First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

10AM Holy Communion with Music

TRINITY CHURCH

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand and join us in singing the hymns, prayers which reflect on the theological themes of the day and season, and can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew, ordered by the numbers listed in the bulletin below.

OPENING HYMN *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* Hymn 58

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Presider: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.
Celebrants: ***Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.***

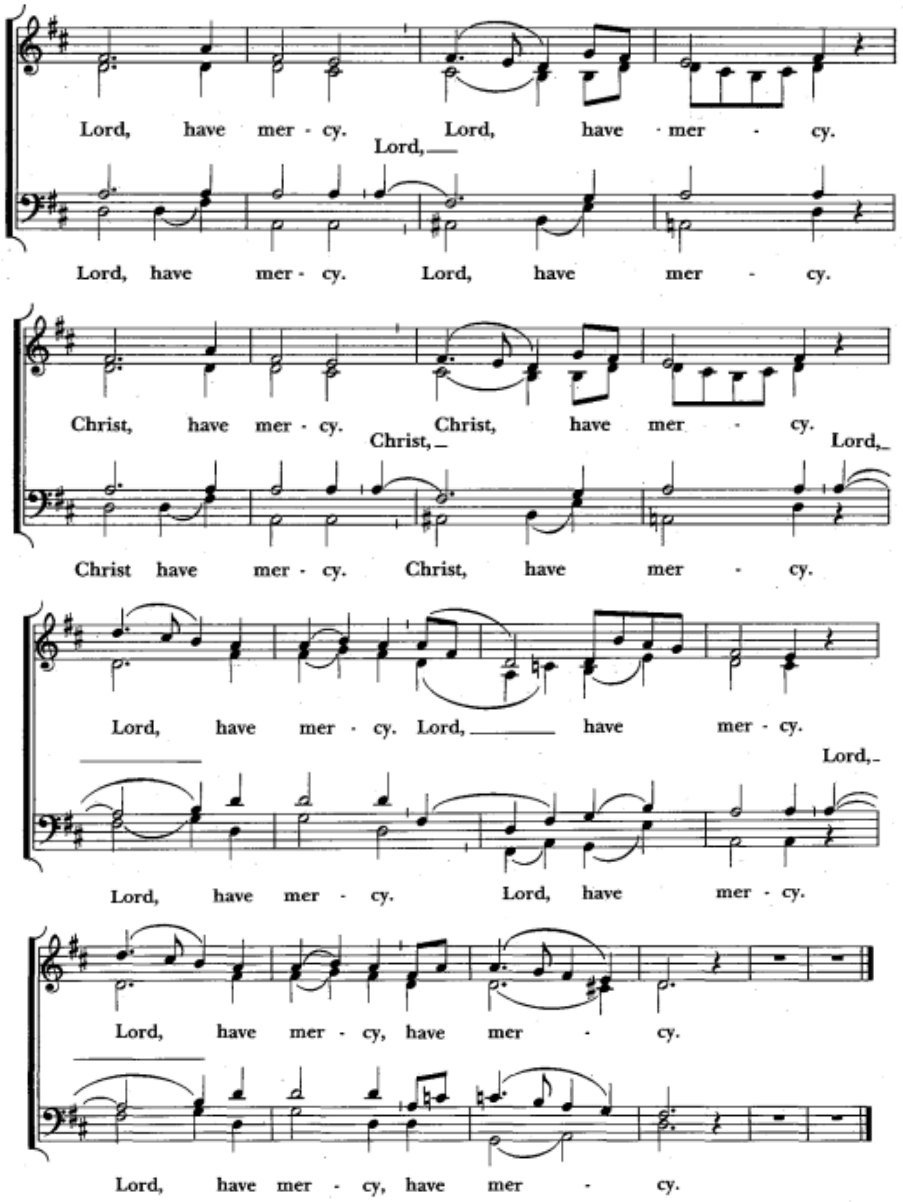
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
Celebrants: ***God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: ***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen***

Lord, have mercy *Kyrie*



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.
Celebrants: ***And also with you.***
Presider: Let us pray.

ALL: ***Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

All may be seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Celebrants: ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Celebrants: ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN *"Sleepers, wake!"* Hymn 61

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Presider: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.
Celebrants: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
Celebrants: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

All may be seated.

HOMILY Paul Yoon

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Mothering God,
you have promised to hear when we pray
in the name of your Son.
Therefore in confidence and trust
we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: especially those in military service, Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, and canines.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings/birthdays and anniversaries may be offered.)

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Carol, Nancy, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich, Bruce, Wayne, Geoff, Kim, Penny, Jim, Mary, Doug, Rosalie and Darcy;

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

God of hope, comfort and restore
all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith
of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: ***Most merciful God,***
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Celebrants: ***And also with you.***

All may share with one another a sign of peace.

All may be seated.

