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October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship With Us

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

Our Mission Statement

"Life in the Son"

Loving, Inviting, Faithful Examples, Serving Our Neighbors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Welcome to Trinity. We are so glad you are here to worship today.

During the prelude, let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Where indicated (), please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom, arr. by Carl Seal

Mark Fahner, Flugelhorn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true

With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*OPENING HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

NO. 98

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

NO. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

NO. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

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, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

by Isaac Wyatts

*DOXOLOGY

NO. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*READING OF THE WORD **Philippians 3:4-14**

Common English Bible (CEB)

⁴ though I have good reason to have this kind of confidence. If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

⁵ I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.

⁶ With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.

With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

⁷ These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ

⁹ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith.

¹⁰ The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death ¹¹ so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

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¹²It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. ¹⁴The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Upward

Rev. Gene Aiken

*Next Sunday's Scripture: **Philippians 4:1-9***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

NO. 12

*CLOSING HYMN

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

NO. 413

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Lee Turner

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

"Make the Sounds of Praise"

Robert J. Hughes

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings and in memory of
my wonderful husband, Joe Cornwell, on his heavenly birthday.*

Given by Beth Cornwell



The pastors and congregation will be in prayer this week for the following persons:

Aubrey & Pam Apple David & Susan Attenbeger Bacter & Betty Barger

Tom & Missy Bauder John & Lee Bouton John Breeden

Please also keep our armed forces, police officers, first responders and teachers in your prayers.

Total for the week of September 27, 2026 Year to date

Received:	\$	594,993.33
Expenditures:	\$	544,694.36
Total Difference	\$	50,298.97

Capital Campaign BF Contributions

Sunday offering:	\$	40.00
Received online:	\$	450.00
Total received	\$	490.00

Building Fund

Weekly Building Fund Offering:	\$	490.00
Current Bldg. Fund Bank Balance:	\$	126,035.41
Current Bldg. Fund Bank Loan Balance:	\$	509,151.24

Hearing amplification devices are available for anyone needing assistance hearing throughout the service. Please see an usher for assistance.



Attendance for Sunday, September 27, 2026:

8:30 am: **113**

9:45 am: **69**

11:00 am: **153**

In-Person Total = **335**

Online Total: **252**

Facebook Total: **488**

Join Us for the Blessing of the Animals' Service Today at 2 pm!

This special service is a beautiful opportunity to honor and bless our furry, feathered, and scaly friends, recognizing the joy and companionship they bring into our lives. All are welcome to attend, so feel free to invite family and friends! Please remember to bring a lawn chair to sit comfortably as we gather outdoors for this meaningful occasion.

FALL FEST & CHILI CONTEST – OCTOBER 10

Join us for a fun-filled day at our Annual Fall Fest this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm! Enjoy pumpkin painting, face painting, a bounce house, petting zoo, live music, and delicious food. We're also hosting a chili contest – whether you love to cook or just want to taste, sign up to bring your favorite chili! Guests will sample and vote for their favorites with donations, supporting a new playground and mission projects like Blessing Bags.

Volunteers are also needed at the welcome station and activity booths. You can sign up in the bulletin, on the church website, or by contacting Pastor Stephanie. Whether you're making chili or helping out, come be part of this joyful celebration!

Trinity Blood Drive

Thursday, October 8 from 9 am to 2 pm in Trinity Hall

Donating Blood Saves Lives. Register now at www.redcrossblooddrive.org
or scan the QR code.



ALL SAINTS' BANNER

For three weeks before All Saints' Sunday, the All Saints' banner will be located in the Narthex of the church. Slips of paper will be available to fill out to remember the name of a friend, family member and/or loved one who has passed at any time. Pin the remembrance to the banner with the attached bell. This banner will be processed in on All Saints' Sunday at the beginning of the service.

On Sunday, November 1, 2026, we will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday at the church during the worship services. All Saints' Sunday is the day when we remember with thanksgiving those members of the church family who have joined the "Church Triumphant" this past year. We celebrate their presence with the Lord in heaven through their resurrection, and we remember the blessings of their lives here on earth. We will be reading the names of those persons who have died this past year during the services.

