



TRINITY TIMES



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Monthly Musings

The Church liturgical calendar is a structured cycle of seasons and feasts that guide the worship and spiritual life of the Christian community. Following World Communion Sunday, the liturgical year continues through a period known as Ordinary Time, culminating in the Feast of Christ the King.

The Church enters the latter part of Ordinary Time. This period is characterized by its focus on the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ. Unlike the more festive seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, Ordinary Time is a season of growth and maturation in the Christian faith. The Sundays in this period are often referred to as "Proper," each with specific readings and themes that guide the worship services.

The Proper Sundays are numbered sequentially, starting from Proper 23 (or the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost) and continuing until Proper 29, which is the last Sunday before Advent. Each Proper Sunday has its own set of lectionary readings, prayers, and hymns that reflect the ongoing journey of faith and discipleship. The themes during this time often revolve around the teachings of Jesus, the call to live out the Gospel in daily life, and the anticipation of Christ's return.

The liturgical year concludes with the Feast of Christ the King, celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary to reaffirm the sovereignty of Christ over all aspects of life. It serves as a powerful reminder that Christ is the ultimate ruler and judge, bringing the liturgical year full circle as the Church prepares to enter the season of Advent and begin the cycle anew.

It is a time of reflection, growth, and anticipation. It is a journey through the teachings of Christ, culminating in the celebration of His kingship and the preparation for His coming in Advent. This time invites Christians to deepen their faith, live out the Gospel, and look forward to the fulfillment of God's kingdom.

Jim West

Thanksgiving Food Drive November 17-November 24

The Mission and Outreach committee is sponsoring a food drive to support our neighbors in need. Our contributions go to the Food Bank which will provide 2 barrels for us to fill-up with much needed donations: (Please, No glass.)

In order of importance:

Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit
Canned Entries: Ravioli,
Soups, Chili
Canned Protein: Beans,
Chicken, Tuna
Canned Veggies
Bottled Jelly (Plastic Con-
tainer)
Boxed/Bagged Rice Products

Hot Cereal
Granola Bars
Breakfast Bars
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Shampoo/Conditioner
Soap/Lotion
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste



Monetary donations can also be given for the Food Bank to purchase fresh, perishable goods. Your checks can be given to the Church Office with "Food Bank" listed in the memo line. Many thanks for your thoughtful gifts.

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November Worship Schedule

*** Sunday, November 3 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Dale Stone

OT: Psalm 146:1-10

NT: Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: “Bonnie Scott, Robert Herrick, and AA”

Theme: The two great commandments of our faith may appear simple to understand and yet can be hard to put into practice in our daily lives. God understands and does not leave us alone in finding sources of inspiration.

*** Sunday, November 10 10:30 a.m.**

Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson

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*** Sunday, November 24 10:30 a.m.**

Christ the King Sunday

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Preaching: Rev. Bob Balwanz

*** Sunday, December 1 10:30 a.m.**

First Sunday of Advent

Preaching: Rev. Dr. RIM Massey

*** In person service, *and* live-streamed on Facebook.**



Sunday School Classes

9:15-10:10 a.m.

Classes for all ages,
kindergarten through adult.

Please join us!

FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE ~

In this time of transition, we would like to remind you to please wear your name tags to the worship service, both to assist visitors and our guest preachers. It's always nice to put a name with a face. Thank you.

MOVING FORWARD

Friends,

Just another update regarding our search for a Transitional Pastor. As I mentioned last month, the Administration and Personnel Committee submitted our Ministry Discernment Profile through the Church Leadership Connection site and we received 13 potential candidates. After reading through all their profiles, we invited 10 of the 13 to apply for our position. Three immediately withdrew their application and none of the remainder applied to our invitation. There have been no further matches to date through the CLC site.

We did receive information through the presbytery last week about a potential candidate. A&P has been in communication with this candidate and have had some very positive conversations. We are currently working on a covenant, and if that is approved by this candidate, our session, and the Commission on Ministry, then we will be sharing more information with you very soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions— I will do my best to answer them. We appreciate all your prayers and patience as we work through this process.

Susan Winkelmann
Clerk of Session

TO READ THE PREVIOUS
WEEK'S SERMON OR TO VIEW THE SERVICE VIDEO
go to:

<https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>

Submissions for the December Trinity Times?

Deadline: November 22, 2024.

Email: newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org
Kyle Groshong is our editor.



2025 Stewardship Campaign

As of Monday, October 28, we have received 37 financial pledges totaling \$296,026 for the proposed 2025 Operating Budget of \$365,282. Total operating budget pledges for 2024 are \$352,600, representing gifts from 49 individuals/families. We are very grateful for the generosity of those who have already pledged for 2025.

