

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

### Men's Bible Study

Fridays at 6:30a. We will have coffee and light breakfast ready and have a prompt end time of 7:30a. We are starting our study on 2 Samuel so now is a good time to jump back in!

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is Thursdays at 10a. We will continue studying the book of Revelation. Childcare is provided!

### Fall Fest:

Church wide chili cook-off with pumpkin painting for kids. We'd love to have you join us at 5p on November 5th. Bring your friends!

## 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	July	\$22,619.42
Personnel	\$23,900.00	August	\$42,887.05
Ministries	\$6,532.00	September	\$17,806.73
		October	\$26,859.97
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$35,793.00</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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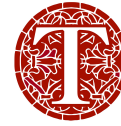
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TRINITY CHURCH  
PUERTO RICO

{ October 23, 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

*What A Beautiful Name*

Ben Fielding; Brooke Ligertwood

## \*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

**13** And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom." **14** Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword." **15** And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides." **16** So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house. **17** And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.

**18** And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king. **19** Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home. **20** You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you." **21** But Ittai answered the king, "As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be." **22** And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him. **23** And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.

**24** And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city. **25** Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place. **26** But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him." **27** The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Go back to the city in peace, with your two sons, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. **28** See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." **29** So Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem, and they remained there.

**30** But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went.

## 2 Samuel 15:13-30

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 118:24)

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*Worship in Song

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*  
Catherine Winkworth Joachim Neander

*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)

Q49: Where is Christ now?

**Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.**

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

## Confession of Sin

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSIO*

## \*Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 130:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

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

## 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

**Matthew 5:2-12**

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:  
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

## Prayer of Illumination