



A Service of Holy Communion

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Trinity's gathered community!

We are together on-site and online!

The people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. **If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time. If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

*Cover image:
"Annunciation,
maybe?" by
Matt Lincoln, 2020*

Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. You may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make that prayer offering, or if you are online, request a candle lighting in the comments, and someone on-site will light a candle on your behalf. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play, there are Kids' Corners in both side aisles. These are enclosed and safe spaces for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair and a changing table where you can attend to your child's needs. You may also choose to take advantage of our nursery which is available for toddlers through age 5.

Name tags are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book located near the entrance. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and conversation after worship.

Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania and is a part of the Anglican Communion which is based in England but found worldwide.

PRELUDE

"LO, HOW A ROSE IS BLOOMING" ARRANGED BY JOHN LEAVITT

CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

*This prayer is by
Steven Shakespeare
from Prayers for an
Inclusive Church.*

God of impossible love, you needed Mary to give consent, to bear the scandal, to carry your Word within herself: May her courage give hope to women and men who yearn to sing new songs of justice and find the world a dwelling place for God; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

*In spirit or in body,
the congregation
stands to sing
hymns.*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 “For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail,” said he, “thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name.”
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!

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The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.

Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.

The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.

Kaylin Haught (1947-2018) was a poet from Albion, Illinois. Her poems appeared in Ms. Magazine, On the Bus, and other magazines and journals.

FIRST READING

MICAH 5:2-5A

“As for you, Bethlehem in Ephrathah,” says God, “small as you are among Judah’s clans, from you will come a ruler for me over Israel, one whose goings out are from times long past, from ancient days.”

But God will give them over to their enemies until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of the ruler’s sisters and brothers will return to the Children of Israel. The ruler will rise up to shepherd them in the strength of God, by the power of the Name of their God. They will live in security, for now the ruler’s greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. They’ll say, “This at last is the one who will be our peace!”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

O come, De-sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of
all man-kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy
self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em- man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

MIDDLE READING

“GOD SAYS YES TO ME” BY KAYLIN HAUGHT

I asked God if it was okay to be melodramatic and she said yes
I asked her if it was okay to be short and she said it sure is
I asked her if I could wear nail polish or not wear nail polish and she said honey she calls me that sometimes she said you can do just exactly what you want to

Thanks God I said
And is it even okay if I don't paragraph my letters
Sweetcakes God said
who knows where she picked that up
what I'm telling you is
Yes Yes Yes

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily,
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1:39-55

Within a few days Mary set out and hurried to the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored, that the mother of the Messiah should come to me? The moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who believed that what our God said to her would be accomplished!”

Mary said:

“My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior.
For you have looked with favor
upon your lowly servant,
and from this day forward
all generations will call me blessed.
For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name.
Your mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear you.
You have shown strength with your arm;
you have scattered the proud in their conceit;
you have deposed the mighty from their thrones
and raised the lowly to high places.
You have filled the hungry with good things,
while you have sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of Israel your servant,
mindful of your mercy—
the promise you made to our ancestors—
to Sarah and Abraham
and their descendants forever.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

ECHO

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.

The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.

The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.

In spirit or in body, please stand.

This affirmation of faith comes to us from the Iona Community. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.

Add your requests by scanning the QR code.



SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We have heard about you,
God of all power:
**You made the world out of kindness,
creating order out of confusion;
you made each one of us
in your own image;
your fingerprint is on every soul.
So we praise you.**

We have heard about you, Jesus Christ:
**the carpenter who left his tools and trade;
the poor man who made others rich;
the healer who let himself be wounded;
the criminal on whom the soldiers spat
not knowing that yours was the face of God;
the savior who died and rose again.
So we praise you.**

We have heard about you, Holy Spirit:
**You broke the bonds of every race and nation,
to let God speak in every tongue;
you made the disciples drunk with grace;
you converted souls and offered a new kind of wealth;
you showed how love makes all things new
and opens the doors to change and freedom.
So we praise you.
Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Leader and the People pray this Advent Litany responsively.

Gracious God, as we bring before you the hopes and anxieties, the sadness and celebration of our lives and the world we share, we offer them with adventurous hope, trusting that you are doing more than we can ask or imagine.