If you plan on making a pledge for next year, it would be very helpful to receive it as soon as possible. The Stewardship and Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 11, to review the expected income for 2025 and to prepare a recommendation to session about next year's operating budget.

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Mission Soup Supper Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee Sunday November 17 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We'll enjoy a variety of soups while being introduced to COMO Mobile Aid Collective, a very special organization serving our homeless population. Stephanie Yoakum, the organization's Operations Manager will present information about the organization. Below she shares an introduction to their amazing services.

COMO Mobile Aid Collective provides Columbia, Missouri's citizens experiencing homelessness with resources, care, and respect. We partner with community volunteers and organizations to provide food, water, survival supplies, hygiene, basic medical care, pet care, legal advocacy, and more. Our work is ever evolving as we attempt to fill the local service gaps and ease the suffering of others through direct and timely aid.

For the last four years, COMAC has operated a mobile soup kitchen for lunch 2-3 days a week depending upon the season that serves 90-120 individuals. We have also established a twice-weekly pop-up medical clinic during the evening soup kitchen and have seasonal and locational outreach teams. This bond has given COMAC the ability to learn extensively about what the most immediate and on-the-ground pressing needs are for these individuals. Our med clinic has shown to be an incredible asset for this population in Columbia.

Our clinic is a 1-hour power-hour style event staffed with licensed medical professionals. It serves 40-90 each time it's open. Every week, our powerful volunteer base makes hundreds of meaningful points of contact, provides dozens of hours of highly skilled and compassionate labor toward advocating for our friends on the street, and is proud to do so. Wound care can be a long and intimate relationship. Clinics that successfully engage with this population are proving to be a new and better model for outreach strategies, building trust, and overcoming barriers to care. We are proud of the rapport we have built with this population and hope to continue to serve them. This clinic takes place where folks in need are and after primary business hours.

On April 1, 2024, COMAC launched our mobile medical trailer named "Traylor Swift". To date, we have spent just under \$15,000 on this grassroots operation. She houses and supplies our twice-weekly pop-up medical clinic at Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen, housed under the pavilion at the Ashley Street Center. COMAC continues to see incredible demand for this clinic each time it's open. The clinic offers hygiene, first aid, drugstore meds, blood pressure and glucose checks, wound care, and more. This clinic is staffed by licensed nurses, EMTs, nursing students and more. The segment of our population experiencing housing instability no longer primarily includes those with mental illness or drug addiction; we are seeing a rapid increase in individuals who are simply elderly and low income.

Our work is ever evolving as we attempt to fill the local service gaps and ease the suffering of others through direct and timely aid. COMAC continues to believe that community solutions require collaborative effort among many stakeholders. We look forward to continuing to create a community that values all life and attempts to alleviate all forms of immediate suffering.



Please join us at this event!

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Highlights from the October Session Meeting

Trinity's session met on Tuesday evening, October 15, for their stated meeting with the Reverend Kathie Jackson moderating. **Following are highlights from the meeting:**

- ◆ New elder training will be held on November 3, November 13, and November 20. Elders-elect will also attend the session retreat on Saturday, November 9. They will be examined by session on December 17 and installed on Sunday, January 5, 2025, during Worship.
- ◆ Trinity's 2023 session minutes were approved without exception by the presbytery at a September review session.
- ◆ 2025 communion dates were approved: Sunday, March 9 (first Sunday in Lent); Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday); Sunday, June 8 (Pentecost); Sunday, August 3; Sunday, October 5 (World Communion Sunday); Sunday, November 23 (Christ the King Sunday), and Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve).
- ◆ Elder Jane Crow will serve as Trinity's elder-commissioner for the November 16 meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Versailles, Missouri.
- ◆ October financial report:

September operating income:	\$ 17,230.43
September operating expenses:	\$ 25,730.75
Excess income/expense:	\$ (8,500.32)
Jan.-Sept. income/expense:	\$ 39,726.83
- ◆ The wooden bridge at the entrance to the park trail from the back parking area has been inspected by the Property Committee and minor repairs completed.
- ◆ A discussion was initiated on building security issues. The Property Committee will look at the possible installation of cameras for the exterior doors, and more discussion will be held at the session retreat.
- ◆ The Stewardship and Finance Committee hopes to bring a proposed 2025 operating budget to session at the November 19 stated meeting.



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Ann will check phone messages and emails.



All Men of Trinity

are invited to meet for breakfast on

Wednesday,
November 13, at 8:00 a.m.

at JJ's Café , 1712 N. Providence Rd.

Please join us!



Fiber Fellowship

Saturday, November 30th
10-12 in the Youth Room

All are welcome!

