



PATHWAYS

MARCH 2024
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP

MAR 3

3rd Sunday in Lent

WED. MAR 6

Agape/Seder Meal
Wednesday, 6pm at
North Presbyterian Church

MAR 10

4th Sunday in Lent
Caring & Sharing Service:
Assemble Soup Jars
(In person only, no YouTube)

Reminder: Daylight Saving

MAR 17

5th Sunday in Lent

MAR 24

Palm/Passion Sunday

Offering today for
One Great Hour of Sharing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

THUR. MAR 28

Tri-Church Maundy Thursday
New Live Presb. (Roseville)

MAR 31

Resurrection of the Lord/
Easter Day

Worship service details:

See page 4

Reminder:

Be sure to turn your
clocks ahead one hour
on Sunday, 3/10.



Come to The Lord's Supper at The Table of Christian Fellowship



WED., 3/6, 6PM
North Presbyterian Church
Address: 2675 Highway 36 E,
N. St. Paul, MN 55109
(Bring: 1 tray finger foods)

Join Trinity at North Presbyterian Church this Lent as

we celebrate the ancient Christian custom of the Agape Meal!

We will gather together for music, fellowship, worship, and a light supper. Hosted by the Elders and Deacons of North Church, the evening promises to be a fun and inspiring gathering!

In the first years of Christianity Christians gathered to worship God, to praise Jesus Christ, to enjoy their fellowship, and share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They called their gatherings "Agape Meals" from the Greek word for supreme, perfect love.

The Elders and Deacons will circulate around the room as they did long ago making sure everyone has enough to eat. We will glorify God through our singing, listen to special music, read scripture, share prayers and the Lord's Supper at our dinner tables, just like the early Christians did long ago in Jerusalem. It will be an evening to remember!

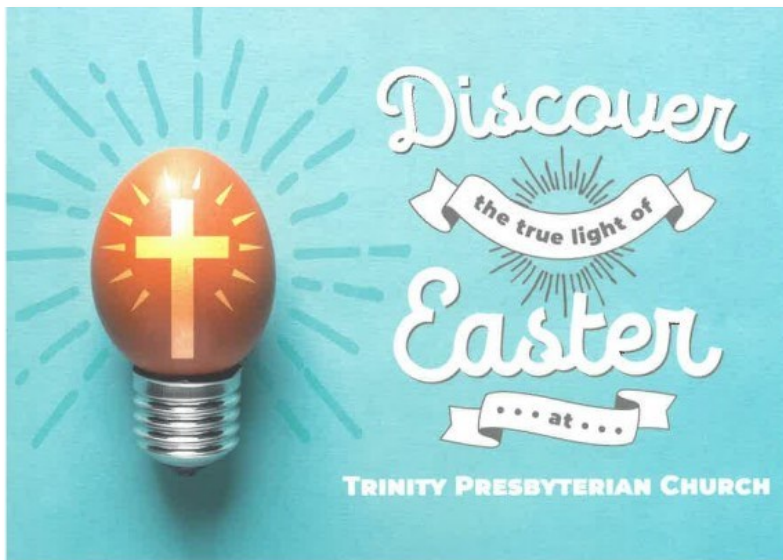


Easter Flowers Orders, Now - 3/10

This Easter, a colorful array of flowers will once again adorn Trinity's sanctuary to celebrate the resurrection of Christ! Write a dedication to accompany your flowers to be included in the church announcements. Flowers will go home with you on Easter Sunday after the service. Order forms are in the office. You may also cut out and submit the form below. Thank you!

2024 Trinity Easter Flowers (6" Pots)	Price	Qty.	\$ Total
Easter Lily	\$13		
Blue Hydrangea	\$30		
Azalea (pink/white)	\$23		
Yellow Tulip	\$11		
Orange Tulip	\$11		
White Mum	\$14		
Yellow Mum	\$14		
Donation to Sanctuary Flowers/Decor	\$		
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In honor/memory/celebration/other:		Paid with:	
		CASH	
		CHECK #	<input type="text"/>

Cash or checks (to Trinity). Memo line: *Easter Flowers.*



Invite a Friend to Discover the True Light of Easter at Trinity!

Please extend an invitation to perhaps a friend, family member or neighbor with Trinity's Easter postcard invitations. A special Easter fellowship will follow. A basket filled with Easter invitations is located in the Narthex. Help yourselves.



Come discover the true meaning behind Easter and experience God's love.

Join us after worship to enjoy coffee, juice & treats in the Fellowship Hall!

Trinity Website:
www.trinitywoodbury.org
 or find us on Facebook!

Trinity Presbyterian Church
 2125 Tower Drive
 Woodbury, MN 55125
 651.738.0045

On SUN., 3/24 at Trinity: The One Great Hour of Sharing

Envelopes are available now at Trinity. Thank you for your OGHs offering!

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REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.

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February 14–March 31, 2024

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHs to 91999 to give



-or-
 You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs



Offering at Trinity: Sunday, 3/24

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Communion - The Joyful Feast of the People of God



Regular serving of bread and cup, after Christ's example, reminds us of his sacrifice for us, celebrates his joyful feast, and gives us spiritual strength to be the Lord's body in service to others.

