

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

### 7-UP

Kids ages 7-12 meet Sundays at 8:30a in order to learn what God says about who they are! Study books are provided, please contact meg@trinitypr.org 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](http://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	\$12,405.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,793.00</b>		
<b>Operating Costs</b>			

## 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

{ September 25, 2022 }





## 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

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker. **2** And sons were born to David at Hebron: his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel; **3** and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur; **4** and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; **5** and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron. **6** While there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul. **7** Now Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And Ish-bosheth said to Abner, "Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?" **8** Then Abner was very angry over the words of Ish-bosheth and said, "Am I a dog's head of Judah? To this day I keep showing steadfast love to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not given you into the hand of David. And yet you charge me today with a fault concerning a woman. **9** God do so to Abner and more also, if I do not accomplish for David what the Lord has sworn to him, **10** to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba." **11** And Ish-bosheth could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him. **12** And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, "To whom does the land belong? Make your covenant with me, and behold, my hand shall be with you to bring over all Israel to you." **13** And he said, "Good; I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you; that is, you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face." **14** Then David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, for whom I paid the bridal price of a hundred foreskins of the Philistines." **15** And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her husband Paltiel the son of Laish. **16** But her husband went with her, weeping after her all the way to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go, return." And he returned. **17** And Abner conferred with the elders of Israel, saying, "For some time past you have been seeking David as king over you. **18** Now then bring it about, for the Lord has promised David, saying, 'By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines, and from the hand of all their enemies.'" **19** Abner also spoke to Benjamin. And then Abner went to tell David at Hebron all that Israel and the whole house of Benjamin thought good to do. **20** When Abner came with twenty men to David at Hebron, David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him. **21** And Abner said to David, "I will arise and go and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires." So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace. **22** Just then the servants of David arrived with Joab from a raid, bringing much spoil with them. But Abner was not with David at Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. **23** When Joab and all the army that was with him came, it was told Joab, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has let him go, and he has gone in peace." **24** Then Joab went to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you. Why is it that you have sent him away, so that he is gone? **25** You know that Abner the son of Ner came to deceive you and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing."

**26** When Joab came out from David's presence, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the cistern of Sirah. But David did not know about it. **27** And when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him privately, and there he struck him in the stomach, so that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. **28** Afterward, when David heard of it, he said, "I and my kingdom are forever guiltless before the Lord for the blood of Abner the son of Ner. **29** May it fall upon the head of Joab and upon all his father's house, and may the house of Joab never be without one who has a discharge or who is leprous or who holds a spindle or who falls by the sword or who lacks bread!" **30** So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

## 2 Samuel 3:1-30

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 95:6-7)

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Today, if you hear his voice,**

## \*Worship in Song

*Goodness Of God*

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson

## \*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)

Q46: What is the Lord’s Supper?

**Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death.** The Lord’s Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father’s kingdom.

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

## Confession of Sin

Let us pray together:

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## \*Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 32:1-2)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

## Prayer for the Children of our Church

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

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.

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

Prayer is offered for the youngest of our congregation

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.

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

## \*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.

## New Testament Reading

**Romans 3:2-25a**

**2** Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. **3** What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? **4** By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,  
“That you may be justified in your words,  
and prevail when you are judged.”  
**5** But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) **6** By no means! For then how could God judge the world? **7** But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? **8** And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

**9** What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, **10** as it is written:  
“None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”  
**13** “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”  
“The venom of asps is under their lips.”  
**14** “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”  
**15** “Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** in their paths are ruin and misery, **17** and the way of peace they have not known.”  
**18** “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”  
**19** Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

**21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25a** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith

## Prayer of Illumination