We have a wonderful gift of several boxes of yarn. Next year Operation School Bell (OSB) is interested in hand-knitted or crocheted hats and headbands that cover the ears. The OSB program has a suggested hat pattern to use.

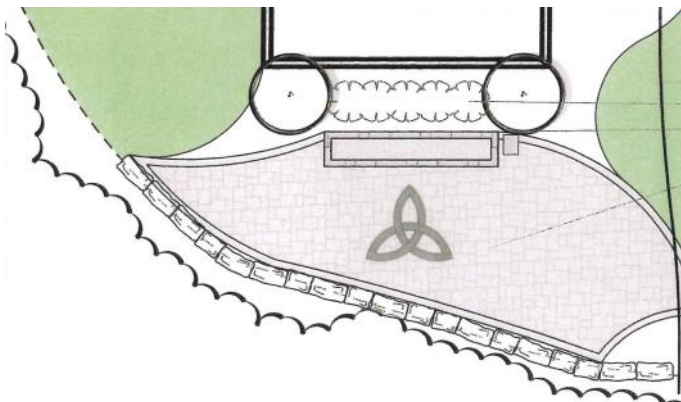


Come and join us for fellowship and bring your needle-crafts!



Memorial Garden Improvements Scheduled for December

Improvements to the Memorial Garden will begin next month. The adjacent drawing shows the new, paved surface and retaining wall. New landscaping will be added along with improved drainage.



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**Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, November 26
9:00 a.m.—Noon**

**Join your Trinity friends in
getting the church ready for
Advent & Christmas.**

There are multiple trees to decorate, greens to hang, and other items to display. The Fellowship Committee will provide morning refreshments.

The more the merrier!

Mahjong Group meets every Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

New members are always welcome. If you like to play cards mahjong may be for you.



Contact Karen Kennedy (573-529-0748) for more information.

News for Presbyterian Women November 2024



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come! Here we are at Thanksgiving time again!. Circles will be gathering on November 5 (VOTING DAY) and November 6. **Evening Circle** will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5, in Room 12 on the lower level of the church, and **Afternoon Circle** will meet at 1 p.m. on the 6th in Room 12. Our lesson this month is "Food Justice" in our "Let Justice Roll Down" study book. Please read the lesson and come ready to share your thoughts. Any questions, give me a call at 573-447-0552.

In His Love,
Charlotte Larrick, PW Coordinator



Small Groups Forming

Do you have a special interest or skill you'd like to share with other members of our church family? Maybe an activity you've been wanting to try? Movies, games, hiking, crafting, and cooking are all possibilities.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to lead a small group. Groups can meet for a set number of times, or run indefinitely. Members of our congregation as well as others are invited to participate. Contact Chris Sheriff (573-489-1783) if you have an idea for a group you'd like to lead.

The Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group for November

The final book for the Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Book Group for 2024 is *SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA* by Mona Gable. The national church-wide discussion of the book will take place on **Monday, November 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Central Time,** via zoom. To sign up for the church-wide discussion, please go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice

We will have a local discussion of the book at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Thursday, November 21, in the Fellowship Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.

SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA is the story of the murder of one Native American woman and the violence against many others that has occurred since our country's colonization.

Trinity's library has two copies of the book that you may check out to read in advance of the discussion and Daniel Boone Regional Library has four copies.

For additional information, please contact Marcia Lake at marcialake@gmail.com



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Trinity Library - Book Highlight

with Marianne Fues,
Trinity Librarian

Grace Looks Amazing on You : 100 days of Reflecting God's Love,

by Amy Seiffert

How many of us have felt like we didn't belong? Either in childhood or adulthood? Feeling misplaced and unanchored? We are not alone. God grants us grace and belonging.

Our lives in chaos. How do we get control? After all, we set our schedule. We bring items into our homes and create overstuffed drawers. Cruising the house with a garbage bag, Seiffert began to simplify. After all, Matthew 22:37-40, says we are asked only to Love God. Love others.

Amy's daily devotions and personal stories will help start your day. Seiffert writes with humor, wisdom, truth and grace. God's grace is everywhere.

Check out the Adult Library and the Children's Library! Feel free to check out books of interest. The three ring binders used for checking out books are available with each collection. Please feel free to ask for help and to recommend books for purchase!



We are looking forward to serving next on

Thursday, November 14th

4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

We continue to serve approximately 120 meals per month so your support for this mission is greatly appreciated. Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve. *Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated!*

Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 and those helping to serve will need to be at the Ashley Street Center by 3:30 for prep work.

Please call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.



The Wardrobe:
Columbia's
all volunteer,
non-profit thrift store

A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour.

