



Words from Our Pastor | Are You Worried about Something?



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

Are you worried about something? The most likely answer to that question is “yes,” or maybe “YES, YES!” We are in times where there are lots of things on our minds. Many of those things can cause us to worry. Some of us worry daily about getting sick, whether it is a cold, the flu, or COVID. Passing on a virus to someone else concerns us. We worry about days missed from work, children missing school, or things shut down because of sickness. We can worry about the world of Covid every second.

What about the economy? Do you worry about your savings and investments? Do you watch the stock market and worry about it collapsing? Do you watch prices soar, debts rise, home and gas prices soar, and worry about it all? Do you worry about your friends and family? How are they doing? What are they

up to? Are they taking care of themselves and making good choices?

Now, I hope as you read this, I did not put new worries into your head! We all have enough on our minds. Please do not add anything new to the list!

Here’s the thing, we often worry because we believe it is good to worry.



It shows that we care, that we are trying to help. We think that our worries cause us to make plans, to put safety measurements in place. We believe worrying about something stirs us into action. Maybe to a certain extent, that is true. Does staying up all night and losing sleep mean it is a good thing? Does just worrying and worrying mean we are on the right path? Does worrying that leads to overreacting mean our intentions were good, even if the result was not?

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Luke 12: 22-26: *“Then Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.*

Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?’”

We need to admit something to ourselves, sometimes when we worry, we’re trying to control everything. Our worrying is identifying the things that seem out of our control. And you know what? You are right! We cannot control everything, and that is okay.

It’s okay because Jesus tells us that there is a loving God who wants to take care of us. As Jesus uses the example

of birds, God’s creation feeds birds, shelters them, and allows them to prosper. If God gives birds all of that, how much more will God display his love of you in what he provides to you!



No, God is not a genie in a lamp who will fulfill your wishes, but neither is God going to set you out in the wild to fend for yourself with a “good luck!” on the way out. God will take care of you; we only need to trust that this is true and have faith. Our worries often expose our human desires to control everything, to control everyone. God did not design

us to be in absolute control. Why would we need a God if we could? If you find that your worries are rooted in your need to control something, give it to God in prayer. God will help you see that in his expression of love. He will help you meet your needs.

Pastor Brent



Communications | Serving Trinity Church

In March 2020, we shut down the church office and no longer held services in the sanctuary due to COVID-19. Initially, we worked strictly from home, trying to keep in touch with our church family and figure out the whole new world of this virus.

Despite the dramatic changes, I saw a group of people work hard to keep our church family together as best they could. Your church staff created unique ways of getting communion elements out, tithes and offerings gathered, and adding a bit of human interaction were developed.

Nearly two years later, COVID-19 still impacts our work in the office daily. We wear masks and try to keep six feet distance between staff members. Some weeks, we have had to close the office due to someone having the virus.

All this to say, God blessed Trinity Church with a remarkable group of people to serve this church. I feel honored to work alongside these kind-hearted, earnest followers of Jesus. Their desire to help our church family amazes and blesses me. They keep me encouraged to stay the course. They truly serve God and this church with all of their strength, mind, and heart.

Many of you have sent the staff encouraging cards and letters. We so appreciate those uplifting words. Thank you for thinking of us.

Please know that your Trinity Church staff works hard to ensure this church runs smoothly and efficiently. Our office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Unless we have a COVID issue, you can know that someone is in the church office during the times listed. If you need to leave a message, someone will get back to you as quickly as possible.

May you have a blessed February, filled with a deeper understanding of how much God loves you and that your Trinity Church staff are happy to serve you in any way we can.

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Happy
Valentine's
Day

Trinity Christian School | Let's See What We Can Do in 2022!



CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

New Outdoor Seating Area

Trinity Christian School (TCS) was blessed to have an Eagle Scout project completed on our campus over Christmas break.

Johnny Rodriguez, a former TCS student, approached the school office several months ago to ask about a project to complete his Eagle Scout certification. After evaluating the situation, we decided that he would improve the area to the right of the kindergarten classroom. This area was not currently in use except by frolicking weeds and the occasional dodgeball that would land there. Guided by the expertise of Kirk Drummond, they were able to finish the project that includes a seating area and even an inlaid cross. We're thankful to RCP for donating supplies. Many

will use the sitting area for years to come. Thank you, Johnny and the Eagle Scouts, and a special thanks to Kirk Drummond for all of your guidance. It is beautiful!

Water Filling Station

Another campus improvement is our new water filling station! As with many things over this COVID season, we have learned to do school in new ways. We needed to change how we served our lunches and take turns going to the bathroom. One of the things we noticed was that the kids had to come up to the cafeteria to refill their water bottles. The cafeteria is on the other side of the school from where the students have P.E. So the 2020/2021 Student Council decided to raise money to purchase a water filling station. At the station, just stick your water bottle up to the sensor. It fills quickly with cold, fresh water. A special thank you to Mr. Steven for installing this unit and to the student council members who helped come up with this idea. We look forward to many years of use.



Above and left: Our new outdoor seating area



Above: Our water filling station

Germs Everywhere

As our preschool educates its students on germs, mask-wearing, and healthy hygiene, we crafted a unique outdoor learning experience. Earlier in the week, they learned about David and Goliath. We created Goliath masks and used these enormous masks to catch germs floating through the air. The germs came out of an industrial bubble machine. The kids and teachers had fun “catching germs” and learning the importance of good hygiene.

Below: Germs everywhere - the preschool children “catch germs” with their Goliath face masks.



Celebrating Mr. Bob

Our students are so excited to get to celebrate another birthday with Mr. Bob. We honor him with posters and donut holes. All the students gathered and said “Happy Birthday” to show him love and support. Thank you, Mr. Bob for volunteering at TCS!

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Left: Saying “Happy Birthday” to our “Mr. Bob” Hensley who is a member of Trinity Church



Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good clipper ship HMS Trinity will dock on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Williams Hall. Be there for fellowship, food, and a stirring, inspirational presentation by our

very own Elder Kirk Drummond (no relation to the famous detective, Bulldog Drummond).

Our January meeting had to be canceled because our guest speakers were sick with COVID.

Be prepared to pay your dues if you have not already done so. I am prepared. I have not done so. I will. You do it too.

We thank God that our Pastor Brent and his family have recovered and were with us once again.

Be in prayer for all those who are suffering. God is Spirit and we are flesh and blood, but to reconcile us to God, his Word became flesh and declared the Father to us and then died on the cross, bearing our sins, and drew all of God's judgment unto himself. We are now his children, he loves us and hears our prayers.

As for those who have been AWOL, we miss you, come on back.

May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

I would like to invite all Trinity Church Women and their friends to the GATHERING on Tuesday, February 8th at 9:30 a.m. in Williams Hall. We will continue our Bible Study of John led by Linda Hensley. The program is Lori Wilson who will be singing Love Songs, accompanying herself on the guitar. Next, we will enjoy lunch together.

On Tuesday, February 15th at 9:30 a.m., we will be working on crafts for the Fall Festival in Ward Center.

On Tuesday, February 22nd, the Morning Circle will be in Ward Center at 9:30 a.m. to continue our study of John. If you need a ride to Circle, contact Lois Morevec at 619-741-2005.

Remember to start gathering items for the Rummage Sale in June.

Ardis Rowland
Secretary



Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

Praise God for his provision — *Holy One, we trust you for our needs, Lord, we respond with gratitude to the fulfillment of our promise to you and your church.*

Greetings, Trinity Church Family!

Thank you for bringing your time, talent, and treasures into Trinity Church. As January ends, all of our financial obligations have been met including our missionary donations. May God continue to bless the work of this church.

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	December Final	Year End Final 2021	January 2022 (As of 1/20/2022)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$30,493.47	\$ 365,921.56	\$ 64,310.52
ACTUAL INCOME	\$39,330.45	\$ 455,276.27	\$ 43,203.37
DIFFERENCE	\$ 8,836.68	\$ 89,354.71	– \$ 21,107.15
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 46,511.93	\$ 415,685.33	\$ 23,144.73
INCOME – EXPENSE	– \$ 7,181.78	\$ 39,590.94	\$ 20,058.64

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**The Church Office will be Closed Monday, February 21st
in Honor of Presidents' Day**



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