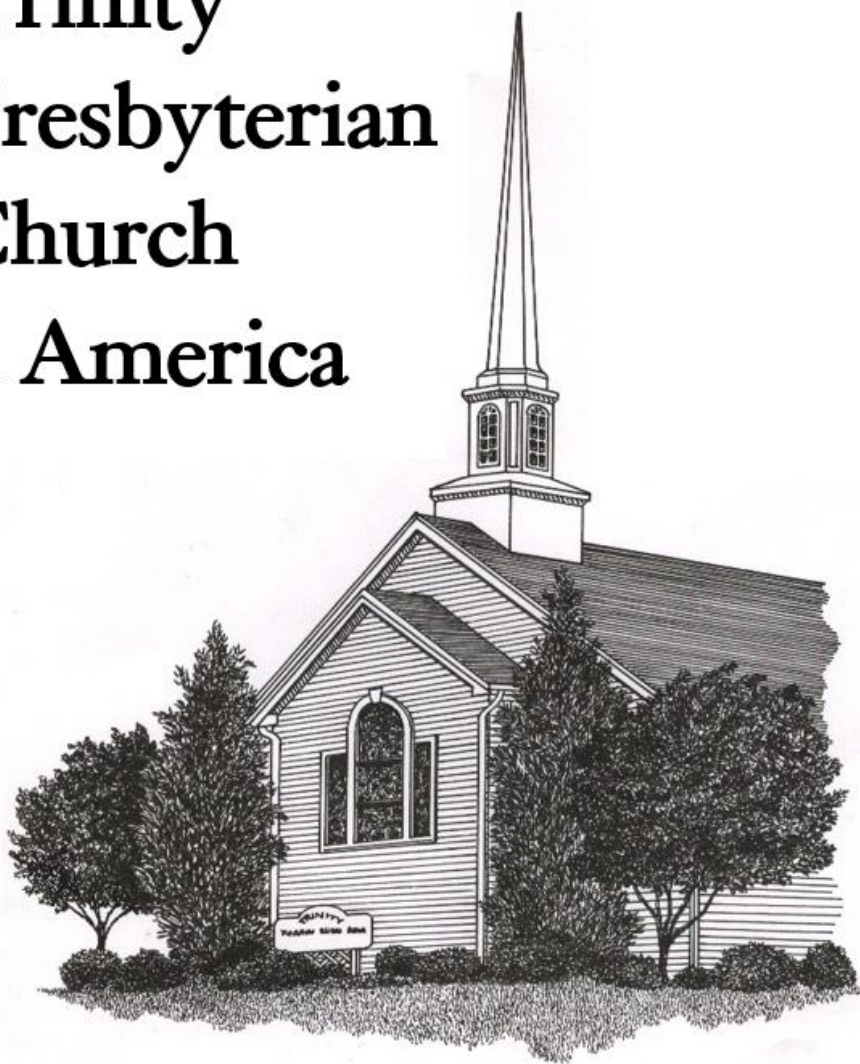


Trinity Presbyterian Church in America



*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025*

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or here for your thousandth time, take time to look through the bulletin to prepare for worship. Some elements may be more familiar or entirely new to you but they are based on biblical patterns and God's promises to meet with us.

A Note for those who do not trust Jesus Christ

Welcome! Since the very beginning of the church unbelievers have been present and welcome in Christian worship. Christianity is not about secrets. We seek to clearly proclaim the life-changing news of Jesus. Please do not feel pressure to recite or sing things that you do not believe or give anything to the collection. We pray that God blesses you as you observe our worship and uses it to draw you nearer to himself through Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

Welcoming Children at Trinity

The way we welcome children in church affects the way they respond to the Church, God and to others. We want them to know that they are at home in this place of worship.