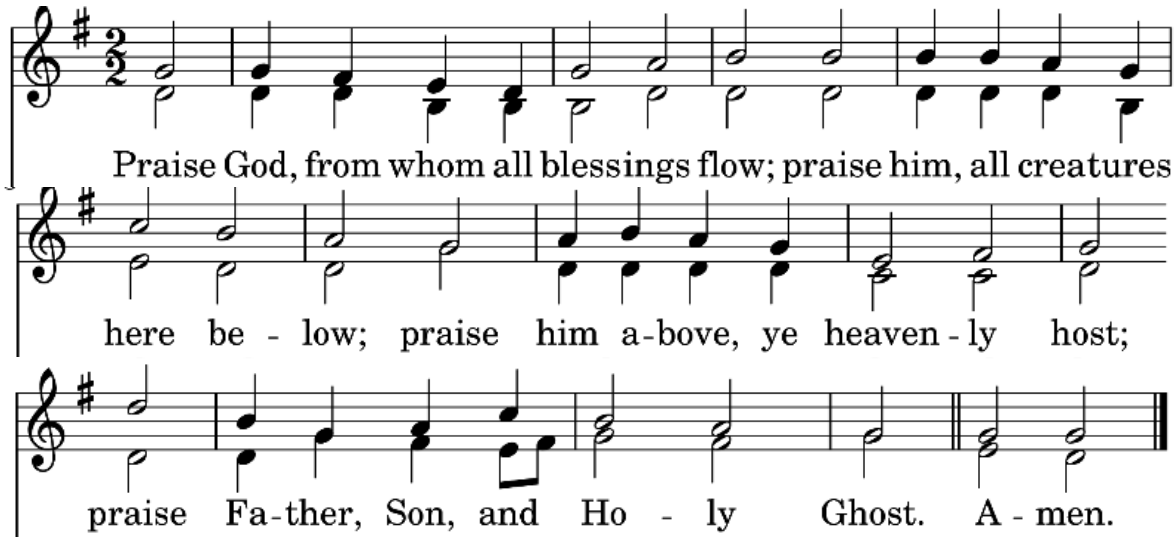
The HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All stand as are able

OFFERTORY HYMN *Rejoice! rejoice, believers* Hymn 68

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380 vs.3



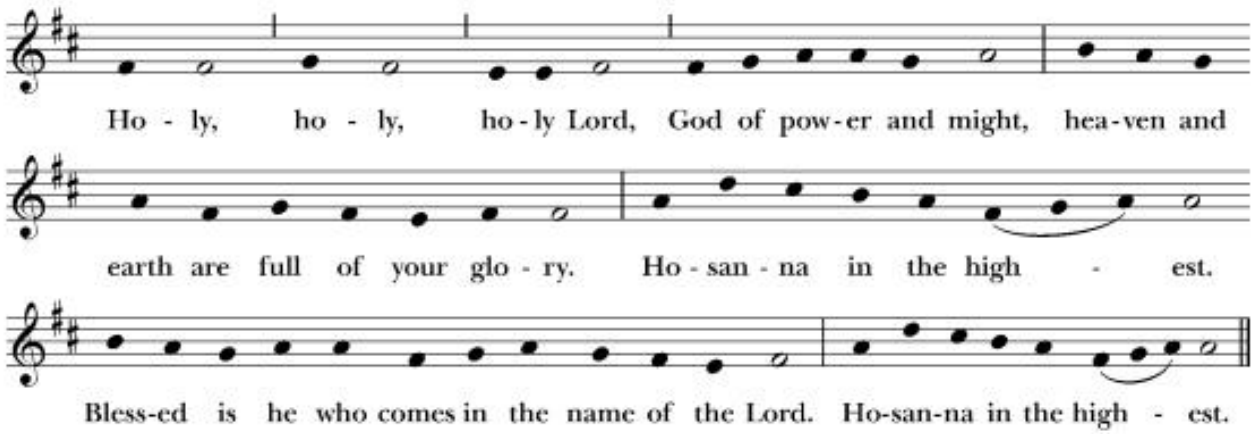
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.
Celebrants: ***And also with you.***
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
Celebrants: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrants: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

S124 in Hymnal



The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: ***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.