Communion (also known as the Lord's

Supper or Eucharist) is one of two Sacraments practiced by Reformed Christians (Baptism is the other).

In this simplest of meals—a morsel of bread, a sip of juice or wine—there is a great feast of mystery and meaning:

- Communion is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace made by God through Jesus Christ and extended to us.
- Around the table that Christ prepares, we give thanks and praise for God's creative power, redeeming love, and sustaining care.
- With gratitude, we recall Christ's gracious life, saving death, and life-giving resurrection—even as we await his coming in glory.
- We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who nourishes us with Christ's presence and makes us one in ministry with the church throughout the world.

- We enjoy a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come, when we will feast with all the saints in God's eternal realm. iii

Eating is a universal human phenomenon and a common practice in everyday life, in every time and place of the world. As we depend on food for nourishment, so we depend on God's providence for the sustenance of life. The sharing of meals, particularly in times of celebration, is also an important social practice, marked by a rich diversity of tradition throughout the world's cultures. We gather at tables to rejoice, give thanks, tell stories, enjoy one another's company, and share the gifts we have received, seeing that all are fed and satisfied. The Sacrament of Communion draws on these symbolic themes (and others) in conveying the meaning and mystery of the grace of God we have received through Jesus Christ.

The Sacraments of Baptism and Communion are "gifts of God for the people of God." God gives us these good and gracious gifts to celebrate and enjoy—but also to share with others, scattered like bread, poured out like wine. Jesus promises that "people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). As Christ's disciples, we are called to "extend the table" far and wide, spreading a joyful feast wherever we go, as we proclaim the good news of God's saving power and love to all the world.

iii Adapted from "The Sacrament of Communion," a Study Guide for The Presbyterian Leader, by David Gambrell, Copyright © 2010 www.thepresbyterianleader.com. Used by permission.



Caring & Sharing Service: Soup Jars

Join Trinity on Sunday, March 10th for a Caring & Sharing worship service. Trinity will worship in the fellowship hall and assemble soup jars.

Reminder: Caring & Sharing services are in person only (no YouTube). We hope to see you!





Clerk's Corner

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

News from the Session:

- The Caring & Sharing worship service on March 10 will be preparing a thank you gift for the staff at Stonecrest senior living facility.
- The Worship Committee is planning a joint mission project in April with North Presbyterian Church and New Life Presbyterian Church. More news on this soon.
- The Communion service in April will be on April 14 rather than April 7.
- The Session has approved two capital projects: 1) we will be completing the replacement of the building siding, and 2) repaving the parking lot. The parking lot cost will be the larger of the two and we will be asking members and friends to prayerfully contribute extra amounts to this project. The total cost will be approximately \$60,000 and we already have a "seed" donation of \$20,000. We need to complete this project now or the condition of the parking lot will deteriorate to the point of needing to be completely rebuilt to the cost of about \$200,000 if we delay!

- The ideas expressed in the last Caring & Sharing service about "What are you being called to do at Trinity?" was discussed by the Session and will likely be discussed in more detail at a future Session retreat.
- Pastor April is planning some continuing education time immediately after Easter.
- Our membership number is currently 140. Please consider inviting friends, neighbors, and family to join us for worship.

As always, the Session appreciates each of our members and friends and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please consider joining one of our committees! Also, when the Nominating Committee seeks dedicated, imaginative leaders to serve on the Session, we hope that you will give serious consideration to serving in this manner. You can even suggest your own name to the committee. (Hint: Don Breckle is the chair of the committee. Get to know him!)

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	Jan-24
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$130,906.55	\$130,906.55	\$19,232.43	\$230,789.82
Total Program Expenditures	\$120,335.36	\$120,335.36	\$20,666.88	\$242,191.36
Donations Less Expenses	\$10,571.19	\$10,571.19	(\$1,434.45)	(\$11,401.54)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
Income Less Expenses	\$11,571.19	\$11,571.19	(\$434.45)	\$598.46
Program Mortgage Expense	\$104,344.90	\$104,344.90	Actual program donations for 2024 thru January: \$130,906 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$19,232 Difference: \$111,674	
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$103,977.52	\$103,977.52	Program donations w/Jan. large donations prorated for 2024 thru Jan.: \$30,07 Budgeted program donations through the month: \$ 19,232	
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$367.38	\$367.38	Difference: \$10,841 (Placed for March)	
Mortgage Balance	\$2,336.15			

1st & 3rd Sunday Soul Feast: What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian?

Join Trinity's discussion group after the worship service on every first and third Sunday of the month. On Sunday, March 3rd and 17th, join us to discuss what it means to be Presbyterian. If you are interested, please plan to attend the group in the fellowship hall at approximately 11:15 am. All are invited to attend. No preparation is needed. Leader discussion guides are located in the church office in a black 3-ring binder. If you would like to lead a discussion, please sign up in the fellowship hall.



Topic Details: Our March sessions focusing on the history of the Presbyterian Church, including John Calvin, Presbyterianism in Europe, The Presbyterian Church in America, the 1800s, the 1900s and current progress. April sessions will focus on organization, structure, general history review, Presbyterian Beliefs, Sacraments, as well as other topics. May sessions will focus on discipleship, spiritual formation, congregational life and worship, and mission among others.

