

**Stop by the Gallery After Worship Meet the February Artist, Ann Bagge!**



**A Message from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)**

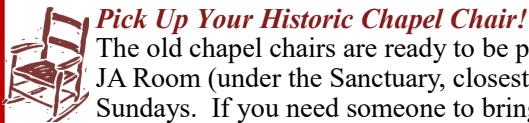
Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) extends heartfelt thanks to all who have expressed interest and a willingness to participate in the search for a new Director of Music Ministries. Your support means so much, and we are deeply grateful for your encouragement during this important time. We are planning to advertise for both a full time position as well as two part time positions to broaden our resource pool.

We want each member of the congregation who wants to express their thoughts to feel heard. Every member of the SPRC is available to listen to your thoughts, suggestions, or concerns about the search process. Feedback gathered from these conversations will be shared and thoughtfully considered during our committee discussions.

The SPRC members are as follows: Sara McKeown (chair); Lisa Bakowski; Karen Sheffield; Donna Miller; Vera Baker; Fred Lewis, Mike Rust (co-lay leader); Sandra Collins (co-lay leader); Shonali Bhajjan; Ellen Lutz and Pastor David Calhoun.

We appreciate your understanding, support and prayers throughout this process.

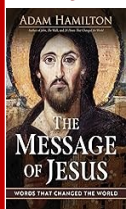
With gratitude,  
The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)



**Pick Up Your Historic Chapel Chair!**

The old chapel chairs are ready to be picked up. You can come and select your chair in the JA Room (under the Sanctuary, closest to Vincent Hall) after worship for the next 3 or 4 Sundays. If you need someone to bring the chair up to you, let us know.

**An After the Holidays Book Study - The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World**



Did you know that much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said? If you would like to learn more, you are invited to join Rev. Calhoun in a fresh encounter with the Words of Jesus. In this six-week study by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, we explore six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. There are three weeks left in the study: Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20 - 5:30-7:00 p.m. To sign up, email Doreen at [doreen@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:doreen@trinityspringfield.org). The book is available on Amazon.



**New Member Orientation**

Are you new to the church and interested in learning more? Have you been attending Trinity UMC and would like to learn about its work in the community and/or about becoming a member of this dynamic congregation? You are invited to a New Member Orientation on **Saturday, February 22, 2025, 10 a.m. to noon in the Trinity Parkside Café**. Come and enjoy a continental breakfast and have your questions answered! If you decide to join, you will be received into church membership on Sunday, March 9. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up with Doreen at: [doreen@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:doreen@trinityspringfield.org) or 413-737-5311. Thank you.

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, February 2, 2025**

**Liturgy for the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving in Honor of Black History Month**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**L:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When human cruelty reared its ugly head, you sustained your people and made it possible for your precious children to survive the middle passage, auction blocks, whipping posts and forced labor. You softened the hearts of many who worked in secret on their behalf. You lifted our heads with the message that God sides with the oppressed and delivers the captives. You strengthened your people's hands to struggle for justice and freedom. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Communion Sanctus: "Holy, Holy" by Schubert

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## Liturgy for the Sacrament of Holy Communion (continued)

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who left the comforts of glory to live among a people estranged from God. By his life and example, he taught us that it was possible to love our neighbors and live together as family. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

L: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, now and forever.

**All: Amen!**

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Welcome to Worship - Fourth Sunday After Epiphany/Communion Sunday, February 2, 2025!

We are glad that you are here! If you have any questions, ask one of the ushers at the rear entrance of the sanctuary. Large-print Bibles, hymnals, & hearing devices are available from an usher.

### NEW TO TRINITY CHURCH?

*We would love to reach out to you! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera app and a staff member will contact you. Welcome!*

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### SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

**The Children's Table** offers coloring pages and other materials to help children feel welcome and comfortable in church. The table is located in the rear of the sanctuary. Please return supplies.

### **Trinity's Nursery for children birth to 4 yrs. is open during the worship service downstairs.**

As we continue the process of hiring for the nursery, we are looking to our caring congregation to keep our nursery staffed during worship. If you are willing to volunteer in the nursery, please reach out to Rob at: [directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org).

### **Trinity's Christian Education Classes LIGHT@9 for K-Grade 12.**

**LIGHT@9-Children**, for Kindergarten -through grade 5, meets downstairs in Vincent Hall near the big parking lot entrance. **LIGHT@9-Youth**, for gr. 6-12, meets on the top floor. If you are not already signed up, please sign up next week before the classes at 9 a.m.

### **Chapel Kids is a worship service designed for children Ages 5-13 yrs.**

Chapel Kids is offered on Sundays mid-September until the end of May, **except Communion Sunday, which is on the first Sunday of every month.** It begins at the beginning of the middle hymn, and ends after the benediction. It is located in Grace Chapel, which is through the side door in the front right of the sanctuary around the corner.

**For more information** about the music programs, email the Interim Director of Music; Dr. Christopher White: [music@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:music@trinityspringfield.org), for Dance Movement Choir, email the director; Amelia Hays-Rivest: [amelia@dramastudio.org](mailto:amelia@dramastudio.org). For the children & youth programs, email the Director of Family Ministries and Connection; Rob Powell: [directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org). Thank you.

*This church is committed to providing a safe place for our children & youth.*

**Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy** requires that parents (or an adult they have designated) bring & pick-up their children 5<sup>th</sup> gr. & under from church-sponsored programs. Please escort your child to/from the restrooms during worship. Thank you.

**Wi-Fi Guest network password:** TrinityGuest7476!

**Want to learn more?** Scan the QR code with your smart phone.



**Attendance for Sunday, January 26, 2025: Adults 130, Children 16 = Total 146**

-Thank you for your generosity, and for supporting the many missions of Trinity!