

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Resolve to Remember

By Pastor Steve Jewell

*"I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old."*

(Psalm 77:11)

The Same Old Same Old

As you open this December Trinity Times, would you pause to ponder this one question? "Do you really need Christmas?"

Do you? Do any of us? After all, don't we just repeat the same old traditions, sing the same old songs, put up the same old Christmas tree, shop for and gift the same old socks and slippers, cook the same old Christmas ham, busily scurry about to the same old Christmas Eve service, and gather with the same old family and friends on

Christmas Day, year after year? Do we really need to celebrate another Christmas?

For some, this time is rife with the reminder of loss and absence. To do the same old anything just doesn't stir up the same old enthusiasm or provide the same old joy it once did. Maybe skipping Christmas seems a better option instead.

Perhaps more to the point, since Christmas was something that happened two millennia ago, is it really necessary to celebrate it year after year? Does the birth of Jesus offer anything of lasting value? Can't we shed the same old same old and finally move on to something fresh, something new, and something relevant?

Bothered by the "Bah, Humbug!"

I can't tell you how hard it was to write that last section. Not because of the many legitimate troubles and heartaches that 2020 has brought. Not because it touches a nerve in my own life regarding some particularly pressing problems I'm facing. Not because of my empathy for others who are walking through the





December Birthdays

Jenny Rousos	12/1
Clark Johnson	12/6
Max Oyler	12/8
Lauren Latham	12/10
Steve Conn	12/14
Madison Cannava	12/15
Noel Weaver	12/16
Bill Husband	12/18
Judy Davids	12/19
Sheri Bushue	12/22
Anna Hayden	12/24
Clay Harville	12/27
Asher Kim	12/29

December Anniversaries

Phil & Linda Strohmeier	12/5
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dark shadows of life. Not even because I am hardwired with an overly optimistic personality (which I am!). It's hard to imagine such blah toward Christmas for the simple fact that Christmas is the beginning of the most amazing work God ever did since He made Adam and Eve.

The Renewing Role of Remembering

The rote and repetitious remembrance of Jesus' birth through the same old songs, stories, and stockings is the very thing God uses to renew in us the work of His grace, the joy of His salvation, the strength of His presence, and the certainty that we have an eternal home awaiting us through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the very point of Psalm 77.

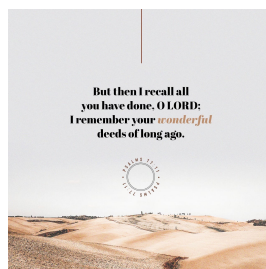
In this Psalm, its author Asaph begins by openly lamenting his troubles to the Lord (v. 1-3). As he laments, the Holy Spirit moves him to remember the past favor and the powerful promises made to him by the Lord (v. 4-9). Verse 10 contains a sobering and clarifying realization. Because of God's faithful track-record, Asaph says, *"I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High."* In other words, in my gloom and distress, when all is drab and bleak, when I am stuck in the same old same old, rather than sulk over my circumstances, I will seek my Savior. Throughout the rest of Psalm 77, Asaph earnestly, deeply, and profoundly remembers. He remembers that God is faithful, God is good, and God is able and willing to renew marvelous joy in us, even amid the most humdrum or the most harrowing experiences of life.



Remembering, even through repetitious traditions, is the powerful catalyst God uses to renew in us a vital encounter with and a fresh enjoyment of our Savior, who was born to rescue, redeem, and restore us to eternal fellowship with God once again. So yes, the ancient event of Christmas is of lasting importance and enduring impact. Yes, we need to continue celebrating, even if through the same old same old, because such celebrating and remembering links us by faith to the grace of God revealed in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Let us resolve to remember.

Remembering and rejoicing in our Savior,

Pastor Steve



2020 TPC Poinsettia Order Form

TPC will continue to have the traditional display of poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service at 7pm this year. Poinsettias, red or white, may be ordered now through Friday, December 11. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church (indicate "poinsettia" on the memo line).

Options for purchase:

1. If you are in attendance at a church service, please fill out the information below and drop the form, with check, in the offering plate.
 _____ Red _____ White (indicate number of color choice)
 Given by _____
 In Memory of _____
 In Honor of _____
2. You may fill out this form and mail it to the church with payment.
3. You may call in or email your order (with the dedication) to Sherry Pritts at church. Mail in your payment.
4. You may text, call or email your order (with the dedication) to Cathy Conn (502-727-7872, cat_conn911@bellsouth.net). Mail in your payment.