To the parents of our young children,

Welcome! Your children's presence honors Jesus. God's word and promises are for them. Find places to sit that work well for you to explain the parts of the service to them and where they might be able to see. Remember, even at the youngest age, our covenant children are marked by Christ and are deserving recipients of his ordinary means of grace. Pray, sing, and listen so your children can see and imitate your worship of our great God. We do encourage you to consider those worshipping around you as you parent your children, but when you have to leave with your little ones, please come back if the child is able to return to worship. Disruptions with children are expected and we want our children in worship.

To the members of our church,

Raising children in the Lord is hard work. As you worship with families with children, smile, welcome the children, ask their names, and remember to pray for them. Consider how you can assist and relieve some pressure on the families. Be patient with children as they grow in their focus and attention in worship. Our Lord points to children as examples for how we should enter his presence and receive the Kingdom. And remember that children are the future of the church.

***Nursery** is provided for children aged 0-3 years old from 10:00 AM to the end of service.

***Junior Church** is for children ages 4 to 1st Grade. Children begin the 10:15AM Worship Service with their parents and are dismissed to Junior Church before the sermon. The children then have a time of prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and coloring.

December 21, 2025

Resurrection Sunday

10:15 AM

Prelude

Wake, Awake

Charles Callahan

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Arr. Heather Sorenson

What Child Is This with Lullaby, Thou Little Tiny Child Arr. Mary McDonald

God's Word Directing Our Life & Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Isaiah 52: 7-11

The Wolcott Family

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord.

Call to Worship

Zechariah 2:10

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

No. 162

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Profession of Faith**

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

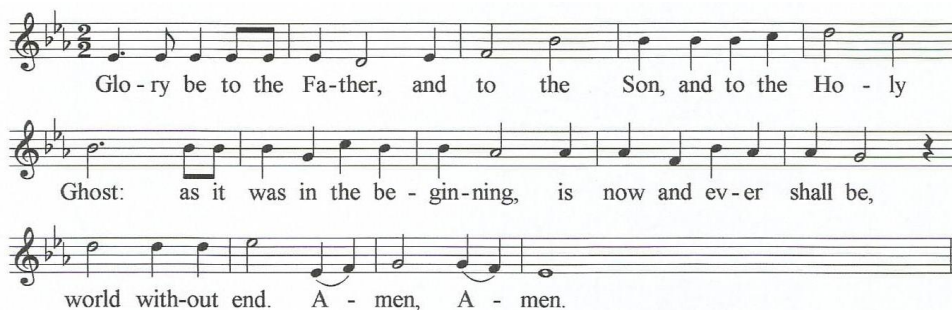
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†]“catholic” means “universal”

***Gloria Patri**

Henry W. Greatorex



God's People Facing Their Sin

Call to Confession

Joel 2:13

And rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Confession of Sin –

Our God, we are sorry for our sins. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good we have sinned against you, whom we should love above all things. Please forgive us. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we might live a life pleasing to you. Help us to abide in Christ, that we might bear fruit. In Jesus's name, our God, have mercy. Amen. (Act of Contrition)

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1:8 - 2:2

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

God's People Offering Their Lives to Him

Hymn of Reflection

Wexford Carol

arr. Victor C. Johnson

Jenny Day, oboe

Traditional Irish Carol

*Good people all, this Christmas time
Consider well and bear in mind
A tiny child to us is born in
Bethlehem this blessed morn.*

*“Prepare and go” the angels said,
“To Bethlehem; be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn
A holy babe, sweet Jesus born”*

*Now let our hearts and voices raise
A song of gladness this Christmas Day
Let all the earth rejoice and sing
The birth of this, our newborn King.*

*With hearts of love and hymns of joy,
Come, let us greet the baby boy,
and as the angel has fortold,
let all the tiny child behold.*

*Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear*

*Within a manger he was laid
And by his side the mother stayed.
Let all the earth sing with delight,
The holy child is born this night*

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9B-13 (KJV) (ALT.)

“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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offerings

Offertory

Joy to the World

Arr. Heather Sorenson

Please place your offerings in the plate. You may also send by mail,
6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109, or use our website, www.trinityhbg.com, "Giving" tab.

*Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

Old 100th Louis Bougeois Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be low; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God's People Listening to His Word

*Song of Preparation

What Child Is This?

No. 213

(Junior Church begins at this time for children age 4 – 1st grade in Room 105).

*Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-13
Church Bible Pg. No. 1045

Sermon

Who Is Jesus Really?

Pastor John Hayward

***Hymn of Response**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs 1 -2)

Pg. 193

God Providing for His People

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

All unleavened bread/matzo served is gluten free.

(Individual Communion Servings are available in the narthex.)

***Sending Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs 3-4)

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(Junior Church ends; teacher will return children to the sanctuary.)

God Sending His People Out to Serve

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208, refrain

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

***Postlude**

People Look East

Arr. Mary McDonald

*Congregation Standing As You Are Able

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Notes:

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our congregation will celebrate the Table of Our Lord today during the evening Worship Service. Participation in the Supper is an expression of faith in the crucified and risen Christ, and of commitment to live for Him.

Who may participate in this special meal of faith? We believe that participation in the Lord's Supper requires:

1. Baptism in the name of our Triune God.
2. A personal and genuine faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
3. A public profession of faith as evidenced by:
 - Membership in a church, which teaches the Gospel, taught by Christ in the Bible, or
 - A personal testimony before a committee of our Elders.
4. A repentant heart that is prepared to obey Christ's Word as enabled by the Holy Spirit.
5. An understanding of the elements used in the Lord's Supper.

If you believe that you are unable to meet these biblical requirements for participation in the Supper, please speak with one of our Elders or Pastors. We will be happy to explain to you how in the future you may celebrate the Lord's Supper with us in a biblical manner.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You Proclaim. Amen.

Prayer for Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead as proof of your power to conquer sin and death, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your Church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

(Adapted from Hanover Valley PCA).

December 21, 2025

Evening Worship Service

6:00 PM

Call to Worship

***Hymn**

See, amid the Winter's Snow

No. 199

***Prayer of Invocation**

Call to Confession

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Confession of Sin – Led by Pastor

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Church Bible Pg. No. 732

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn**

Congregational Choice

Sermon

Pastor John Hayward

***Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 214

***Benediction**

***Congregation Standing As You Are Able**

Notes:

PRAY FOR THE WORLD, OUR AREA, AND OUR CHURCH

Our Featured Missionary of the Week: David and Lynelle, MTW, South Asia
Praise God that we've had a successful mercy ministry program on December 6th. The church raised funds to support Ark of the Rainbow school where I partner to hire as a mental health counselor. Our vision behind the ministry to encourage and motivate the church to become missional. We praise God for inspiring the church. We've had a successful sermon series on the book of Philemon. We focused our attention on Forgiveness. There were few people in the church who were struggling in their relationships, and they benefited from God's Word. We completed a pre-marital counseling for an arranged marriage couple. We directed their attention to the scriptures and God's design for marriage. One of our long-term goals is assist people who are in arranged marriages in the city to thrive. We hear of awful stories of these marriages, and we wish to use gospel witness to bring people to Christ. Please pray as we are still waiting to move to a new house. It is difficult to find a place that is suitable for family and ministry in the city center area. Also, Lynelle is pregnant with our second child. Our due date is late June. We hope to be back in Pennsylvania around the delivery time.

A Country of Origin for Trinity PCA Family, Members, Friends, and ESL Students:
Guatemala

Our Sister Congregation: St. Stephen Reformed Church in New Holland

Our Neighbors: Pray for our neighbors who live in Union Station, Springford Apartments and Spring Knoll townhomes, that we would continue to reach out, get to know them, and encourage them to join us for worship.

Our Local Church Missionary Servants/Ministers: Please praise God and pray for the Adult and Children's Sunday School teachers and for their lesson preparations.

Our Church Government (those who lead us in service): Deacon Bob Zinsmeister

Our Local Government (those in authority over us): State Representative Thomas Mehaffie, and Police Officer Nathan Brandt, as he enforces the laws in our township.

