up..

***Our Christmas sale crew sincerely thanks you and
wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!***

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Wow, every year I think the Faith & Art Center cannot do more and again this year, we have topped last year. We were leaders in the Art is Memory year-long workshop with the Council on Disability and Weber Gallery. We had about 50 students that had work in the show. We donated 25 bowls to Highland Community Ministry.

I was invited to be a guest artist at Montreat to share TPC's story and teach what we do. I was also invited to Nashville to do a workshop on starting a pottery mission in a church. We sponsored 2 workshops for the church—Advent Fair and Lent Fair—where youth and adults came together to use their artist talents to glorify God. We also supplied pumpkins and rent for the mission of Dreams with Wings Pumpkin Stroll in partnership with our youth. We have picked up many new private students. We now have nine students attending the Center working on life skills and selling their pottery as a means of occupation.

The Center is still part of an art co-op, Block Party. Our artwork is sold to help support the Center and share the story of what TPC is doing to reach out to the community of people living with developmental disabilities.

The Center has again this year worked with 76 students of preschool to make Christmas gifts. I want to give a special thanks to Lynne Woods, Susan Bauer, Imad El-Imam and Liz Herrick for all their volunteer hours they have put in as well as three volunteers that do not belong to the church—Sonya, Mike and Connie. This mission would not be possible without all this help.

I will be out for 6 weeks starting December 7th for hip replacement. The Center will still be open under the leadership of Sonya Penn and volunteers.

Thank you to TPC for another great year of mission. Cannot wait to see where God leads us next year!

In Christ,
Candy Wheat



*Come and show your support for
Candy and the Faith & Art Center*

Worship—Country squire florist. . .

The beautiful flowers that add so much to our Sunday worship are provided by our neighbor, Country Squire Florist, and at a very reasonable cost.

If you have any floral needs or holiday gift giving or decorating ideas, Dick, Dee or Sara will be happy to help you. And tell them your are from Trinity.

DECEMBER Birthdays. . .

12/05:	Phyla Alderette	12/16:	Noel Weaver
12/06:	Clarke Johnson	12/18:	Bill Husband
	Cori Goodknight	12/19:	Judy Davids
12/08:	Max Oyler	12/22:	Sheri Bushue
12/09:	Marc Levy	12/23:	Nancy Graves
	Sarah Wood	12/24:	Anna Hayden
12/10:	Lauren Latham		Herb Kallweit
12/14:	Steve Conn	12/26:	Jessica Mingus
12/15:	Madison Cannava	12/27:	Clay Harville



DECEMBER anniversaries. . .

12/05:	Philip & Linda Strohmeier
12/18:	Andy & Diana Alderette
12/19:	Ron & Kristen Bingner
12/27:	Malcolm & Kathy MacDonald



DECEMBER Collection Counters. . .

12/06:	Tom Dawson and Jack Kelly
12/13:	Janet Husband and Carol Hartmann
12/20:	Bill Husband and Larry Hartmann
12/24:	Lois Bringhurst and Betty Muse
12/27:	Carol Hartmann and Betty Wilborn



Worship attendance. . .

	2015	2014
11/01:	131	145
11/08:	137	132
11/15:	138	167
11/22:	140	203
11/29:	121	120

Advent and Christmas Events

Christmas Sale

Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols/Second Advent Service

Sunday, December 6, 11:00 a.m.



Advent Fair

Sunday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.



Third and Fourth Advent Services

Sunday, December 13 & 20, 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity's Vision Statement

"We are a welcoming church family, developing disciples who joyfully minister to others in the name of Christ."