



**Last Chance to Purchase A "Living Memorial" Christmas Poinsettia 2024**  
**The deadline for poinsettias is noon tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 16!** We still have several plants we need donations for. The donation for a plant is \$20. You can add additional names as you wish to the plant. Please fill out a form at the back of the sanctuary and pay in the offering plate or see the link in Thursday Thoughts to order on-line. We ask that you leave the plants until after the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service. You can also pick them up on Dec. 26th.



**Artists at the Crossroads**

The December exhibit in the Trinity Community Gallery features the art of Artists at the Crossroads, a small group of professional artists from Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut. They represent a body of work covering all mediums and styles of fine art including traditional, contemporary and three dimensional. Stop in before or after worship to view this exciting exhibit!



**Advent Study with Rev. Dr. Calhoun Continues**

Join Rev. Calhoun for an Advent study - **Monday, Dec. 16 & 23 at 12noon to 1:30 p.m. in the cafe** (bring a brown bag lunch). *An Unlikely Advent - Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story.* To sign up for the study please email Doreen at [doreen@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:doreen@trinityspringfield.org). Books can be purchased on Amazon, or a Kindle. You can also try your local library.



**Advent Silent Retreat—Friday, Dec., 20, 4-6 p.m. in Grace Chapel and Sanctuary**

Step away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to spend time in silent contemplation. Advent asks us to wait; let's gather in quiet anticipation of Christ and God's promises fulfilled. The silent retreat will begin with worship together, then retreatants will enter into a time of silence. Retreatants may use that time as they like. Stations and prompts will be available to encourage reflection. We will close with worship together. To inquire or register, please reach out to Rob at [directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org).



Christmas Eve SERVICES

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- 5:30 p.m.** Children & Family Service - Grace Chapel
- 8:00 p.m.** Traditional Candle Lighting Service - Sanctuary.
- 11:00 p.m.** Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols -Sanctuary

Please join us for these special events. All services will be very unique, so consider attending multiple services to worship in different ways.



**Mitten Tree**

Show your warmth and donate to Trinity's Mitten Tree. Knitted, purchased and/or gently used mittens, hats and scarves will go to Trinity's Parkside Pantry. Donations gratefully accepted at the mitten tree in the foyer through December 20. Thank you!



**Boar's Head Festival Tickets**

There are still excellent seats available for the evening performances - especially Friday and Sunday night. There are also tickets available for afternoon performances. You can purchase them on-line at [www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2025](http://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2025).

**Welcome to Worship - The Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024!**

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!*

**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.**

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 Director of Music Ministries; Anthony Lamourt: [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, December 8, 2024:** Adults 128, Children 15 Total = 143

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