

Trinity Memorial Church

Our Mission: To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish & community.

Our Identity: A diverse people responding to God through worship & music, friendship & formation, generosity & service.

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Dear Family in Christ,

As we glory in the beautiful fall foliage, we are also called to contemplate our gratitude for God's many gifts to us. Who knows if this has influenced the timing for Thanksgiving, or stewardship drives, but there does seem to be a tie. As a person who finds great inspiration in both nature and music, I have appreciated this year's hymn-based theme: "Tell Out My Soul," which was written as a modern paraphrase of Mary's Magnificat. It is #438 in our hymnal, if you don't have the verses by heart. Below are segments of the Very Rev. Julia McCray Goldsmith's interview with Episcopalian church musician Bruce Neswick:

Everyone loves the hymn version of "Tell Out My Soul." It's just so singable, and also so central to how we think about church. Stewardship may be about nuts and bolts, but — like everything we do in church — it needs theological context. The Magnificat beautifully supports a generous theology. There is an innate beauty to what Mary is saying, but it is framed within an expectation of justice and equality. Her words are a Gospel imperative. Church music should always be like that: it should grab people where we are and take us to a new place. Through the music, the message gets into our souls and minds and hearts, where we can't get rid of it.

Church musicians have a strange and mysterious gift. It can't be seen, and people can't always tell you what they've received, but I know that they do. All of our arts "tell out" what our bodies and souls are doing, but music has a pride of place. Alignment to the liturgy is what makes it principal. And because of this, music serves to deepen community and strengthen commitment. It builds energy around belonging to each other. If we're not

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Early Worship Service During the Dark Season

We will continue to gather for our Contemplative Service through the dark season, rather than suspending it, as we've done for the past several years.

CHOW



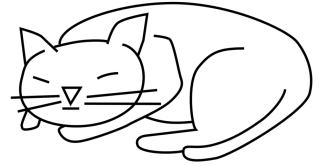
The need for food donations in our community is greater than ever. Please consider donating to hunger relief at the [Broome County Council of Churches](#), 3 Otsenigo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, or contributing to our own Canteen effort and fund.

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Time to sleep in an extra hour, as Standard Time returns on **Sunday, November 2.**

Your Smartphone's clock should reset automatically, but any mechanical and many other clocks will need to be set back manually. Don't forget!



November Celebrations

Birthdays



01	Jamie Johnson	12	Robert Peterson
02	Diane Ramnarine-Singh	13	Christopher Seager
03	Debra Goldstein	15	Jeffrey Weyant
03	Steven Palmer	19	Phil Evans
03	Glenn Mahaffey	23	Carolyn Albaugh
04	Esther Byron	23	Sarah Dougherty
06	Adelyn Forrest	26	Paul Donecker
09	Karen Crisafulli	27	Monty Bump
11	Frank Donohue	30	Gail Petkash

Please let us know of any updates or corrections!

Stewardship Campaign Schedule

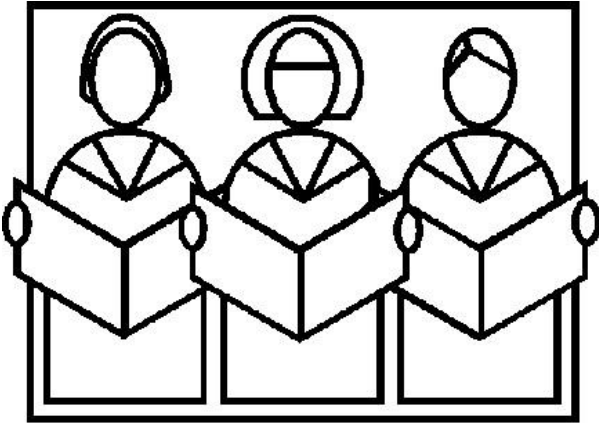


Dear Trinity family, this year our annual Stewardship campaign kicked off on October 26 and will conclude on November 16. Stewardship packages were available for pickup at our church beginning October 26. We will mail any packages that haven't been picked up by November 2.

