



## September 13, 2020

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Parish Notes

We enter a new phase of worshipping together in different places and ways this weekend. Our two in-person services will be streamed on our website, YouTube, and Facebook, and we'll continue to pray together by phone. **Registration for the in-person service is required** to help with spacing and contact tracing, and you must register by 8 a.m. on Saturday. The registration form is [available on our website](#). As we make changes in our worship schedule, it's important to remember that however we are worshipping – by phone, online, in-person – we are praying together as one community. None of these services is the “right” service for everyone, none is “more important” than another. Whatever way you can join in this prayer, you are an essential part of our wholeness as we bring our hearts and souls to God.

It is also essential to our wholeness that we continue to check in on one another, strengthen relationships without physical meetings, and BE the church in scattered places while this time of distancing continues. This difficult separation is an act of love, a sacrifice we make as a community to help protect the most vulnerable, and the health of the whole state.

Please check in regularly through our website (click “COVID-19 updates” on the right side of the front page) for parish updates, resources, and how you can help. That section of our website is updated continuously. We'll also post prayer and updates on [our Facebook page](#). **Bookmark that link!** It will show you news from Trinity even if you do not have a Facebook account. If you do use Facebook, follow us! (And still check the page regularly for updates – Facebook does not automatically show you all our content.)

## **Worship for Sunday, September 13:**

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer, In-Person Worship in the Church ([Registration Required](#))
- 9:45 am audio-only call in service (862-799-9987)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, In-Person Worship in the Church ([Registration Required](#))

Live Streaming of both services on our [website](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).  
Download the program for the service from [our website](#).

On **Tuesdays at 7 pm** Bob Litsinger offers a service of [Evening Prayer by Zoom](#). You can join the service from a landline phone as well as online, but you will need a password. Contact Bob Litsinger [by Email](#) or 856-571-0008 for the password, details or directions. It's a wonderful way to add connection, prayer, and peace to your week.

**Office hours:** Under guidance received from the State and Diocese of New Jersey, we will be limiting our office hours. The office will be partially staffed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for telephone inquiries and contactless drop-off/pick-up where necessary. If you need to pick something up or drop it off, please call before coming to the church, as our office hours will vary some from week to week.

**Food pantry hours** are Wednesday mornings from 9-11 am. Pantry needs: canned soup (hearty soups with meat), canned meats: tuna, chicken, beef stew. Thank you for all the donations. The recipients have been so appreciative of our ability to give out bags of food and gift cards to these families since March.

## **Upcoming Worship Schedule:**

Beginning September 13, we expect to resume worship in the church, with live-stream available for viewing for those at home on our website and YouTube channel.

### **Our Sunday schedule will be:**

8:00 a.m.      Worship in the church  
9:00 a.m.      Learning opportunities online\*  
9:15 a.m.      Worship by telephone – call 862-799-9987  
10:30 a.m.     Worship in the church

\*Some youth or adult classes may meet online at different times.

Live-streamed worship will be available for viewing on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#) all day.

[See more details on our website.](#)

## **Spiritual Growth Online:**

If you usually pick up **Forward Day by Day** devotional booklets at church and want a copy of the current booklet, please [contact Deacon Leslie](#) to arrange to pick one up or have it mailed to your house. You can also subscribe by email, or get e-books for your daily devotions [through Forward Movement online](#). Also check out the app for your phone or tablet. It has the daily reflection and links to daily readings, daily prayer and to keep a journal.

**Sunday School Update:** Sunday school will be modified during these unprecedented times. Our goal is to study, worship, and grow in Christ's love together, while adhering to current Diocesan and State safety guidelines. We look forward to providing a multi-generational program with new volunteer opportunities. For those of you who would like to revisit your Sunday school days, please join us! All ages are welcome.

Since we are not yet permitted to hold in person Sunday school, our program will be virtual. Each week, a video lesson link will be emailed to you in the weekly announcements, with hardcopies of the curriculum provided via USPS mail, if needed, on a monthly basis. We will meet as one group via Zoom and the meetings will include chapel, the current lesson or theme, activities, and music. Beginning **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00**. [Join us using this Zoom link](#). Please contact Christine Andonie at [candonie@trinitymoorestown.org](mailto:candonie@trinitymoorestown.org) for the password to attend, if you have not received it already by email.