As we approach Christmas Eve, we will give out information on pick-up of the poinsettias.



Trinity Presbyterian Church **Advent & Christmas Eve Services**

Advent Services

Sunday, December 6, 13, 20
 11:00 am

<http://new.livestream.com/tpclouisville>

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24

Children's Online Service at 2 PM

Traditional Service at 7 PM (online and in-person)

<http://new.livestream.com/tpclouisville>



Please contact the church office to RSVP your spots for our traditional Christmas Eve service. There will be limited in-person seats available due to our COVID-19 safety guidelines.



As Christ's disciples, we are made for community. This community is where our love for Christ is deepened, our faith in Christ grows, and our lives are offered in service of our neighbors and the nations.

As we adjust to the current circumstances, many of our discipleship groups are still on hold. However, some groups have started meeting again. For more information, consider "doing life together" by joining one or more of the following opportunities.

Opportunities for Children

Christian Education "Kits"

Unfortunately, the youngest of our church community are those who are most disrupted by the quarantine. Much prayer and discussion has taken place on how to best care for and encourage families in growing their children in their love for Jesus.

Presently, we are working on a few ideas. Here are a few things that are in the works:

1. A children's message in worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This message will take place in the first fifteen minutes of our services.
2. At-home kits for parents and children to work on together to feed the souls of our young people with the Word of God.

If the Lord puts an idea on your heart, please let Janice Kim know. We will gladly see if we can make it work.

Opportunities for Youth

Youth Online Worship

All young people are invited to join the weekly online worship service hosted by Janice Kim via YouTube.

For more information, please contact Janice, and she will gladly get you connected to this dynamic time of worship.

Adult Educational Opportunities

Koinonia Sunday School Class

This group studies, prays, and grows together in *koinonia* (Greek for "community"). The current study is an in-depth survey of church history. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Bob Williams-Neal for more information.

Women's Sunday School Class

This class brings women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. This is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy studying God's Word together. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Barb Sheeler.

Small Group Opportunities

The Quest

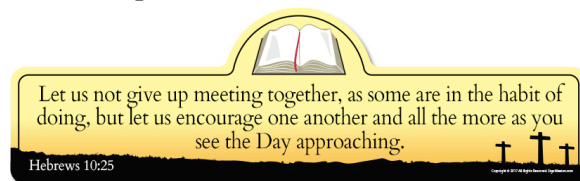
Those who are young, and young in heart, are invited to join in the quest of growing in Christ through the study of God's Word and the fellowship of mutual encouragement. This group meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10 AM.

Sunday Evening Seekers

This is a casual group of believers who gather on Sunday evenings at 7 PM to engage with God's Word, to encourage one another in Christ, and to enjoy the fellowship of other believers. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve.

TPW (Trinity Presbyterian Women)

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 10:30 in the Parlor. Everyone brings a small bag lunch, while sweets and coffee are provided. Along with Bible study, these ladies share life together. Masks and socially distanced seating is provided. Call Sandra at (502) 593-4014 for questions and more information



2021 Lent Devotional

This year has certainly been one of faith challenges and growth. How has the Lord been moving in your life? What have you experienced during this unprecedented time of virus, political upheaval, racial tensions and emotional weariness?

At Trinity, one of the things we have done in past years is to create and share a devotional book for the Lenten season. This year, from March 2020 through the remainder of the year, you will have experiences to share in light of the life, times and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. This has the potential to be one of the most impactful devotion booklets we've ever done, as we share together how our faith has been tested, maybe strengthened in what we've been going through.

Please consider writing a short devotion about this. As in the past, choose Scripture that speaks to you, share something about how the Lord has used that Word and Lent to bring you closer to Him, challenged you to more action for Jesus, or prompted you to reprioritize life. End with a short prayer.

Submit your devotional to Jude Bloor-Brandt. Email is jjbloor@att.net. Or you can place a copy in Jude's box in the church office. Production of the booklet will begin in early January so you have a few months to work on this!

Thanks for sharing with us all how the Lord is working even in the midst of a pandemic.

MISSION NEWS & UPDATES

The Burrito Riders

Although we have not announced an official collection drive, please make burritos any time you wish! The need is pronounced right now, so just place your burritos in the freezer. We will check periodically and forward the burritos to the Burrito Riders ministry as needed. The kits are in the Narthex.