If you need a pledge card, please call Vicki at the office (607-723-3593) or drop us an email (trinity@trinitymemorial.org). May God bless your generosity!

KW Peter Koeppel

Music Notes



This is a season of increasing intensity and expectation in our worship! From All Saints November 2nd to Christ the King November 23rd, and then the start of Advent November 30, we are presented with a depth of imagery and symbols. The scriptures appointed for these Sundays have inspired many composers to fashion beautiful and striking hymns and anthems.

During our interim period of clergy search, there are a few Sundays where the Daily Office replaces The Eucharist in the absence of a priest. Said in other words, we worship using Morning Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer. While we do not share in Communion on those Sundays, the service of prayer, praise and reflection also strengthens our faith.

There is a rich musical heritage in the Daily Office. We try to balance the singing between the choir and the congregation. In earlier times, Morning Prayer was the weekly worship half the Sundays of the year. We have not maintained familiarity with this liturgy: for some, it is renewing ties to an old friend, while others are discovering the beauty of the prayers and canticles which otherwise lay quietly on unused pages in the Prayerbook.

One hundred years ago, Trinity Church offered a service every Sunday evening. While I have not researched the attendance figures from the archival registers, certainly a number of parishioners came to church in both the morning and evening. In England, all Cathedrals and academic Chapels, as well as many parish churches still offer both services. Worship to open the day contrasts with worship to close the day in words spoken and sung. **Sunday, November 2, The Trinity Choir is singing Choral Evensong at 4 pm.** The form of Evensong is not unlike Morning Prayer, but the mood is entirely different. Only two scripture lessons and one prayer are read: all the rest of the 45 minutes is sung by the Choir or the Congregation.

Be present with us for these services! As your soul is fed, you participate actively with the body of believers. Watching alone can only engage part of us. We are grateful for an online presence that connects us with faraway loved ones, yet being in the Sanctuary opens all of our senses to God and one another.

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Trinity Memorial Church

Worship Services and Ministries

November 2025	Altar Guild:	Gail Bump Fortner	
November 2		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers		David Pierson, Diane Pierson
	Acolyte	Jim Gazda	N/A Morning Prayer
	Worship Leader		Bill Palmer
	Lector		Helen Smith
	Eucharistic Ministers		N/A Morning Prayer
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Bill Palmer
November 2		Evensong 4pm	
	Ushers	tba.	
	Acolyte	Ken Lattimore	
	Lector	Steve Crowle	
	Digital Minister	Bob Kuzia	
November 9		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers		Bill Palmer, Jim Albert
	Acolyte	Jim Gazda	Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Darlene Croston
	Lector		Connie Alexander
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Rayleen Kie, Ken Lattimore, Bob Peterson, Deb Parmelee
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Darlene Croston
November 16		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers		David Scone, Louise Akel
	Acolyte	Jim Gazda	Daniel Aribisala
	Worship Leader		Greg Keeler
	Lector		Phyllis Amenda
	Eucharistic Ministers		Greg Keeler, Nicole Huff, Peter Koeppel, Phyllis Amenda, Deb Parmelee
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Masha Britten

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November Worship Services and Sunday Ministries (Continued)

November 23		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers		John Lynn, Roxe-Anne Lynn
	Acolyte	Jim Gazda	Ken Lattimore
	Worship Leader		Phyllis Amenda
	Lector		Daniel Aribisala
	Eucharistic Ministers		Phyllis Amenda, Darlene Croston, Barb Manzo, Phil Evans, Rayleen Kie
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Greg Keeler
November 30		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers		Dan Hill, Ginny Hill
	Acolyte	Jim Gazda	N/A Morning Prayer
	Worship Leader		Peter Koeppel
	Lector		Carolyn Blake
	Eucharistic Ministers		N/A Morning Prayer
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Ginny Hill

Information is correct as of October 24, 2025

Canteen Schedule

We are offering a hot lunch to the neighborhood hungry in our dining room. Our prayers of thanks for all who share in this ministry!

