



# TRINITY TALK

December 2021

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<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
4:00PM	FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND HOLY EUCHARIST
9:30pm	"GIFT OF MUSIC"
10:00PM	CANDLELIGHT EUCHARIST WITH TRINITY SOLOISTS, HANDBELLS, AND STRINGS
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
<b>SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 2021</b>	
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST (ONE SERVICE ONLY)



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** The holidays can be challenging, exhausting, and just plain sad for folks who are dealing with the pain of loss. To honor our loss, on **Wednesday, Dec. 15th** we will gather in the church at 7 p.m. for a service of Scripture, prayer, and reflection, accompanied by music and a very special lighting of the Advent wreath. If this time of year is almost more than you can bear, please plan on joining us.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC**

Trinity Christmas Services are enhanced by the lovely music of the choir, musicians, and beautiful flowers and greens. As the request cards become available, please take a moment to fill one out and place it in the offering plate, or return to the church office. Thank you for your gift.

Carol Reynolds, Altar Guild Director  
David Ripley, Music Director



## From our Rector

.....*The Very Rev. Jeannie Martz*

In 1959, singer Diana Washington recorded the song, "What a difference a day makes." "What a difference a day makes," she sang, "twenty-four little hours...."

As I look back at my 2020 Christmas letter, oh my -- what a difference a year makes! 365 little days....

Referencing the lyrics of two Advent hymns, "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" and "O come, O come, Emmanuel," one year ago I wrote, "Filled with both longing and expectation, musical chords both poignant and hope-filled, these hymns speak to, and into, our hearts. They connect us with all who have longed for God's deliverance before us, and all who will wait with expectation for God's fulfillment after we ourselves have moved on into God's greater presence.

"Longing, expectation, and fulfillment are the stuff of all of our lives these days, as we long for a return to what was even as we expect the fulfillment of what will be – a readily available vaccine against the coronavirus!

"Truly, truly, in these days we are an Advent people. But we are also Easter people, and we are Easter people because we were Christmas people first. In the beginning was the Word; in the fullness of time, Emmanuel, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. At the end of the day, God giving God-self for us all that we may all be one in Christ. Amen, alleluia."

I then went on to list our 2020 Christmas season worship services, all of which were online only.

Longing, expectation, and fulfillment. While the ready availability of vaccines and boosters hasn't been the smoothly paved road we might have hoped it would be, it has made a return to in-person worship possible – and many thanks to everyone who continues to contribute their time, energy, and expertise to make our hybrid worship happen.

This Advent season brings us a blend of both online and in-person services:

Both our 10 a.m. Thursday morning healing service and our 5:30 p.m. Saturday service are back in place for in-person worship.

On Sundays, we are back to worshipping in-person only at 8 a.m. and in our hybrid in-person/online service at 10 a.m. (The Zoom link for this 10 a.m. service is always sent out the previous day.)

Drive-through communion on Sunday mornings for those who have worshiped online is available from noon – 12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, we will have our in-person only service of Blue Christmas. Please invite those you know who have suffered loss and wish to honor that loss to join us for this service of Scripture, prayer, music, and silence.

On Friday, Dec. 24, we will have two services: our in-person only Family Service and Pageant at 4 p.m. and our hybrid FESTIVAL EUCHARIST at 10 p.m., preceded by THE GIFT OF MUSIC at 9:30 p.m. Both the Gift of Music and the evening Eucharist will be available online.

For those who have worshiped with us online, drive through communion will be available from 11:30 p.m. – 12 midnight.

On Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, we will have an in-person only Eucharist at the church at 10 a.m. Drive through communion will NOT be available after this service.

On Sunday, Dec. 26 we will have ONE SERVICE ONLY, a hybrid Eucharist at 10 A.M. Drive through communion will be available from 11:30 a.m. – noon.

Finally, on Dec. 31, something NEW AND GOOD that we began last year and are continuing: an ONLINE ONLY service of prayer at 5 p.m. to recognize and dedicate the beginning of a new calendar year. Please bring a beverage of your choice to toast in the New Year at the end of our service!

In the blink of an eye, December 2021 will be history and 2022 will be staring in our faces. Before it does, please take these days and nights of Advent to stop and sit quietly, open to the silence and to the presence of God. What a difference a year makes!





- 12/11 Martin Miguel and Cheryl Sosa**
- 12/18 Robert and Amy Morales**
- 12/21 Jim and Betsy Little**
- 12/28 Fred and Anne Warburton**

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| <b>12/01 Patty Carlton</b>   | <b>12/23 Jim Little</b>       |
| <b>12/07 Roy Wojahn</b>      | <b>Tobechi Elendu</b>         |
| <b>12/10 Charlie Wood</b>    | <b>12/25 Priscilla Selman</b> |
| <b>12/12 Doug Omer</b>       | <b>Arianna Jaime</b>          |
| <b>12/15 Robert Bilodeau</b> | <b>12/28 Salina Amaro</b>     |
| <b>Ian Hicks</b>             | <b>12/30 Chris Candela</b>    |
| <b>12/18 Betty Johnson</b>   | <b>12/31 Jeannie Martz+</b>   |
| <b>12/19 John McCulloch</b>  | <b>Victoria Knight</b>        |
| <b>12/21 Micki Ireland</b>   |                               |



Dear Trinity,

We have been trying to come up with the perfect way to express our thankfulness and gratitude for everyone and everything that went into our wedding reception. However, it is impossible to come up with the exact way to express ourselves. So, from the bottom of our hearts,

**THANK YOU**, we had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed being able to celebrate with every one of you! Your and God’s love radiated throughout the entire day.