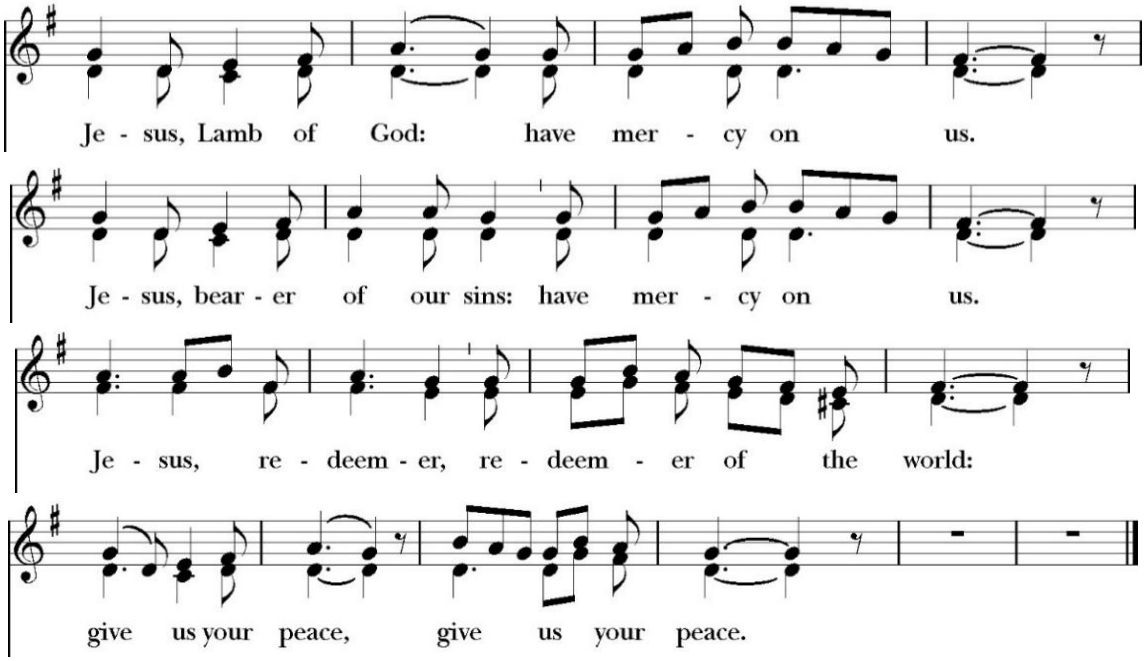
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Host and, after a moment of silence, continues,

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Celebrants: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

AGNUS DEI

S164 in Hymnal



The Presider says the following invitation

Behold what you are and become what you receive.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Presider: Blessed be God who calls us together.
Celebrants: ***Praise to God who makes us one people.***
Presider: Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
Celebrants: ***Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.***
Presider: Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
Celebrants: ***Praise to God who is revealed as love.***
Presider: Blessed be God who alone has called us.
Celebrants: ***Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.***
Presider: Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
Celebrants: ***Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.***
Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Crown him with many crowns* Hymn 494

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia!
Celebrants: ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compassionate Outreach

CFA In our efforts of continuing to support Center for Food Action (CFA), the Outreach Committee has decided to host different themes each month during the year. The Theme for December is Breakfast foods and gift cards for families: Walmart, Kohls, Marshalls, Target. NOTE: This does not mean people must only donate these items, since they are only suggestions. ALL donations are greatly appreciated.

Angel Tree – Diocesan Prison Ministry Christmas Gift Program "The Angel Tree" is in the Narthex with gift tags for children who have parents incarcerated in the Essex and Hudson County Jails. The gifts will be taken to the jail so that the parent can give the child a gift in person at a Christmas party hosted by the Prison Ministry at the jail. Please take a tag from the tree in the lobby for a child or teenager you want to supply with a gift. The tags for children, aged from pre-school to teenagers, have gift suggestions. If your gift or part of your gift is a "gift card", please put them in a clearly marked envelope, so nothing is misplaced. The final date to drop off at church is TODAY 11/29/26 after the 10:00 am service for delivery to the Diocese. ****No giftwrap please. Leave gift with tag in an open gift bag****

Mitten Tree - A special tree will be in the Memorial Room TODAY! inviting all of us to assist in decorating it with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. This is a wonderful Christmas tradition at Trinity and is a marvelous way for parishioners to share the "warmth of the Christmas spirit" with those who are seeking to warm their bodies during the cold winter days. All of the mitten/glove/hat/scarf donations will be taken to the Prison Ministry

Joyful Fellowship

Coffee Hour - The signup sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! There is a new Instruction Sheet on the Bulletin Board next to the Pantry in the kitchen to help everyone. If you need any further guidance, contact me and I will be glad to help. Janet Zacco

The Community Thrift Shop

The Shop is open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Merchandise is accepted on Mondays only, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Mark your 2 bags or boxes with #66, our account. Any questions, contact Janet Zacco

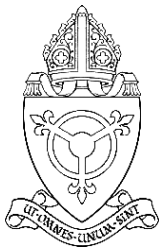
Grandkids Kitchen

Grandkids Kitchen is a once-weekly dinner delivery service currently operating out of Trinity's kitchen. Orders are accepted until noon on Saturdays for Monday dinner delivery.
https://grandkidskitchen.lovable.app/

Memorial/Thanksgiving Flower Offerings for CHRISTMAS!!

We are now taking Memorial/Thanksgiving Flower Offerings for **CHRISTMAS!!**

Please fill out an envelope found on the table in the narthex with your memorial or thanksgiving requests you want included in the bulletin of our Christmas Eve service and enclose a check for $35.00 made payable to: St. Mary's Altar Guild. Or, call or send an email to Lana with your requests. Requests must be received by **Sunday, December 13** to be included in the bulletin.



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