Sunday Canteen	Group Cooking & Serving	Site Manager	Host/Hostess
11/2/25	Temple Concord	S. Crowle	B. Crowle
11/9/25	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	C. Hanes	S. Hanes
11/16/25	St. Mark's & Canteen Volunteers	Bill Palmer	
11/23/25	SUNY Binghamton	B Parmelee	D Parmelee
11/30/25	St. Paul's	Bill Palmer	Sharon Kaiser

Information as established January 17, 2025

We Are Grateful

kwpk We are grateful! We are grateful for our relationship with God - Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We are grateful for the relationship we have with God's creation - fauna, flora, fungi, on this our "small blue marble" home; the stars and galaxies: all the wonders of this world. We are grateful for the relationship we have with our families and friends. We are grateful for the relationship we have with each other as members of our Trinity Memorial family in the body of Christ.

We are grateful for God's gifts - material and immaterial. The former might be helpful, if not outright necessary, to survive in the society in which we labor and live. Both are entrusted to us to share freely and without reservation.

We are grateful to all who make our worship services possible: priests, worship leaders, lectors, acolytes, ushers, and, of course, the worshippers in the pews with us. We are grateful to all who contribute their God-given *gifts immaterial* to enriching our service through music, reading, leading the service, or serving as Eucharistic ministers or acolytes. We are grateful for all, whose contributions in *gifts material* support our life as a congregation in the Jesus movement.

The *gifts material*, to return to those, can have a stranglehold over us: no topic is, I understand, discussed by Jesus more often than money - a key expression of the *gifts material* in our worldly lives. I get it: money makes the difference between going hungry or eating; between having a shirt on our backs or not; between having a roof over our head, or not; between having heat, running water - hot and cold - in our home or not; between being able to get healthcare or not; between having a smartphone in our pocket or not. The list doesn't ever end.

How we relate to money defines our soul - we cannot serve money and God. When Jesus said that a rope* would fit through the eye of a needle before a rich man enters the kingdom of heaven, I read that as when the love of money runs our lives, we forsake all claims of serving God. We're nothing but empty vessels or clanging cymbals. God's currency is love, given freely and without reservation or motive.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a season for everything: a season to sow, and a season to harvest. In between, though, is the season in which we spend most of our lifetime: the season to grow. The time when we grow our worldly stores - let's be honest: most of us do just that for our middle-decades - becomes a necessary prelude to the season of harvest, when, I hope, we don't just harvest, but also sow anew for those around us and those following us to harvest. Just as we often, with gratitude, harvest what has been sown around us both now and before we came along.

Perhaps we can use this year's Stewardship campaign to prayerfully consider the role and importance of money in our lives: is it just a means to an end, or is it an end in itself? If it's the former, to what end or ends? Is love part of those ends? Is love one part of many, or the biggest by far? Does our love reflect God's love for us? Does our love respond to God's love: given freely and generously, in *gifts material* and *immaterial*?

* The traditional translation speaks to a camel; it's been surmised that the camel entered the imagery due to ambiguous handwriting in the ancient texts,

Trinity Forum



November 2, 2025: Bill Culverhouse, “The Slavonic Music of Mykola Dyletsky.”

November 9, 2025: Peter Koeppel, “Living under an authoritarian/ideology-driven regime: my grandparents in the 1930s and 40s in Germany.”

Note: please note that this Forum will only be available live - in person, or via Trinity’s Zoom session, but not via Trinity’s YouTube channel.

November 16, 2025: Bobby Carpenter – Documentary on lacrosse

November 23, 2025: Kathy Corse, “The Incredible Benefits of Spending Time with the Elderly.”

The Trinity Forum meets most Sundays from September to June at 11:30 am. Meetings will be held in person in the Common Room, and will usually also be made available live, via Zoom. You can join remotely by going to TrinityZoom.org. Please also watch the Sunday Bulletin for reminders and updates.