We remember those for whom our prayers have been asked.

Jenn Kane & Clover - recovering from
difficult birth

Mark & Dave Gerard

Richard Kay

Laurel Mark - seeking gainful employment

Gary & Lisa Panek- recovering from head-on
motor vehicle accident

Shirley Ruske - diagnosed with cancer

Ross DiLoro

Cassandra and Michael

Jack Giardina

Karen Smallen

Jeff Watson, John and Catherine Gillespie's
son-in-law

Dale Worwa
Ed and Sherry Czechowski - recovering from
a serious motor vehicle accident
Abby Laettner
Adam Kreutinger
Alphonso and Marcia O'Neil-White
Jessica De Oliveira E Silva (Quinn) - battling
stage 4 breast cancer

Margaret (Peggy) Rizzo - suffers from
Alzheimer's
Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma
Betsy and Peter Curtis
For those who have died, and all who mourn
them:
Michael Dileo
Scott McKay

Among the poor,
among the proud,
among the persecuted,
among the privileged,
Christ is coming,
coming to make all things new.

In the private house,
in the market place,
in the wedding feast,
in the judgement hall,
Christ is coming,
coming to make all things new.

With a gentle touch,
with an angry word,
with a clear conscience,
with burning love,
Christ is coming,
coming to make all things new.
That God's reign might be manifest,
that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble,
that the humble might be raised,
Christ is coming,
coming to make all things new.

Within us,
without us,
among us,
before us,
in this place,
in every place,
for this time,
for all time,
Christ is coming,
coming to make all things new.

*These prayers are
an effort to pray
with one voice even
though we have a
diversity of needs
and hopes.*

Your financial support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the collection plate when it is brought around during the offertory or [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning the QR code.



This Eucharistic Prayer is from the Episcopal Church's Enriching Our Worship.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“MARY SAID YES” TEXT BY RICHARD LEACH, MUSIC BY R. SCHULZ-WIDMAR

Told of God's favor, told of God's purpose, Mary said, "Tell me, how can this be?"

Told of the Spirit, told of the power, told of the promise, Mary said yes.

Yes, to conceiving, yes to the body changing and growing, yes to the flesh.

Yes, to the new life kicking within her, yes to the pleasure, yes to the pain.

Yes, to the waiting, yes to the labor, yes to the hurting, yes to the birth.

Yes, to the baby, yes to the future, yes to the holy, yes to the world.

Told of Christ Jesus, told of the Spirit, can we say yes as Mary said yes?

Yes, for our bodies, yes for our spirits, yes for the future, yes for right now?

Praise to the Spirit, praise to the Most High sending the word that Mary was told.

Praise to Christ Jesus, who was made welcome into our world when Mary said yes.

SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions!

All things come of thee, O Lord;

and of thine own have we given thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth

Plainsong, Mode 2; Mass 12; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (c)1985

are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 2; Mass 12; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: **“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”** After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: **“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.

This version of the Lord's Prayer is what many of us grew up learning.

It is also the version shared at the end of many 12 Step meetings.

Although it is important to stay fresh and engaged by the words of our prayers, it is also important to be reminded that we as individuals are part of a great cloud of witnesses who have been inspired to turn to God in prayer throughout the ages.

**Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father,* who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion, regardless of religious background or affiliation. For those of you online, you are invited to have a morsel of bread and a sip of wine (or any substitutes you choose) during the time that communion is being shared.

For those in the building, you are invited to come forward and make a large circle around the perimeter of the open area, where you will be offered a morsel of bread dipped in wine. Please let the ministers of communion know if you prefer not to have your bread dipped in the wine. Also, let them know if you need a gluten-free wafer instead of wheat bread.