Maryhurst

We had the opportunity to participate in Maryhurst's Holiday Gift Drive. Through your support so far, 18 children will have their wish lists fulfilled and are reminded that someone cares for and loves them! Remember to deliver your gifts to the volunteer's office at church by Sunday, December 13th (unwrapped and with the wish list taped to the outside of the bag), or make arrangements to deliver them directly to Maryhurst the week of December 14th – December 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call Lori Cecil, Director of Events and Fundraising Operations, at 502-271-4523 if you have questions about dropping off your gifts.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Your Mission Committee hopes you've followed the Shoebox Season News included in the bulletins and provided in this update. In case you didn't know, Trinity serves as a shoebox drop-off location, so there was a lot of hustle and bustle during National Drop Off week, which started Monday, November 16 and ended Monday, November 23. It's no surprise that the drop-off was structured differently this year. In fact, we would say that the curbside drop off and contactless box registration was a huge success!

There was considerable excitement on one particular Wednesday evening when a family dropped off 600 boxes, and reported they still had 200 more to unload! Thursday afternoon was another eventful day. The seniors at Christian Academy – Louisville brought their shoeboxes to our church and unloaded them on the steps leading into the Narthex. And as in years past, Kyle Mullin and the CAL girls' softball team arrived to pack all those boxes into cartons. Although it was windy that day, the sun was shining and it was so warm that the girls were able to do the packing outside.



MISSION NEWS & UPDATES

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (cont'd)

On Saturday, we had a successful and fun truck packing party. Some Trinity family and friends participated, which included the Highlands Latin School Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle. Not only did they pack their own personal shoeboxes, but they showed up to load the truck!



MISSION NEWS & UPDATES

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (cont'd)

By the time you read this, the shoeboxes have likely arrived at the processing center in Boone, NC. During this process, volunteers inspect each box and remove inappropriate items, fill any boxes that need items added, and collect the shipping fees included in the boxes. They also take breaks during the shift to pray over the boxes.



For the shoeboxes packed at Trinity, we used “follow-your-box” labels, and as soon as we receive information on the destinations of our shoeboxes, we will let you know, as well as mark it on the map placed in the Narthex. The total number of boxes packed for Trinity Presbyterian for 2020 was 363; this beat last year’s total by 163. Thank God for answered prayer and for our Trinity family and friends who packed personal boxes! Please continue to pray for the volunteers involved in getting the shoeboxes to their final destination and for sharing the Gospel with the children receiving these shoeboxes! With grateful hearts, we look forward to Shoebox Season 2021!

TPW and On-Line Shopping Opportunities

The Sew ‘n Sews have a new fall video on YouTube, featuring several of our hand-made crafts for gift giving. To find the video, use this link... <https://youtu.be/HMyKg798Xo8>



To make a purchase, please email the Sew ‘n Sews at sewnsewstpcloisville10200@gmail.com, as well as to schedule a pick up and to pay by cash, check or credit card at the church. All items are also on display in the Narthex. To shop in person during office hours, 9am-noon, select your items, and leave cash or check (made out to TPW), along with all the tags from the items, in Sandra’s mailbox in the office. The tags are important so that these items can be marked SOLD on the video!! Sandra will also stay after the Sunday worship services to help you with selections. We are planning a third sale video to feature Christmas items, so stay tuned! All sales will end Friday Dec. 18, so browse early for the best selection.

Also, Sandra’s brother Barney Hale, is now selling the Guatemala scarves on line!! Here is the link to the Pala Village Market: <https://palavillagemarket.vistaprintdigital.com/>. Payment and shipping may be completed through the Pala Village Market website.

May the Lord bless each of us as we navigate a new way of spreading cheer and love by gift giving, and the celebration of God’s perfect gift: salvation through our beloved Jesus Christ.

Shepherd the flock of God.

1 PETER 5:2

Mini-Flocks

TPC Elder Care Ministry

These are the mini-flocks to which each of our elders are assigned, as well as the mini-flock elder to whom each of us is assigned. Please get to know your mini-flock elder, for God has called them to build a relationship with you and to offer care to you as we LOVE, GROW, & SERVE the Lord together.

If you notice a name that is absent, this is an unfortunate oversight. Please let [Pastor Steve](#) know, and we will be sure to add them to our mini-flock list. For along with the Lord Jesus, we do not want to lose any of the flock God has entrusted to our care (see John 6:39).

