



Trinity Tidings

November 27, 2020

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Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11:30am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom on Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#).
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). For next Wednesday, the lesson Mark 1:1-8.
- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#).

- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#)
- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)
- Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#)
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara, Fr. Todd, and Mtr. Erika will be in on Sundays and occasional weekdays to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail us (Fr. Todd [tbruce@trinityfolsom.org]; Mtr. Erika [eessiem@trinityfolsom.org]; Barbara [trinity@trinityfolsom.org]), we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is **[Penitential Order](#)**. The Penitential Order was commonly used in the past, but is rarely used today. Because we're the sort of parish that likes "the old ways," we've started to use it during the Lenten season. The season that begins this Sunday, Advent, also has penitential themes (and some Lenten customs, like not saying "alleluia" during the liturgy, are often observed during Advent, too), but we're reserving the Penitential Order to Lent and making a liturgical nod at penitence during Advent by omitting "alleluias" and using the Kyrie instead of the Gloria. So even though you're reading about it now, we won't be using the Penitential Order until Lent begins in February.

Construction Pic of the Week



The church building is all covered up for the Thanksgiving break – we asked for Advent appropriate purple tarps, but that would cost extra and Fr. Todd is sort of cheap. The steel is in the church building, with about two days’ worth of welding left to do, and then the new walls and roof will be framed up and completed quickly, hopefully before the rains come. Once the building is all snugly closed in for the winter, work will begin on the interior. The delays in the steel work were longer than anticipated, and our contractor, Reeve-Knight Construction, is hoping to make up some time over the next month to keep us on schedule. They’ve been wonderful, and working hard to finish on time despite the delays from COVID, power outages, and weather. A few prayers wouldn’t hurt, so keep them coming!

Communion Sunday ~ November 29th

The next Communion Sunday will be this Sunday, November 29th. Now that we know about how many to expect, you don’t have to worry about signing up. Just pull up into the Wool Street parking spaces between **1pm and 3pm** to collect your consecrated hosts, and then tune in on the **Facebook page** that evening at 7pm for a very short liturgy during which we will all take Communion.

If you would like to receive Communion but can’t get to the church that afternoon, e-mail [Fr. Todd](mailto:fr.todd@trinityfolsom.org) and let him know. Our Altar Guild has volunteered to pick up and deliver hosts to those who can’t get to the church.

Sunday School

There’s no Sunday School this week for Adults or Youth – the teachers need a Thanksgiving break! But Karen will be posting on our Facebook page after Sunday worship a short video about Advent wreaths and the fun things in the Advent activity kits!

Trinity House Closed

Because of the surge in coronavirus cases, Fr. Todd has decided to close Trinity House to visitors and guests. Most of the staff is working from home, but several folks have to be in the office, and it’s not a well-ventilated space. We usually love guests and drop-in visitors at Trinity House, but these are strange and disruptive times, so we are asking you to not come by for a while. If you need to drop something off and it won’t fit through the mail slot in the front door, you can e-mail us (trinity@trinityfolsom.org) or call (916.985.2495) to arrange a time, and leave it on the front porch and we will come out and get it once you

have left. We hate having to do this because we really love seeing you, but we've gotten too permissive and need to tighten up our observation of best practices to keep everyone safe and healthy. Once this thing is over, we will be thrilled to welcome you back to Trinity House!

Advent Activity Kits



Since we won't be able to have our usual Advent wreath-making workshop, our Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is putting together some kits of Advent activities. They'll include the four candles you'll need to make an Advent wreath, a short devotional for the Sundays of Advent, and crafts and activities for the young and the young at heart – you don't have to be under 18 to enjoy these, and households without children are welcome to sign up for one! To help Karen know how many to make, please sign-up [here](#) and let us know that your household would like a kit, and how many copies of the activities to include (each kit will include one set of candles per household, but you might want multiple copies of the activities for each individual in the household). They will be available for pickup on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th, at the church from 1pm-3pm (it's also a Communion Sunday).

Trinity Trekkers ~ December 4th

Trinity Trekkers are walking next Friday, December 4th. We'll meet across the street from 202 Wellfleet Circle at 9am. We'll physically distance, and masks are required for gathering, strongly encouraged for walking.

Christmas Around Town

Christmas Around Town provides the clients of Twin Lakes Food Bank and other neighbors in need identified by local non-profits to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families; they're given free vouchers to use to "purchase" items in the Christmas Around Town shops. This year, as we have in the past, we are signed up to supply and staff the Women's Shop – so we get to help folks shop for their moms, wives, partners, and sisters.

