



December 2021



**Rev. Brent Barclay** | Pastor

## Words from Our Pastor

### My First Year at Trinity Church

#### Greetings Everyone!

It is an honor to say that I have been your pastor for one year now. As I look back on my first year at Trinity Church, which is also my first year as an ordained Presbyterian minister, I am thankful to God for allowing me to be at this church and use my gifts for service in our church.

Many colleagues and other pastors kept asking the same question: what was it like coming in as a new pastor during the pandemic? Maybe some of you have had that same thought! I can tell you that it was a unique experience arriving during this time. I got to know many of you as faces on screens for many months, which took some time getting used to. Luckily you all had names under your faces to help! It definitely took longer than normal to meet and get to know many of you, and in many ways, continue to get to know you in those "introductory" stages.

Even though the pandemic created unique challenges, the joy of hearing your stories and getting to know our church has been a blessing. I have learned that our church is a praying congregation. This church moves quickly to address prayer concerns, communicates to prayerful people, and wastes no time moving to a time of



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prayer for those hurting, grieving, struggling, or seeking wisdom.

I have also seen how Trinity Church is a giving church. The people of this church are quick to give their time to help those in need, whether it is a ride to the doctor, a meal for the burdened, or a phone call of encouragement or fellowship. I have also seen this church step up financially to meet urgent needs, fulfill ministry dreams, and support those called into the mission field.

I tell you these things because, in my experience, it is not a given that a church is necessarily a praying church or a giving church. Many churches like to think that they are cheerful givers or rooted in prayer, but in actual practice, they are not. I can tell you in total confidence that Trinity Church is indeed a prayerful and giving church, just as it believes it is. As we move into the Christmas season, I want to encourage you to continue to be generous. As we

remember in this Advent season that we are recipients of the greatest gift we could ever receive, we respond by giving to others out of the same love and grace that God gave us his Son Jesus.



We are reminded, in Romans 6:22-23, *“But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* In the Christmas story, we see ourselves as recipients of this essential and vital gift that God gave us his Son, Jesus, to be our atonement, which allows us to be with God for eternity.

May you realize that you are worthy of receiving this gift. May you be encouraged to be generous out of an abundance that the gift of Jesus Christ grants you. The people in your life are worthy of the generosity of God and being a recipient of the gift of Jesus.

Be ambassadors of the Gospel of the free gift of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent Barclay

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox! We filled 87 boxes, beating last year's total.**





## Missions Update

Mary Hopkins has been here for some time seeing to the care of her mother, Alice. After another fall, Alice has decided to move to assisted living. Mary has been helping with closing out Alice's apartment. During this time, Mary has been on a temporary leave of absence from Wycliffe Bible Translators. She is currently moving from Mexico to live permanently in Tucson, where she has a house. Mary will work from there and be close enough to drive over to see her mother. Eventually, she expects to get back into a routine and pick up a good work schedule again.

It was good to see Steve Robinson in the pulpit recently and hear him share about his walk with the Lord and his ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

I recently received a long letter from Betty Barnett. She is a very busy lady. Besides working for YWAM, she is involved with Water for Life and the mission work in her church. Betty shared much more. If you would like to see the letter, let me know and I will get it to you. She sends her thanks for our support and prayers.

Russ Douglass played in a golf tournament last month. It went very well. The proceeds went to his support.

As Steve Robinson mentioned when he spoke to us, with our support and prayers, we are a part of each missionary's efforts and successes.

Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder



*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders. And he  
will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

# Trinity Christian School | Thankful and Blessed



## Fall Festival

On November 6th, we had our annual fall festival. Each classroom set up a game booth or event, including a ring toss, inflatable slide, and a dunk tank. There was a great crowd. It was great

to see a bit of normalcy in this crazy world - having kids running around playing simple carnival games, giggling, and winning prizes! We were also very blessed to have the church craft fair in Williams Hall. Trinity Christian School (TCS) families could buy homemade jams, jellies, and hamburger soup. They also enjoyed getting to shop for crafted items such as toys and quilts. All in all, we had a good turnout, and everyone seemed glad to come together for a day of fun and fellowship. Thank you, Trinity Church, for all your support and love to make this event happen every year.

## Friendship Feast

One of our traditions at Trinity Christian School is to have a classroom feast before Thanksgiving. Classrooms came together and brought mashed potatoes, rolls, and even turkey to share. They also made cute Thanksgiving-style crafts such as pinecone turkeys, pilgrim hats, and "blessings" placemats. The middle school classrooms got creative and had a breakfast-style Thanksgiving meal with hash browns, bacon, and donuts! It was wonderful to see the students sitting together like families sharing stories around the table, laughing, and eating until their bellies were more than full.

## Answered Prayers

God's favor has been upon our school this year. We are still very blessed to be open every day and for our students to be healthy. Thank you for your continued prayers during these trying times. TCS is thriving because of your intercession and support. Thank you, Jesus!





## Christmas Performances

Can you believe it is already that time of the year! Christmas is just around the corner. In our usual fashion, TCS will be hosting multiple Christmas performances. Please reference the schedule below if you would like to attend any of these events. We would love to see your smiling faces in the audience.

**Friday, December 3rd • 10:30 a.m.**

Presbyterian Women All-School Showcase

**Tuesday, December 7 • 6:30 p.m.**

Kindergarten-Second Grade Program

**Thursday, December 9 • 6:30 p.m.**

Preschool Program

**Tuesday, December 14th • 6:30 p.m.**

Third-Fifth Grade Program

**Thursday, December 16th • 6:30 p.m.**

Middle School Program

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*Principal*

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## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good clipper ship HMS Trinity will dock at Williams Hall on December 18, 2021, at 12:45 p.m. for a potluck

lunch. Then we will have our Christmas party. Please bring a gift. Sue Walters will read her story as we pass the gifts around, as is our custom.

Be prepared to pay your dues for the following year, \$15 per person. Guests are welcome, so please invite someone.

Please pray for our missionaries and the blessing of all of God's children.

For all of you shipmates who are AWOL, please come back. We miss you. You will not go before a captain's mast.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

Where did this year go? At least we will be able to celebrate Christmas in an almost normal manner. December's schedule is different from other months. December 3rd is a morning with the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery, starting with a continental breakfast. After breakfast, they will conduct their yearly meeting in the Sanctuary. The Trinity Christian School children will then present a Christmas musical program followed by lunch in Williams Hall. This event will also be another opportunity to shop for goods from the Festival, including more jams and jellies.

All Trinity Church's women are encouraged to participate, but we need reservations for lunch. You may call me for a reservation, Ardis Rowand, 1-619-813-5810.

There will be no Gathering in December.

December's board meeting will be on December 7th, 9:30 a.m., in Ward Center.

Blessings,  
Ardis Rowland • PW Secretary

# Fall Festival

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Festival.**

**The proceeds were \$4,245 and money is still coming in!**

# Financial Update | It is the End of 2021!

*"Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you." Deuteronomy 16:10*

## It is December, Trinity Church Family!

Our God is gracious. He has blessed each of you with the gift of faithfulness, and you, in turn, have blessed our church. As we close 2021, we will meet all of our financial obligations and our missionaries will be paid.

We are still accepting pledge cards for 2022. If you have already turned yours in, thank you. Your pledge allows the Finance Committee to propose an informed operating budget for the coming year.

Year-to-date giving statements will go out the first week of December. Please review your giving for 2021. If you

have any questions, please let me know. If you are behind, please take the time to catch up. We need all giving for 2021 by Monday, December 27th, for us to record it for this year on your giving statement.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to express our appreciation for your generous and faithful support over the past year. May God's love uplift you and your family as you worship him, now and in the coming year.

**Rebecca Casey**

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	<b>October Final</b>	<b>November</b> (As of 11/18/2021)	<b>Year-to-Date</b> (As of 11/18/2021)
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$ 30,493.47	\$ 30,493.47	\$ 335,428.09
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 28,786.74	\$ 21,234.56	\$ 388,232.23
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>– \$ 1,706.73</b>	<b>– \$ 9,258.91</b>	\$ 52,804.14
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 42,350.22	\$ 22,875.48	\$ 360,248.77
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	<b>– \$ 13,563.48</b>	<b>– \$ 1,640.92</b>	\$ 27,983.46

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5:00 p.m.



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