Long-Term Health Needs: Please pray for Namjoo Harcrow and her continued recovery. Consider sending a greeting to her at 576 Meadowcroft Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Prayer & Information Emails

Share prayer requests with Pastor Mike Wolcott by phone: 717-379-7490 (cell), After the phone call, please send the written text of your request to: mwolcott@trinityhbg.com. In addition, any staff member can send a prayer email. If the request is for someone else, you need that person's permission to share the request. Trinity desires that those worshipping with us join the prayer & information email group. To join, email cgross@trinityhbg.com or call the church office at 717-545-4271.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 24th, 7:00pm

GENERAL FUND

Timeframe	Budgeted Need	Actual Rec'd	<u>Budget</u> <u>vs. Rec'd</u>	Actual Expense	Income vs Expense
<u>Nov 2025</u>	\$83,705	\$178,115	\$94,410	\$71,280	\$106,835
Jan – Nov 2025	\$920,759	\$907,062	-\$13,697	\$904,528	\$2,534



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“Serving the Sent and Seeking to Send”

Please mark your calendar for the **2026 Missions Conference on February 20, 21, and 22**. Richie Goodrich is returning as our key speaker and many of our supported missionaries are committed to attend and bring updates of their ministry.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today	8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting
December	9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
21	10:15 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Service
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Congregational Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday		MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
Friday		
Saturday		
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USHERS

Bob Zinsmeister–Head Usher
John Meyer – Lead Usher,
Ronan Hauck, Glenn Martin,
Jeff van Bastelaar and Dawn
McLaughlin

WELCOME TEAM

Barbara and Emily Monk
Gerry and Betsy Lyter

NURSERY/JR. CHURCH **WORKERS**

Sunday School
Anna McKinzie, Abby Lonie

10:15 AM
Geneva Sterrett, Miranda
DeNardo, Charlotte and
Henry Coleman

Junior Church
Abby and Jemimah Lonie

WORSHIP SERVICE

SOUND
10:15 AM
Jason Wagner

6:00 PM
Tim Gridley

COMMUNION SERVERS

Seth Deitrick, John Meyer,
Tim Scheidler, Bob Zinsmeister

A Note on Worship

Worship is all about meeting with God through Jesus Christ. Our worship services are based on God's promises, biblical patterns and elements and historical forms.

Covenant Renewal - There is a pattern to worship of our triune God in the Bible which is often seen in what have been called covenant renewal ceremonies. God is the initiator and graciously speaks to his people and his people respond. In worship, the Father seeks his redeemed people, in Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, according to the word of God.

Required Elements - Worship according to the word of God can be summarized in large part by saying that we: Pray the Word, Sing the Word, Hear the Word and See the Word in Baptism and The Lord's Supper. What each of these look like and in what order we do them, we have freedom to choose what is most helpful to our people.

Effective Tradition - Freedom in choosing the circumstances and order of our worship service does not mean we think it doesn't matter. Christians have been worshiping for nearly two millennia and we seek to be faithful stewards of the traditions and practices that we have inherited as far as they wisely and practically obey the Scriptures and serve the people.

A Note on the Church and Beliefs

What is the church? It's not an institution of human invention or a building, rather, the Bible tells us it is the gathering of God's chosen people into the body of Christ as a temple of the Holy Spirit. And so we seek to be ruled in all things by the word of God as summarized in the standards of our church communion the Presbyterian Church in America. We have doctrinal standards in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms and a form of government in our Book of Church Order. These are all in submission to the Scriptures which is our ultimate authority in all matters. Find out more at <https://pcanet.org/>

Next Steps

Want to take the next step in understanding Jesus? We would love to talk with you but if you aren't ready and want to process more, try working this 3-2-1 Course. It explains the core teachings of Christianity. Learning happens best in community so don't hesitate to let us know you are working through the course or to ask any questions along the way.

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