Additionally, we will come together on the first Sunday each month for "All-in Sunday" with our Rite13 and J2A students. We welcome volunteers and encourage families to participate together. If you have a suggestion or idea, please Christine. Perhaps you have a story to share or a special talent? The possibilities are endless!

For students entering the first grade, Miss Stacy will offer opportunities for the Communion class to Zoom together, as well as other activities. Since we typically begin the official Communion curriculum in January, the children will share in the congregation's lessons until then. It is during times like these, we are reminded that "We are the church." Let's make this time spiritually fulfilling and fun, TOGETHER as one Trinity family.

Activities and worksheets will continue to be posted weekly our [Sunday School webpage](#).

**Hymn of the week:** Since we can't sing our wonderful hymns during the COVID-19 pandemic, we can nevertheless think about and appreciate them. Each week, we'll focus on one that we might have sung, something appropriate for the readings of the day. This is an opportunity to learn about the rich history of those who wrote the hymns and to focus on the meaning, beauty, and inspiration of their words. We'll "Sing to the Lord" in our hearts!

This week's **Hymn of the week**, is "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," (#410 in The Hymnal 1982), written in 1834 by Henry Francis Lyte. Queen Elizabeth II chose this hymn from Psalm 103 to be sung for her wedding in Westminster Abbey in 1947 on the 100th anniversary of Lyte's death. It emphasizes God's mercy, care, and forgiveness despite our "feeble frame" and our eagerness to praise him for his "grace and favor to his people in distress."

While serving as an Anglican rector, Lyte wrote many hymns and poems. Despite frail health and weak lungs, Henry established a Sunday school of eight hundred children in Brixham [England] and ministered to sailors on the docks, concerned about their educational as well as spiritual development. He was much concerned about the betterment of society, including the abolishment of slavery in England. This is the poet minister who also wrote another favorite hymn, "Abide With Me," as he was dying of tuberculosis in his 50s. Lyte always had a special desire to give to the world something that would live to the glory of God. These hymns are now recognized as two of the most loved by Christian congregations, so his wish has become reality. By Maris Williams. Sources: Peter Harvey, *Glory, Laud and Honor*; Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul*; and Wikipedia.

## Parish and Community Announcements:

**Volunteer opportunities:** As our ministries and worship change and adapt, so do our volunteer opportunities and needs. If you are comfortable attending in-person worship and looking for new ways to serve, especially if you love to welcome people or manage new technology, contact Deacon Leslie or Mother Emily. And *everyone* please watch the announcements for news about connecting with Trinity ministries and volunteer opportunities coming soon.

**Adult Bible Study:** Adult Bible Study resumes Sunday, September 20th at 8 am. We will meet [via Zoom](#) as we read and discuss The Gospel According to Mark. This is the earliest, and shortest of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Anyone wishing to get a head start on the class check out <http://www.bible.com/videos/3080-mark-the-bible-project>, a nine minute, animated overview of Mark from The Bible Project.

If you have two hours, go to [www.stpauls.co.uk/marksgospel](http://www.stpauls.co.uk/marksgospel) where you will find David Suchet's dramatic reading of the whole gospel. Brilliant! If you haven't yet tried Bible study, this class will be a great way to begin. You don't have to commit to attending every week. There will be a calendar with readings listed, and there will also be regular emails with interesting (I hope) information related to the weekly reading.

The class is very informal: we read God's word; we pray; we talk; we don't talk if we don't want to; we laugh; we cry occasionally; we get to know each other; we grow spiritually. If you have questions, or want more information, email Julie Bathke at [jbathke@hotmail.com](mailto:jbathke@hotmail.com), or call at 856-904-6948. Hoping to see you soon

**Join the journey of racial reconciliation and healing:** Many of us have become heart-sick about the unrelenting episodes of persecution and violence against Black people and others of color in this country. We promise in the Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being", so this is our work as Christians. What is it going to take to turn things around? This is the definition of repentance, recognizing our sins and turning in a different direction. The truth is that white people have to recognize the societal sins resulting from our white-dominated culture, and work to change our own hearts, the hearts of others, and societal structures that perpetuate inequality. Anti-racism work does not blame people for being white; it constructively calls on white people to accept responsibility and do the work needed for change. This is challenging and difficult work, and the country is not going to change overnight.

Join your fellow parishioners on this journey. Trinity is starting with a 21-day Racial Equity challenge to provide opportunities to read, listen and learn about racial injustice, and we will continue the journey in

whatever directions are of interest to the congregation. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Nancy Matthews.