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**God of new beginnings,
the veil between us thins as we draw near
around your wisdom and table.
Strengthen and renew us,
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit;
and may your light so shine through us
that all may welcome your coming presence.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. Amen.**

BLESSING

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

“MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT”

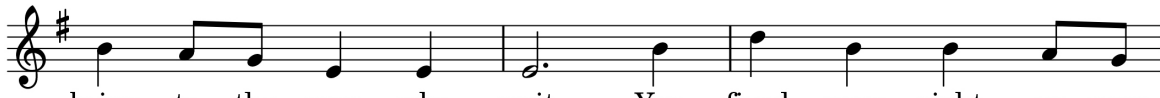
In spirit or in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in
 3 From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on
 4 Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us



great, and my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you
 me, and your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the
 stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - ery
 fast: God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your
 end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the
 ty - rant from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall
 con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our



ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from
 proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will
 weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn; there are
 fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, till the



east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 ta - bles spread; ev - ery mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn. Wipe a-



way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

Go now on an adventure of faith, hope and love, meeting Christ in the world.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.

POSTLUDE

“SNOW ANGEL” BY DICK FADALE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Choir

This is a way to get together with other families for fun, grow in faith at the same time, and strengthen the community. Tim Lane, a music educator and former boy chorister himself, leads the choir in practice sessions before church on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:15. Speak to Tim for details or email t.w.lane@outlook.com.

Trinity Discussion Group: Exploring Advent Through Poetry

Join Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke on **Wednesdays @7pm** via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk) Explore Advent with poems from notable poets including Rowan Williams, T. S. Eliot, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and George Herbert in Janet Morley's *Haphazard by Starlight* poetry anthology. Sessions will include readings of poems, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions. Please email Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com to sign up and for more information.

Trinity Greeting Cards for Sale

Trinity window cards for sale after the 10:30 service on Sundays. \$15 for five cards, \$5 for one. They make great Christmas cards, hostess gifts, sympathy cards, etc. All proceeds benefit the restoration of our treasured windows.

Christmas Flower Donations

Many parishioners wish to donate to the decorating of the church at Christmas. This is gratefully accepted. To facilitate this, you can use the flower envelope found in the church pews or donate electronically <https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopa93948/give/flowers>. Donations made by **December 16** will be included in the Christmas worship guide. Thank you for helping make Trinity the beautiful inviting place that it is with both the gifts of your presence and the gifts you donate.

Angel Tree - Opportunities to Share Your Blessings

TODAY is the last day to turn in gift cards for Compass House, Hamlin Park Academy, and Justice for Migrant Families. If you want to donate cash we would be happy to purchase gift cards for you. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you want to make a donation during our Sunday offering. Thank you for your generosity.

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Greening of the Church and Lessons & Carols

'Tis the Season to be... decorating and eating!

On **Sunday, December 22 @10:30** our Lessons & Carols service will be combined with the Greening of the Church. Join in for the transformation of the church as we light the trees and spread the greens. The cleaning of the church, such as brass polishing and window decorating, wreath hanging and more will be held on this day too. All hands are needed; the more the merrier and the lighter the load!



Darkness into Light: When the Christmas Spirit Eludes You

On **Sunday, December 22 @7 pm**, Trinity will hold a special evening service for persons who are struggling with Christmas this year. You may be experiencing grief or loss, sadness or depression. For any reason, if you can't quite conjure up Christmas joy, Trinity would like to meet you where you are, give you some empathy, and share this evening of readings, Krista's music, and a communion service. Simple reception to follow. Service also available on Zoom.

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Our Christmas Eve Pageant and Communion service will be offered **@3:00**. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to see in the pageant, please arrive **by 2:30pm** to get into costume. See Colleen O'Neill with any questions. All children will be included! No rehearsal needed!

Christmas Week Worship Schedule

Please join:

Sunday, December 22 10:30am service - 4th Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols and Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 22 7:00pm service - Darkness into Light Service

Tuesday, December 24 3:00pm service - Christmas Eve Service and Children's Pageant

As usual, there will be no services held on Christmas Day, including the weekly Wednesday noon service.

Thursday, December 26 7:00pm service - 12 Steps@Trinity based on 12-step spirituality

Sunday, December 29 10:30 service

Thursday, January 2 7:00pm service - 12 Steps@Trinity based on 12-step spirituality

Please note that on Sunday, December 29, there will be no nursery services or Creator Quest during the 10:30 service.

Sunday, Dec 29: NO Trinity @7

There is no Wednesday at noon service on December 25 or January 1.