We're collecting gifts to stock the store – and this week, we're especially looking for **clothing and lounging items: tops, slippers, socks, robes, pajamas, hoodies, and throw blankets.**

We keep track of what the most popular items are each year, and you can find a shopping list [here](#); you can drop items off at Trinity House, or if you are shopping online, have

them sent to the church. If you don't enjoy shopping (hi Fr. Todd!), you can also make a donation instead – just mark it Christmas Around Town, and we will use it to purchase items for our store. If you have any questions about Christmas Around Town, contact [Janice Freeberg](#) or give her a call (916.768.5100).

Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays meets on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). On December 2nd, we're starting a new book, N.T. Wright's [Surprised by Hope](#). You've probably heard a lot of people talk about heaven and what happens when we die, but do you know what the Bible, and what the Christian tradition, actually say about it Join us to find out!

Music Notes ~ No Hallelujahs in Advent

This week's prelude and postlude are taken from George Frederic Handel's oratorio Messiah. This monumental work has been thrilling audiences for almost 280 years. The oratorio is divided into three parts, lasting around two and a half hours. Given its length, it is rarely performed in its entirety, and most people are familiar only with the famous Hallelujah chorus often sung in concerts around Christmastime. However, Messiah was premiered in April, not December as one might think. Covering the entire life of Jesus, the work is more comprehensive than the Christmas portion that we know. The prelude this week is the Sinfony, an instrumental piece that opens the dramatic work. The postlude I will play is an arrangement of the choir's first chorus, And the glory of the Lord. Both of these movements come from the first scene of Messiah, opening with Isaiah's prophecy of salvation (Isaiah 40). ~ Brett Judson, Director of Music

Notes from the Vestry

The vestry met on Tuesday, November 17th. We heard updates from the building committee and are pleased that after delays while waiting for steel that work is moving forward on the church again. We also heard updates on this year's stewardship campaign, and are happy to report that we look like we will be in good shape financially heading into the upcoming year. Stay safe as we head into the holidays; we are certainly waiting for a lot this Advent. But with the recent good news on the vaccine front, we know the end of this is in sight! ~ Shannon Dillon, Senior Warden

Extra Christmas Greens Available

Since we have to order full cases of Christmas greens, if you didn't manage to get in your order before we stopped taking them, we have some extras to sell on a first come, first served basis! All proceeds go to Heifer International. We have available:

3 Holiday Centerpieces (\$27 each)

1 22" Mixed Evergreen Wreaths (\$33 each)

If you want to go ahead and make a purchase, e-mail Janice

(christmasgreens@trinityfolsom.org). Greens will be available for pickup at the church on December 6th.

Diving Deeper: Weds Morning Bible Study

If you're looking for an opportunity to dive deeper into the Scriptures, consider joining our Wednesday morning Bible study. The Wednesday morning Bible study meets on [Zoom at 11am](#) and studies a lesson that will be read in church on the following Sunday. It's really more of an exploration than a study, with members of the group asking questions, reflecting and commenting, and sharing their thoughts. There's no homework – the lesson for the week is read at the beginning, and you don't need to do any preparatory reading. It's a great group, and a great way to study Scripture, make connections, and build relationships. If you want more information, or want to give her a heads up that you're coming, e-mail the facilitator of the Wednesday morning Bible Study, [Adriana Findlay](#).

HART of Folsom Seeking Volunteers

Trinity Folsom will be "hosting" the HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) of Folsom winter shelter from February 21st-February 27th. We'll need a few folks each evening to make and serve dinner, and two people to stay overnight in the shelter. We'll be getting a sign-up sheet out soon. If you have questions or are interested, contact the HART of Folsom volunteer coordinator (and Trinity Folsom parishioner) Jessica Leng: you can [e-mail her](#) or give her a call (916.201.1321).

End of Year Donations and Stock Transfers

Just a reminder, all donations must be postmarked by December 31st to appear on your 2020 statement for tax purposes. And if you're planning to sell stock to make a gift, or transfer stock to the parish, remember that it isn't quite instantaneous, so you might want to plan ahead and act a little early. Contact [Barbara](#) in the church office if you have any questions about gifts of stock or donation statements for tax purposes.

Libby Vincent's Ordination ~ Save the Date, December 18th

The Reverend Deacon Libby Vincent will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, December 18th, at Trinity Cathedral in midtown Sacramento. We don't have a time yet, but we will get it to you as soon as we have it. Because of the pandemic, attendance is limited to the ordinands and their sponsors, so Fr. Todd will be representing us in the liturgy. But like Libby's ordination to the diaconate earlier this year, the service will be broadcast live so you can watch at home. Pray for Deacon Libby as she approaches this momentous occasion, and celebrate with us as we welcome her to the ordained priesthood in The Episcopal Church!

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