Food Bank of the Southern Tier Ministry with Redeemer Lutheran Church



Our Gym continues to serve as an all-year distribution point for the *Food Bank of the Southern Tier* - this particular ministry was started by our dear friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church, and when they came knocking on our door, looking for a year-round facility to support his ministry, our gym turned out to be ideal. It’s large enough to hold mountains of food, little of which remains after a morning’s work distributing it to the hungry; it’s dry; it’s warm; access through the Gym doors is easy and convenient.

For those helping organize and distribute the food, it’s an occasion to meet in shared ministry: sharing the bounty of God’s creation, sharing God’s love.

And did I mention: it’s fun to spend this time together?

Southern Tier Singers Collective



November 9, 2025 3:00-5:00PM St. Michael's American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church, 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY, 13905: the Southern Tier Singers Collective, including many members of our own choir, under the direction of Bill Culverhouse, will offer: **Unto Ages of Ages;** the Slavonic Music of Mykola Dyletsky.

Experience the splendor of 17th-century Kyiv in antiphonal choral sonorities inspired by Ukrainian cathedrals.

Join the STSC for the dazzling polychoral sonorities of 17th-century Ukrainian composer Mykola Dyletsky. A brilliant music theorist, Dyletsky described the musical circle of fifths decades before anyone in Western Europe did so. Influenced by the virtuosic compositions for antiphonal choirs composed for Saint Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Dyletsky crafted soaring musical lines, intimate penitential entreaties, and jubilant outpourings of celebration in service of the Slavonic liturgy. All donations collected at the concert will benefit Regenerate Ukraine and their efforts to support Ukrainian refugees in the Binghamton area.

Bill Culverhouse will offer a Forum introducing us to Mykola Dyletsky and his music on November 2, 2025, 11:30 am in Trinity Memorial's Common Room.

For online readers of the Trinity Times: here's a Google [map](#) showing the location of St. Michael's American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church; church parking is located across Clinton Ave, next to the Rogers Service Group Parking lot.

Our Hybrid Congregation

Join us from wherever you are, in person or remotely!

Our 10:00 am worship service and most of our events are available for remote participation:

- **10:00 am Live Worship Service:** on Trinity Memorial's [YouTube](#) page, look for: **Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church - Live stream.**
- **10:00 am Worship Service replay:** services are available on [YouTube](#) for replay following the original live service.
- **Trinity Forum:** offered most Sundays from September to May; in person in our Common Room, or online at [TrinityZoom.org](#). A replay of a Forum may be made available, at the discretion of the presenter, and time permitting, on our YouTube channel.
- If you are reading the Trinity Times online, you can simply find your way to our presence on the Internet by clicking on any of these links:
 - Trinity Memorial's Website: <https://TrinityMemorial.org>
 - Trinity Memorial's YouTube channel: <youtube.com/@TrinityMemorial>
 - Trinity Memorial's Forum recordings on YouTube: [Forum Playlist](#)
 - Trinity Memorial's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/FacebookTrinity>
 - Trinity Memorial's ZOOM meeting: <http://TrinityZoom.org>

Introducing, and Re-introducing

In affirmation and celebration of the Episcopal Church's LGBTQ+ members, in 2024 the Episcopal Church of America introduced a new Pride shield. The Vestry has agreed that it would be reflective of who we are to include it occasionally in some of our printed materials.



Part of the national Church's announcement included the following explanation: The design retains the upper-left blue corner of The Episcopal Church's shield logo and incorporates elements of the traditional Pride flag as well as the Progress Pride flag and Philadelphia Pride flag. In their use of black, brown, pink, and light-blue diagonal lines, the latter two flags represent intersectional progress in acknowledging people who are often overlooked by the mainstream LGBTQ+ movement: communities of color; the transgender community; and the many thousands harmed by anti-LGBTQ+ policy—from those who lost their lives in the AIDS crisis of the

1980s and '90s, to those still disproportionately impacted today. If you are interested in more information, here is a link to that web page: [Episcopal Church unveils new Pride shield in celebration of LGBTQ+ inclusion](#)

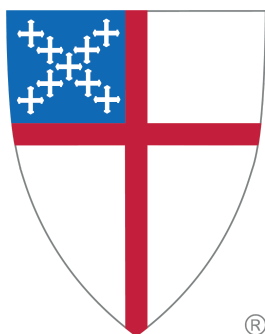
The individual colors represent:

From the "basic" rainbow flag:

- Red - life
- Orange - healing
- Yellow - sunlight
- Green - nature
- Blue - serenity
- Purple - Spirit

From the "progress" flag where they are in a right-facing arrow, reflecting forward movement and the need for progress:

- Pink & Light Blue - transgender & non-binary people
- Brown & Black - people of color.