PEP CLUB

Come one, come all to our Spooktacular Halloween Party Thursday, October 15th at 11:30 in Trinity Hall. Food, fun and fellowship is the center of what we do. Dust off those Halloween costumes to participate in our Halloween contest. It will be Spooktacular! So, get ready to trick or treat and join the other fun activities to follow.

We will be serving Mission Barbecue.

If your last name begins with A - L, bring a dessert to share.

If your last name begins with M - Z, bring a side dish to share.

As always, bring a friend and make new friends. Everyone welcome! Sign up on today's sign-up sheet or on Realm. Any questions, call or text Rhonda Thompson at 843-655-1922. See you there.

Trunk or Treat – October 31

Get ready for a fun and festive Halloween celebration! On Saturday, October 31 from 2-4 pm, bring your kids in costume for a safe and joyful afternoon of games, candy and community fun. We'd love your help making this event special: decorate your trunk, golf cart, or truck bed with a fun theme and hand out treats. We also appreciate candy donations to ensure every child leaves with a smile!

If you can help, contact Stephanie at trinitynmbkids@gmail.com or sign up in the bulletin or online. Let's come together to create a memorable Halloween for your church family and community!

Meetings This Week

Today
10/4
Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)
Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 8:45 am (Trinity Hall)
Adult Sunday School Classes: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rm. 2 & Trinity Hall Mtg. Room 2)
Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Trinity Hall & Live Streaming Online)
Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)
Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)
Blessing of the Animals: 2:00 pm (On the Front Lawn)
Kids' Christmas Program Rehearsal: 4:00 pm (Sanctuary)
Trinity Kids: 4:30 pm (AG Greene Building)
Youth Group: 6:00 pm (Youth Room)

Monday
10/5
Crafters' Soup Making: 8:00 am (Kitchen & Trinity Hall)
Weight Watchers: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room & New Kids' Room)
Trinity Book Club: 1:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)
Monday Golf Outing: 2:00 pm (Beachwood Golf Club)
Worship Committee Meeting: 5:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)
SPRC Meeting: 6:00 pm (Library)
Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)

Tuesday
10/6
Crafters' Soup Making: (8:00 am Kitchen & Trinity Hall)
Bridge: 9:30 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)
Susanna Wesley Circle: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)
Bible Study-Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit: 10:00 am (Sanctuary)
Staff Meeting: 12:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)
Mission Committee Shoebox Meeting: 1:00 pm (Library)
GriefShare: 2:00 pm (Trintiy Hall Meeting Room 1)
Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
New Member Class: 6:00 pm (Upstairs' Room 2)
SAG Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)

Wednesday
9/30
Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)
Master's Meal: 12 noon (Trinity Hall)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal: 4:30 pm (Sanctuary)
Bible Study-Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit: 6:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Thursday
10/1
American Red Cross Blood Drive: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall)
Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)

Friday 10/2

Saturday 10/3 Fall Fest: 10:00 am (Churchwide)

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

Volunteers this Week

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ushers:	Dick & Emily Tinsley, Tom & Connie Kelser	Margaret Martin, Tonya Ard Jacke Stanley, Cindy Burgio, Scot Keziah
Altar Guild:	Janis Ortmeyer and Carol Adams	

Trinity Staff

Ministers:	The Congregation
AV Technician:	Kyle Frankman
Child Care:	Tera Velez
Church Sexton:	Lee Ann McDonald
Director of Contemporary Music:	Richard Schellinger
Director of Traditional Music:	Dr. Kenneth S. Klaus, Ph.D.
Financial Secretary:	Heather Ensor
Office Manager:	Jennifer Piccolo
Organist/pianist:	Melanie Welborn
Pastor Emeritus:	Edmond Daniel
Youth Director:	Jordan Bryant
Pastors:	Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Stephanie Schellinger

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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The Nursery with professional child care is available during all of the Sunday services.

Nursery (ages 0-3) AG Greene Nursery

Children/Youth Sunday School (4 yr. old - 5th Grade)

9:45 am during Passing of the Peace in the AG Greene Building's Trinity Kids' Room

11:00 am following the Children's Sermon in the AG Greene Building

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:45-10:45 am

Young + Young at Heart

Library starting September 13

XYZ Young Adults

2nd Floor, Room #2 starting September 13

Trinity Kids (Grades 1-5) meets Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the AG Greene Building.

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Youth Room.