

Trinity Presbyterian Church Photo & Video Policy

At Trinity Presbyterian Church, we value the way photos and videos help our congregation communicate, celebrate our fellowship, recognize those who serve, preserve memories, and share the story of God's work among us. Photos and videos also help tell our story in the community by providing those looking for a church with information and an idea of what to expect when they attend our worship services and events.

Accordingly, photography, videography, live-streaming, and other recording may be in progress at Trinity's services, activities, classes, groups, programs, ministries, and other events. We may use the media recorded at these events in materials produced by the church, including but not limited to bulletins, posters, brochures, newsletters, and other printed and electronic materials, digital media, our website, or church social media accounts. By attending Trinity Presbyterian Church, you grant permission for the church to use these recordings for our promotional and publicity purposes without compensation. We view sharing these moments as a privilege that helps bear testimony to God's work among us, and we intend to honor that trust. In keeping with our commitment to mutual accountability and providing a safe place for the vulnerable, we will not knowingly post anything that would be embarrassing or hurtful, and we will respect an individual's or family's request to opt out wherever possible.

Photographing or Video Recording Minors

Because we believe children are a precious gift made in God's image, we are deeply committed to their safety. To protect the privacy of our youth, photography and videography are generally not permitted in children's Sunday School classes, nurseries, or small group classroom settings. Volunteers in classrooms should not take photos of children on their personal devices except as permitted by this policy. If a specific need arises to photograph these smaller settings, explicit written permission will be obtained from parents before any publishing or public display.

As an exception to this policy, approved Sunday School teachers and volunteers may take an annual group class photograph to share with the parents or guardians of the students. These photographs may not be publicly posted, shared on personal social media, or distributed beyond the families of that class.

Under no circumstances will any identifying information (including names, contact information, school names, or other identifying details) of anyone under 18 years of age be included in or associated with any photos or videos that are posted or published in any way.

Any event-related photos or videos including minors must have already occurred. For example, a prior-year youth group or Crow Creek trip photo could be posted or published, while a photo of youth who are signed up for a future trip will not.

Photographers or videographers acting on behalf of the church must be approved in accordance with our Child Protection Procedures and receive advance approval from ministry or pastoral staff. Those frequently capturing media of children may be subject to the same screening and background check requirements as other volunteers in our children and youth ministries.

General Group and Sanctuary Photographs

We reserve the right to take general group, sanctuary, or crowd photographs at worship services or other large church-related activities. In these settings, children may appear incidentally within a crowd or group shot, provided they are not the primary subject of the image and their face is not clearly identifiable. If you are concerned that a child in your care may be identifiable in such a photo, you may submit a removal request as described below.

Requesting Removal of a Photograph or Video

Any individual who appears in a photo or video that has been posted online may request its removal for any reason by contacting the church office. Please indicate the person or persons involved and the photo or video in question, and we will seek to remove it from the website or other location where it appears.

Please note that while we will make every reasonable effort to remove requested images from our own channels, we may not be able to retrieve photos that have already been shared by third parties or on personal social media accounts.

Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Trinity Presbyterian Church office: Email: office@trinityrochester.org Phone: (507) 282-6377