Delving further into the background of our "regular" shield, here is another nugget: The red Cross of St. George on a white field is symbolic of the Church of England. The blue field in the upper left corner is the Episcopal Church. It features a Cross of St. Andrew, in recognition of the fact that the first American bishop was consecrated in Scotland. This cross is made up of nine crosslets or mini crosses, which represent the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to form the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

On Morning Prayer

kwpk As we continue to pray at each service, at home, or wherever we are, for God to lead our next rector towards us and us towards that person, we will often celebrate Morning Prayer instead of Holy Eucharist..

We are all deeply grateful to the many supply priests whose ministry our Senior Warden Edris has been able to obtain, for sharing their calling and ministry with us: the Reverends Jones, Tobin, Schaal, and Divis, at the time of this writing. We are deeply grateful to Edris, for her work allowing this vital part of our faith life to continue. Yet, we are celebrating Morning Prayer more often than we have for many decades. With a rector in residence among us, Morning Prayer has been an exception as of late, but for now it looks to be a regular part of our worship schedule.

And there is, perhaps not all that visible, a remarkable change for our Worship Leaders. For many years past, the order of worship, as printed in our Bulletin, was developed between our (resident) priest and our music director. Our Worship Leaders were handed a completed bulletin, just like everyone else, from which they expected to lead the service. That was the case even for the occasional Morning Prayer service - the worship leaders had no role whatsoever in defining the elements of the order of worship.

Episcopal custom and tradition provide for the order of worship for Morning Prayer to be selected by the Worship Leader. This is rather new to us, and we are, frankly, still working on making sure that all of our Worship Leaders are beginning to be comfortable with this.

In that context, we are blessed to have Tim Smith as our music director, as Tim brings his rich knowledge and experience in Episcopal worship and church music to us - Tim develops a large portion of the order of worship; this leaves only some of the other portions “orphaned,” for lack of a better word. This includes, for instance, the Prayers of the People - if you consult the Book of Common Prayer, you will find six different forms of that prayer (BCP pages 383 - 393). Which one should we use on a given Sunday?

Being challenged to actively engage with, perhaps even develop, the order of worship is, I think, spiritually healthy for our worship leaders - it offers an opportunity to view the service as a whole, discern the threads tying together the scripture readings and Tim’s music selections, and select prayers to fit into one of those threads, while also reflecting the spiritual needs of our congregation.

Our worship leaders will each need to discern their readiness for taking on their share of this faithful collaboration in shaping our order of service for a given Morning Prayer Sunday.

May I ask from all of you that you please include our Worship Leaders in your prayers, to let the Holy Spirit guide them discerning when and how to step up to this challenge. I believe that our worship leaders are indeed called to this ministry - I pray that they are ready to open their hearts and souls to this broader call, and to follow it faithfully.



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Stepping Ahead



If you should happen by the gym, on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoons, you will see young ladies from our neighbor Binghamton High School practicing their step dancing. Or you might see them doing school work in the Dining Room on Fridays. They are part of a coaching/mentoring/tutoring program entitled Step-Up 2 Success, which has ties to both Cares Advocates and B.U. It is designed to help students “connect with their education through the art of stepping, academic support, and one-on-one mentorship from Binghamton University’s X-Fact’r Stepteam. By combining creative expression, academic focus, and personal development, the program inspires students to build confidence, foster connections, and achieve success in school and beyond.”

It is gratifying to see our facilities being put to more good uses! Thanks to Joe Liciandrello and Vickie Jones for helping to facilitate this.