Coldest Night of the Year

It's Year 4 of the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in Buffalo, supporting our friends at Compass House! This year's walk will take place on **Saturday, February 22**, kicking off at the Parkside Lodge. This all-ages fundraising walk raises funds and awareness for the mission of Compass House, supporting homeless and runaway youth and young adults in the Buffalo area.

Visit cnoy.com/buffalo and search Team Trinity to join us at Delaware Park or to support with a donation to Compass House! Email Missy Stolfi at missy.stolfi@gmail.com with any questions.

Comfort and Care Team

The Comfort and Care Team is here to help and support you or someone you know experiencing health or other life challenges. Email any one of us to request prayers, a caring phone call, notes, information on resources, a friendly visit, or arranging meals.

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Volunteer Opportunities With One of our Partners

Creative Restorations is seeking dedicated volunteers to assist with the operation of our food pantry, which serves those in need in our community. We are looking for help on **Mondays** from **9am-Noon**, **Wednesdays** from **12-3pm**, and **Fridays** from **3-6pm**. If you are interested in lending a hand and making a difference, please reach out to Chris Harzynski at 716-553-4886. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

Hamlin Park School Monthly Community Event

Each event has a theme and is open to all. They are always looking for volunteers. The times and dates are:

Saturday Academy 10am-1pm:

February 1, March 8, April 5, May 3

Evening 4:30-6pm:

January 30, April 3

Trinity members would be welcome to any of these. For more information, you can contact the Say Yes To Education coordinator Van Daniel at vdaniel@sayyesbuffalo.org or (716)388-1572.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a couple of volunteers interested in assisting with maintaining and preparing the materials for the altar and communion. Duties can include any combination of the following you are comfortable with: preparing communion elements, washing dishes from communion, laundering altar linens, coordinating altar decorating for special services. You can contact Tim Lane t.w.lane@outlook.com for more details.

Worship Helpers Needed

Are you willing to be involved with reading from the altar, greeting people at the door and helping direct them with what to expect, providing hospitality by baking for coffee hour, or helping serve communion to the gathered community? Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fafa629a3f58-trinity2> or reach out to Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com to be placed on a list of volunteers when we have worship volunteer slots to fill. If you are interested in being more involved, but aren't interested in any of these roles, you can also plan on helping during services by bringing a device to connect to Facebook viewers and responding to comments during the service.

Visiting Trinity

The church is open by appointment for private prayer or meditation. Contact our parish administrator, Colleen O'Neill, at coneill@trinitybuffalo.org to schedule an appointment.

Explore Buffalo

Learn more about Trinity's windows and the impact they have had on American art history. Share this Buffalo treasure with your friends! Explore Buffalo leads tours of Trinity's windows as part of its Sacred Spaces series. Check the website listed below or scan the QR code for the schedule. <https://explorebuffalo.org/sacred-spaces/trinity-episcopal-church/>



Computer Ministry Opportunity

We are looking for a couple computer savvy volunteers who would be interested in volunteering as cyber sacristan to help with the livestream for the Sunday morning service and/or the Trinity @7 service. One only needs to be comfortable with using a computer and computer programs; the rest are easily learnable skills. If you'd like to know more or are interested in this volunteer ministry, please contact Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com

Parking at Trinity's Franklin Street Lot

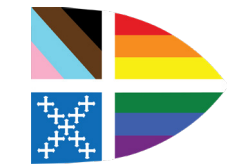
When you come to a church service, you can park in Trinity's Franklin Street lot for free. Neither will the parking fees be enforced during Trinity events. But you can use the lot any other time you are in the neighborhood, too! Park in your church's lot any time you would have to pay for parking in the neighborhood so that Trinity gets the parking fee! Use your smartphone to pay.



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Greeters: Phoebe McKay, Marie Keane
Readers: Elaine Lodick, Missy Stolfi, Jeffrey Tooke
Prayers: Jane Kearns
Announcements: Connie Ervin
Ministers of Communion: Jeffrey Tooke, Jill Hilburger, Patti Nisbet
Guest musician: Matt Harris on saxophone
Counters: Emily Carlin
Bakers: Jane Kearns, Phoebe McKay

All services are in person AND online:

Sunday @10:30am In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

Sunday @7:00pm Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Wednesday @Noon Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom

Thursday @7pm The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).

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