

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Volunteers Needed!

All of the ministries here at Trinity would not be possible without the help of our amazing volunteers. If you would be interested in serving on one of our Sunday or midweek ministry teams, please reach out to Zach, Kyle, or Meg for more information.

Membership Class

We long for people who have regularly attended Trinity to consider investing into our community even more by becoming members! If you're interested in learning more about what membership looks like and involves, join us Saturday, October 1 for a membership class. Childcare will be provided as well as a light breakfast and lunch!

Crossing Cultures Event

Whether new to the island, or having moved back home after a time away, crossing cultures can be challenging. God delights in the variety of cultures among his children which all reflect a little bit of who He is. Join us Saturday, October 8 as we explore this wonderfully rich theological truth, but also explore practical realities of adjustment and loving others from another culture.

GIVING

All that we have is a gift from God. Our tithes are a concrete expression of our faith in Christ. It nurtures our trust in Him, and our draws us deeper into His work of reconciliation.

There are several ways to give at Trinity Church:

1. Place your tithes and offerings in the baskets at the rear of the church.
2. To give by credit card or ACH or to set up a recurring gift, visit trinitypr.org/give.

Trinity Church is a registered non-profit in Puerto Rico 1101.01(a)(1) and with the U.S. Government 501(c)(3).

Monthly Budget Goal		Tithes/Offerings Received	
Facilities	\$5,361.00	June	\$27,389.46
Personnel	\$23,900.00	July	\$22,619.42
Ministries	\$6,532.00	August	\$42,887.05
		September	\$6,805.90
Total Operating Costs	\$35,793.00		

PRAYER REQUESTS

Trinity Ministries

Sector La Hormiga, Neighborhood Groups, Children's Ministry, Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Escuela Timothee

Partner Ministries and Churches

Iglesia La Travesía, South Florida Presbytery, Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Cree Women's Care, Hunger Corp., Iglesia Comunion, Iglesia En Buena Tierra, Casa de Bendición

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TRINITY CHURCH
PUERTO RICO

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WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity Church! We exist so that every English speaker in the San Juan metro area may encounter Jesus Christ and live out their faith more deeply, that together we may be a blessing to Puerto Rico. We are so glad to have you be a part of this sacred adventure. This adventure begins in worship which brings us into right relationship with God and our neighbor, and the adventure continues into our weeks as we are made to be a mission-minded community of love and service.

Our worship service is designed to be more contemplative, and we hope you will grow through its beauty and depth. Depending on your background, we realize that the flow and order of this worship experience may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes and explanations in the margins that will help you participate to the fullest.

This thoughtful and connected rhythm in our service is often called a liturgy. We follow this rhythm because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship - not for a lecture, conference, or concert, not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scriptures thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond. For this reason, we have organized the service around certain gospel concepts that shape our worship: Calling, Cleansing, Constitution, Communion, and Commission.

Again, thank you for worshipping with us. May the beauty of Christ capture all of our deepest imaginations.

Walking alongside you,

Pastor Zach Lutz.

Having heard the
Gospel in their
ears, God's people
now taste the
Gospel upon their
lips. Consecrated
as the body and
blood of Christ,
the bread and
wine, when
received in faith,
reinforce our
participation in
Christ's death,
resurrection and
return, as
proclaimed in the
mystery of faith.

The Lord's Supper

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Guidelines for Receiving the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

At the Table you will see both red wine and white grape juice. We invite you to partake as your conscience dictates. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers are available.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

Prayer for the non-participant: *God, I recognize that I do not rest exclusively in you as you offer yourself in your gospel. But please, encourage me to further explore the truths of Scripture. Give me a friend with whom I can express my doubts and get to know you more. Amen.*

Let us therefore proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

Let us celebrate our union with him.

Tithes and Offerings

We do not pass an offering plate. If you are a guest, please feel no pressure to give financially. This act of worship is for those who call Trinity their church family and desire to give joyfully and generously to the work of God through His church. There is an offering box on a table at the back of the room and baskets in the outside aisles.

*Worship in Song

Be Still God Will Fight Your Battles
African-American traditional

*Benediction and Dismissal

Just as we begin
with God's
gracious
invitation, so we
end with God's
promise to always
be with us.

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

Preaching God's Word

1 Sam 28:5-20; 1 Sam 31:1-6

1 Sam 28:5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. **6** And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. **7** Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."

8 So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you." **9** The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?" **10** But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." **11** Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me." **12** When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul." **13** The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth." **14** He said to her, "What is his appearance?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.

15 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do." **16** And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy? **17** The LORD has done to you as he spoke by me, for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. **18** Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. **19** Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The LORD will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines."

20 Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.

31:1 Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. **2** And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. **3** The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers. **4** Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me." But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly. Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it. **5** And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died with him. **6** Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together.

The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-2)

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

*Worship in Song

Holy is the Lord
Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

How Deep The Father's Love For Us
Stuart Townend

*Prayer of Adoration

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By reciting the Catechism, we rehearse and remember the faith of the church throughout history.

Contemplating the Faith (The New City Catechism)

Q45: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

The bold words constitute the children's version of the New City Catechism.

The confession of sin invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

Confession of Sin

Let us pray together:

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSIO

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon sets us free to love and forgive one another.

*Assurance of Pardon (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57)

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer is offered for the youngest of our congregation

Prayer for the Children of our Church

Children's Church (ages 4-7) and nursery (3 and under) are provided in the back.

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principal and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

New Testament Reading

John 12:20-26

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. **21** So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” **22** Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23** And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **25** Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

We ask the Spirit to open our eyes that we may see the wonders of his Word.

Prayer of Illumination