The reception was everything and more that we had hoped for. The band coming was an absolute surprise to us and was absolutely perfect.

Thank you to Carol and Jack Reynolds for their help in getting the band there in the first place.

Thank you to the Brotherhood of the BBQ. You guys helped feed everyone quickly and deliciously and we know you were the last ones to eat as well. Thank you to Carl Watson, Rich Heim, Bruce White, Mike Donaldson.

Thank you to our bartenders, Jeanette Mattson, Kim Donaldson, and Dawn Heim for keeping the lines short and moving! Everyone loves a quick bar.

Thank you to everyone who brought a side dish, dessert, or anything else to share. Everything we had was delicious and we had more than enough to feed everyone.

Thank you to the kitchen guild who helped set up, keep up and clean up! This reception would not have been so successful without each and every one of you. You all went above and beyond to make our day so special! Thank you to Laurie McKinnell, Susie White, Yvonne Omer, Heidi Crabbs and Debbie Schober Long!

An extra special thanks to Lisa Jewett and Rev. Annie. Thank you for taking the stress planning and logistics off of our hands. We were able to focus on the day and have fun. This entire reception wouldn’t not have been as amazing without your love and thoughtfulness for every single detail.

Thank you again to everyone who came and supported us and surrounded us with so much love and faithfulness. It was a power “we will!” when Rev Jeannie asked if you would support us through your marriage. Our reception was a powerful display of those words in action.

With all our love and thankfulness,

Grant and Christine

## DECEMBER OUTREACH CALENDAR

12/05	Ingathering Sunday—Canned meat, rice and beans
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### ST. PAUL'S SUPPER PROGRAM

After 16 months we are testing our return to serve our neighbors in need.

Many things have changed:

We no longer serve hot sit down meals

12:45pm, we start to prepare meals

We serve our guests at 2:30pm and finish at 4pm

Guests must wear masks and stay 6 feet from others

Volunteers must wear masks and gloves.

We need 16 Volunteers:

12:45pm—4 (only) in the kitchen to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, clean up and put away items they used, also sweep the floor, take out trash

1:15pm—4 to pack the lunch bags and return unused items to pantry

2:00pm—6 outside to pass out lunches and bags of pre-packed food and other foods that may be extra

3:45pm—Take left over items back to pantry—sanitize tables and return them to closet

THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BACK BULLETIN BOARD

2022 DATES:

January 2nd, March 6th, May 1st, July 3rd, September 4th, and November 6th

Hope to See You There—Connie Donaldson and Rocky Covill

### WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

11/07	\$ 10,553	140
11/14	\$ 7,865	102
11/21	\$ 5,447	167
11/28	\$ 5,751	104

Youth Group News

This month we will meet in the youth center on Sunday afternoons December 5 and 12 from 4 to 5:30. We will not meet on Sunday December 19 or 26, and our regular schedule will resume on January 2.



Christmas Party on 12/12!

Instead of a progressive dinner, this year we will be having our Christmas Party on Sunday December 12 here in the Youth Center from 4 to 6PM. Please bring a wrapped gift valued under \$20 for our crazy "Yankee Swap" gift exchange. There will be games, hanging out, and lots of food. See you then!



Kid's Shop

All Trinity kids and extended family grandkids are welcome to shop for Christmas gifts in our "Kid's Shop". Thanks to your donations there is a variety of gifts appropriate for them to select themselves! The shop is in the Youth Center and will be open during Sunday mornings during Sunday School and after our worship services.

If you would like to bring your children and/or grandchildren by another time, please contact Rev. Annie and she will be happy to open it up for you!



Holiday Office Hours

December 24	Closed
December 27	8:30am-12:30pm
December 28	8:30am-12:30pm
December 29	8:30am-12:30pm
December 30	8:30am-12:30pm
December 31	Closed
January 1	Closed



"Faithful and Strong" defines Trinity and was a perfect theme for our Stewardship program the last two months. Even with continued challenges and changes to our individual lives and our life as a faith community, we have supported each other and Trinity as siblings in Christ.

As we prayed about our financial support, we turned to 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 for guidance. "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

Being firm in our faith, courageous in times of uncertainty, strong in times of doubt and fear, and acting in love, define the life of one dedicated to God. Being a follower of Jesus, indwelling in and with Christ, guides us in all we do.

As of Sunday November 28, we have received 97 pledge cards for a total of \$376,990.00 in promised financial support of the mission and ministries of Trinity. Our goal for the upcoming year is \$414,990.00 and we are close!

A very BIG "thank you" to all who have faithfully and generously responded and returned a pledge card. Each one of us is important in our community of faith, we need the support of your time volunteering, the skills you offer, and your generosity financially.

If you have not yet done so, please return your pledge card to the church office. Thank you all for your generosity and financial contribution to Trinity Orange!

Sunday School

Sunday School will be held during our 10AM worship on Sunday mornings. Our teachers will continue to meet students outside the church and then walk them to the youth center for class. We are always open to having more help with this program. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Annie.



CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

If you make any Amazon purchases through the icon on the Trinity Website, the church receives 4% of your purchase. If seven items are purchased in a month the donation increases to 7%. But you must access Amazon through the church website: [www.trinityorange.org](http://www.trinityorange.org). (On the home page, scroll to the bottom and click on the Amazon logo)

Outreach Fall Event "Carpe Vinum"