Trinity to host Lion's Sale Fundraiser Sign up to help: Thu-Sat, May 9- 11

The Session has approved the concept of a Trinity Garage Sale at the time of the Woodbury Community Garage Sale sponsored by the Lion's Club in May.

A BIG thank you goes out to our volunteer organizers: Katharine Upson and Rita Thomas (Greg & Leslie VanderVeer assisting). Without these amazing volunteers, events like the churchwide sale



could not happen. Can you help? A volunteer sign up board has been placed in the office. In April, items may be dropped off for the sale. All items larger than a shoebox must be logged in to allow for pick up if it does not sell. Thank you to all!



A Note of Thanks from Rev. Josh Heikkila

More about Josh: Rev. Josh Heikkila is PC(USA)'s regional liaison for West Africa. Appointed as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in October 2009, he facilitates and supports the programs, relationships and activities PC(USA) has with partners in the region. He also provides support to other PC(USA) mission personnel and helps connect partner churches with PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry and mission together. Josh was raised in New Jersey and worked at churches in Chicago and St Paul, Minnesota before being sent to Ghana in 2009 by Presbyterian World Mission.

Friends at Trinity,

It was great to visit with you in November. Thank you for your support of Presbyterian mission connections in West Africa. We are grateful. Wishing you all the best for 2024.



*Josh Heikkila
Accra, Ghana*





Nominating Committee Update: The Nominating Committee is meeting to prayerfully discern who can best serve this church in the office of Elder and on the Care Coordination Ministry Team. The Committee welcomes and encourages your suggestions! If you, or someone you know, has the gifts to serve as an officer, please contact Pastor April or a member of the nominating committee:
Don Breckle, Lynn Bahta, Dan Freeman Angela Roesler, and Jane Williams

Upcoming Events

3/2 - **Sat. Men's Breakfast**, 8AM-930AM. See Tom Rooney with questions.

3/3 - **Sunday Morning Worship with Communion**

3/3 - **1st & 3rd Sundays Soul Feast**, New Topic: *What does it mean to be Presbyterian?* Meets 1st/3rd Sundays.

3/4 - **Due: EASTER Raise Right Orders**

Fill all of those Easter baskets and greeting cards with gift cards! Every order earns money for your church. Place your order in the church office. It's fast and easy!



3/6 - Wednesday, March 6th, **Agape Meal at North Presb. Church**. 6PM. Please bring: 1 tray finger foods.

3/7 - RSVP's due to Susan R. for **Ladies Lunch Bunch**.

3/7 - Thursday, **Deacons/CCMT Meeting, 9AM** (The group is meeting early this month).

3/8 - **Game Night** (at Freemans) 7pm.

3/10 - **Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins!** Turn clocks ahead an hour.

3/10 - **Caring & Sharing Worship** - C&S Worship services are held in the Fellowship Hall. Mission project: assembly of gift jars. Caring & Sharing services are in person worship only (no YouTube).

3/10 - **Easter flower orders/dedications** are due to the church office today. Order forms in office.

3/14 - Thursday, **Committees Meet at 6PM & 7PM**
Submit meeting minutes by the following Tuesday.

3/14 - Thursday, **Ladies Lunch Bunch** - We will meet at 11:30am at Tamarack Tap Room. RSVP's: by 3/7.

3/16 - **Sat. Men's Breakfast**, 8AM-930AM.

3/17 - **Sunday Morning Worship**

3/17 - **ACLO** (After Church Lunch Outing at 11:15am) Meet in Narthex. All are invited. See DeLaura with questions.

3/17 - **FSSF New Topic: *What does it mean to be Presbyterian?*** Now meets 1st/3rd Sundays.

3/17 - **1st & 3rd Sundays Soul Feast: 11:15 AM**

3/21 - **Stated Session Meeting:** Thurs. (Session meets one week early due to Maundy Thursday).

3/24 - **Palm / Passion Sunday & One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**

3/28 - **Maundy Thursday**, Tri-church event at New Life Presb. in Roseville at 7PM. Hosted together with Trinity and North Presb. In person & YouTube.

3/31 - **Easter/Resurrection of the Lord** at 10AM Worship with Holy Communion & Easter Dedications. Reminder: Bring your Easter blossoms home today.

3/31- **Trinity Easter Worship at Stonecrest** at 1PM

Monthly Meetings at Trinity

Bells: Wednesday Eves at 6pm

Choir: Wednesday Eves at 7PM

Deacons/CCMT: 3/7, Thu., 9AM (early this month)

Committees : 2nd Thur. monthly: 3/14, 6 & 7PM

Stated Session Meeting: Due to Maundy Thursday, Session will meet on 3/21 (instead of 3/28) 7PM



March Birthdays at Trinity

Jason A.
Liamm A.
Sue B.
Devon B.

Marty D.
Debi E.
Alain F.
Bonnie H.
Ethan L.

Mike S.
Laura T.
Greg V.
Jay W.
Jane W.