Trinity's day to work is
Wednesday, November 20th
and volunteers are needed for the
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.

Trunk or Treat Fun! We had 10 cars and lots of visitors.



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Prayer Requests

Short Term Prayer Requests

Sondra Ricketts—still having issues with vertigo and problems eating after hiatal hernia surgery

Anne Stahr—now at Lake George Assisted Living on Richland Rd. Webb is staying with her.

Jim West— recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; will have additional tests this week to determine the best course of treatment.

Long Term Prayer Requests

Lou Boka - father of Samantha Boka (George), who is under-going treatment for cancer

Paul Conditt - Sarah Humfeld's father, who has health issues

Carol Lewis—sister of Georgia Morehouse, lives in Rockville, MD, and is undergoing treatment for chronic myelomonocytic leukemia.

Esther Muench Plonk - Jim Muench's mother, who suffers from dementia

Memorial Service for Linda Harris

Saturday, November 2—11:00 a.m.
Luncheon reception following worship.



Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's session as the pastor's discretionary fund. Disbursements from the fund are confidential and can be used to assist with a variety of critical needs. Recently, money from the Brotherhood Fund was used to purchase groceries for an individual and to provide utility assistance to two others. Donations are always gratefully received.



We're completing work on the new church directories, and they should be ready for distribution my mid-November. If you didn't get your photo taken and would like an updated picture included, please email it to the office right away.

From the Organ Bench by Jim West

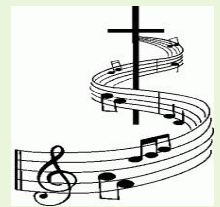
The music of Autumn, Advent, and Christmastide in the church is a delightful journey through the seasons, filled with melodies that warm the heart and sometimes tickle the funny bone. As the leaves turn golden and the air grows crisp, the church's musical repertoire shifts to reflect the changing season.

In Autumn, we often find ourselves singing hymns of thanksgiving and harvest. Songs like "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" remind us to be grateful for the bountiful harvest. But let's be honest, sometimes this Organist's imagination leads me in a humorous direction.... Picture this: I hit a particularly triumphant chord sequence and suddenly, the congregation is singing with the gusto of a football crowd cheering for their team. It's a joyful noise, indeed! I have never seen it happen, but I would be excited if it did.

As we transition into Advent, the music takes on a more reflective tone. Hymns like "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" fill the sanctuary with a sense of anticipation. But Advent also brings its own set of challenges. Have you ever tried to explain to a child why we light one candle each week on the Advent wreath? It's like trying to explain why we can't open all the doors on the Advent calendar at once. "But Dad, I want all the chocolate now!" he pleads. Patience, little one, patience. You can't eat up a whole year's worth of chocolate joy in one fell swoop.

Then comes Christmastide, when the church is filled with the joyous sounds of carols. "Joy to the World" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" are sung with such fervor that even the most reserved parishioners can't help but join in. And who can forget the annual Christmas pageant? There's always that one shepherd who forgets his lines and ends up ad-libbing something about "washing their socks all seated on the ground." The congregation chuckles, and the show goes on.

The music of these seasons not only enhances our worship but also brings us together in laughter and joy. It connects us with the broader Christian community and reminds us of the beauty and mystery of our faith. So, as we sing our way through Autumn,



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:15am Adult Class 9:15am Children/Youth 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:30pm New Elder Training	4 Election Set Up 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Committee (Zoom)	5 Election Day 7:00pm Evening Circle (Rm. 12)	6 1:00pm Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Worship Committee	8 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	9 8:30am Session Retreat
10 9:15am Adult Class 9:15am Children/Youth 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	11 8:30am PEO Chapter LM 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee (Zoom)	12 2:30pm PEO Chapter JJ 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (Zoom) 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 6:00pm New Elder Training 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	14 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes	15 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	16 10:00am Missouri Union Presbytery Meeting at Versailles 1:00pm AAUW Book Club (Library)
17 9:15am Adult Class 9:15am Children/Youth 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm Annual Mission Soup Supper	18 11:00am Garden Club 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 7:00pm Session (Rm. 12)	20 10:00am Congregational Care Committee 11:00am The Wardrobe 3:00pm Property Committee - Rm. 12 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 6:00pm New Elder Boundary Trng (Online) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	21 10:00am Book Discussion Group -FH 7:00pm Mission and Outreach Committee (Zoom)	22 Trinity Times Deadline 1:30pm Mahjong Group 5:30pm Women in Recovery	23
24 9:15am Adult Class 9:15am Children/Youth 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	25 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26 11:00am MO Symphony League 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed 5:30pm Women in Recovery	30 9:00am Hanging of the Greens