<u>Ann Douglas</u> (2020)	<u>Sandra Hollensead</u> (2020)	<u>Betty Muse</u> (2020)
Chris & Maria Hall Paul & Sandra Hollensead Steven & Diane Jewell Kathy MacDonald Max & Sheryl Oyler James & Elizabeth Ray Greg Vann Dottie Watson Martha Warrick Bob & Camille Williams-Neal	Charles & Greta Bemisderfer Judy Davids (Kathy) Bill & Janet Husband Jane Kurfees Jan Larsen Randi & Jeanne Lind Betty Muse Sharon Fay Roy Philip & Linda Strohmeier Sheryl Yoffe	Luci Fulmore Abraham & Geetha Joseph Linda Jones & Charlie Ball Jack & Deb Kelly Ted & Virginia Kozak Mike & Jill McCullough Sherry Pritts Carol Redd (Stacy) Bill & Shirley Rush Jack & Candy Wheat
<u>Marc Bushue</u> (2021)	<u>Bert Lundstrom</u> (2021)	<u>Bonnie Mullin</u> (2021)
David & Jude (Bloor) Brandt Andy & Madison Cannava Don & Mardi Crosser Ron & Susan Dawson Patrick & Anna Hayden Karl & Brittney Maslowski Kyle & Bonnie Mullin Greg & Jenny Rousos Ghyll Simoneschi Kevin & Susan Smith	Won Joo Ahn Tim Barnum Steve & Cathy Conn Tom & Cathy Dawson Steve & Laura Edwards Amy Elder Brad & Mary Harville (Doug & Clay) Sandy Koukola Aileen Lucas Jean Paulman Melissa Weaver	Anuji Abraham Jeri Blair Imad El-Imam Ruth French Jennifer Hacker Carol Hartmann Barbara Keyser Bert & Suzanne Lundstrom Chris & Emily Mullin Brian & Heather Wallace
<u>Ron Dawson</u> (2022)	<u>Amy Elder</u> (2022)	<u>Carol Hartmann</u> (2022)
Susan Bauer Marc & Sherie Bushue Marie Farris Dennis & Brenda Miller Jerry Pender Matt & Rebecca Perry Andrew & Jennifer Petty C.R. & Ann Marie Redcorn Barbara Sheeler George Stone	Beth Bloss Margaret Bloss Barbara Cooke Robyn Hetman Kenny & Kay Hines Yohan & Janice Kim Josh & Elizabeth Latham Irvin Ottman Collette Sangster Skip Wilborn	Lois Bringham Harper & Marilyn Davis Becky Douglas David & Ann Douglas Thomas Douglas Joe Hoffert (Nick) W. Clarke & Marty Johnson Jim & Elizabeth McDaniel Jackie Morrow Steve & Kay Nolan

BEFORE BETHLEHEM

Before Bethlehem nestled Him in her arms,
Yea, before Mary nurtured Him in her womb...

Before Jerusalem's teachers marveled at the child before them...

Before the dust of Nazareth clung to His feet
And the waters of the Jordan dripped from His body...

Before the wilderness witnessed His temptation
And the streets of Galilee gave Him its afflicted...

Before the nets of Gennesaret lay abandoned on the shore
And the demons of the Gerasenes fled their captives...

Before Gethsemane betrayed His presence...
Before Golgotha beheld His pain...

Yes, before Earth unwrapped this treasure
and spurned its manly form,
The heavens declared His glory....its halls made up His home.

From child to man to King
It was the Son of God Who came.
How great the LOVE of Him Who sent Him.
How great His wonderful name....JESUS.

An original poem by Greta E. Bemisderfer

2008

A Heartfelt “Thank You”

To Our Trinity Family,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful poinsettia and for the texts, emails, phone calls, and cards following the sudden passing of my mom. My family and I are so blessed to have the support and prayers from our church family; it brings us peace and comfort during this time.

Our love to all of you,
Lucie Fulmore and Family

Update from Guatemala Ministries PCUSA

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your prayers and financial faithfulness to God’s mission in Guatemala. Thanks for your dedicated partnership with this ministry! It is your continued support that helps our mission and makes all the difference. May God keep blessing you!

In Christ,

Eliane Menezes

PCUSA Mission co.worker-Guatemala

Miami, FL 33186

“All my prayers for you are full of praise to God!”

“When I pray for you, my heart is full of joy.” Philippians 1:3-4



December 6	The Second Sunday of Advent
December 13	The Third Sunday of Advent
December 20	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Merry Christmas!

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Trinity Presbyterian Church.



Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors, and especially those eager to encounter and enjoy the presence of Christ!

Our Sunday morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. We offer both in-person and Livestream access to this time of worship.

Both in-person Sunday School and child care continues to be suspended.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED