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Words from Our Pastor | New Things!



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Greetings Everyone! Happy New Year!

When we turn the page to a new year, we often think about **new** things: new habits, new mindsets, new beginnings, and many other things. The Bible speaks about **new** things as well. The Bible speaks about having a **new** life in Christ, that we are a **new** creation, created to be like Christ. The Bible speaks about another **new** thing: a **new** song.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the

ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Psalm 98:1-3

We can get into familiar speech rhythms. We think about the same things, complain about the same things, and see the same good things happening. Our prayers can often sound exactly the same as a result.

We pray every time about the same terrible things we see happening in the world, frustrated that they seemingly will not go away. We praise God for what we see happening daily, losing the marvel and wonder

about it, getting to a place where we almost expect it to occur.

But to challenge ourselves to sing a new song is to challenge ourselves to go deeper, trying to see God at work in places and ways we often do not look. How is God doing marvelous

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things that we have not seen? How have we ignored or not considered what God might be doing around us? How do we not see where God is at work because we are too focused on the immediate, what is happening to us, to see beyond ourselves and see God doing things that have been invisible to us?

To sing a new song is to stop complaining about the same things, thinking things will never change, that everything is in a rut, and God will not budge it. To sing a new song is to see how God is taking the bad and making it positive in small and wonderful ways. To

sing a new song is to see lives changing for good, even if we seem to not move forward in faith.



This year, challenge yourself to sing a new song to God. Challenge yourself to see things differently, see God in places that you did not before, or even want to see God moving and working. Singing a new song reminds us that God is living and active in this world, in places near and far, bringing people from all nations to himself.

Blessings,

Pastor Brent Barclay

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Trinity Christian School | Holiday Celebrations Galore!

During this joyful holiday season, Trinity Christian School (TCS) embraces the spirit of giving and gratitude in ways that impact our community and the world. One of the most meaningful ways we express this is through our involvement with Operation Christmas Child.

Together with Trinity Church, we packed shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in need across the globe. These shoeboxes are more than just physical presents; they serve as an important reminder that the true meaning of Christmas reaches far beyond our homes, touching the lives of children worldwide, offering them tangible gifts AND the hope and love of Christ.

Our students were also thrilled to present their much-anticipated Christmas programs, which captured the heart of the season. Students from all grades joyfully shared their love of Jesus with their families and the community in four unique concerts. On December 4th, the entire school had the privilege of singing for the Presbyterian Women of San Diego, spreading the message of Christ's birth. We are incredibly grateful for Shirley Woodson, whose beautiful organ music enhanced our Christmas concerts.

A special thank you also goes to John Barry, who entertained the crowds waiting to enter the

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performances with Christmas carols. He also skillfully managed the soundboard. Additionally, Randy Murphy, Kirk Drummond, and our very own therapy dog, Biscuit, ensured the safety and smooth flow of the parking lot. These performances celebrated the birth of Jesus and also showcased the joy and hope he brings to our lives.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, our kindergarten and first-grade students presented a heartfelt chapel service on November 22nd, focusing on the first Thanksgiving. Dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans, the students shared a beautiful

reminder to thank God for the countless blessings we enjoy. As we continue to celebrate the season, TCS remains committed to keeping the message of Jesus Christ and the Good News of his birth at the heart of all we do. Whether through Operation Christmas Child, our Christmas programs, or our chapel services, we celebrate the importance of giving, gratitude, and the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ. We look forward to continuing this mission when we return on January 6, 2025.

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Clippers



Ahoy mates!

Clippers will meet January 18th for a potluck meal, fellowship, and a program by John Ferreira of Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC). John will update us on what is happening with UYC activities in the South Bay

schools. God is having an amazing impact among the youth, with many decisions for

Christ! UYC places student-led Bible clubs in public middle and high schools. The president of UYC, Nate Landis, recently lived in the San Diego area and had children attending Trinity Christian School. Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a collaborative arm with UYC, working among athletes. Together, many young people are hearing the redemptive message of Jesus Christ!

Yer trusty first mate,
Melanie Plett

Save the Date | Annual Congregational Meeting

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Sunday, **February 9th** after the main service in the sanctuary, **all members** are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting. We will review the budget approved by our Session among other important church items.