**FREE COVID -19 & ANTI-BODY TESTING:** Open to the public. Photo and Insurance ID requested. Dates: Friday, September 18th 12pm-7pm and Saturday, September 19th 10am to 5pm. Social Distancing and Masks required. Where: Second Baptist Church, 319 Mill Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Pre-registration required. Click on link to register: [www.sbcmoorestown.church](http://www.sbcmoorestown.church)  
In partnership with Converge Church of Moorestown.

**Email scammers** are especially active while we are all depending more on online communications than ever. If you ever get an email or text that claims to be from Deacon Leslie, Mother Emily, or our church staff asking you for an unspecified “favor”, or asking you to urgently get gift cards or cash for an emergency, or anything else that seems unusual, **do not reply!!** If you get an email or text you are not certain about, especially one asking you for gift cards, money, or personal information, you may simply and safely ignore it. If you think a message asking for your help might be legitimate, reach out to the person who is supposed to have sent it using a method you know is safe: start a new email to that person, using the email in the directory or the contact form on our website (*not* a reply), or call us.

**The 16th Annual Bishop George E. Council Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held Monday, October 12 at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. This event raises substantial funds for the ministries of Trinity Cathedral, including feeding, education, and community service programs for the Trenton Community as well as spiritual service to our Diocese. COVID precautions will be in place for the tournament and dinner. More details and registration information can be found [on the Cathedral website](#).

**Thank you to everyone who has made an extra effort to keep up with your pledge!** In this challenging time, we understand that many will not be able to keep their pledged commitment to Trinity at their intended level. If it is financially possible, however, please keep your pledge current. Even though we are not gathering in person the work of the church goes on in many ways and places, and your ability to stay current with your spiritual commitment to generous giving makes it possible for us to focus on the church’s spiritual and pastoral work in this crisis.

There are many ways that you can pay your pledge or make an outreach or discretionary fund donation. You can mail your check or have your bank mail your check through online bill paying. Paying by check or online banking are the preferred payment methods. If you have PayPal, you can send money to [trinity@trinitymoorestown.org](mailto:trinity@trinitymoorestown.org).

Add a note or message designating what your gift is for. Be sure to choose **"Sending to a friend" or "Friends and family"** not "Goods and Services" or **not** "Paying for an item or service." This will save Trinity from being charged fees. In order for you to not be charged fees you can link your bank account instead of a credit card. You can also contribute [through our website](#). Please note on your check what your payment is for. Trinity's mailing address is: Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 W. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

## Intercessions – September 13, 2020

*Parishioners are asked to pray for the people listed below. Persons prayed for will be kept on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like to have someone put on the prayer list, or if you want them to remain on the list after three weeks, or if someone is on the list who should be removed, please notify the Church Office at 856/235-0811.*

Those suffering from the corona virus, and all healthcare workers.  
Students, teachers, parents, and school administrators and staff  
All those suffering from natural disasters, especially Hurricane Laura and the California fires

The family of	Sherry & John Ellis	Martin Lavengood
Sarah Pitts	Elvy Williams	Alexandra
John & Beverly	Helen	Cassie Rivera
Weatherly	Paul Smith	Ka'Li Barnville and
Sadie	Anne LeDuc	family
Lamar Morris	Rita Webster	Suzanne
Lee Grapes,	Ken Fitzgerald	Jonathan Loeb
Lawrence Scott and	Gerri Smith	Steve
Donald	Murray Alderfer	Phil Flanders
Catherine Mendez	Kathy Griffin	Jane & Herb Hale
Bob M.	Francesca	Liz Webster
Ingrid Wolfe	Libbi Hatfield	Barry Houston
Martha Bouchard	Eddie Armstead	Jacqueline Leis
Cann	Chuck Pearson	Laundre
Roger Anderson	Tom	Deva Gattinella
Steve Wenzler	Morgan Strauss	Betty Beard
Scientists working on	Darlene Ford	Jack Salmon
Covid-19 Vaccines	Maddie Harris	Jen Williams
Carmen Principe	Dixie	Alison Sprague
Christine L.	Doreen Derlin	
Grace Allen	Olivia Demmler	

### Departed

Sarah Pitts

### Health professionals and those on the front lines of COVID response:

Suzanne Anderson Lin	Janet Bader	Tammy Solitro
Tom	Tom Bader	Drew Luebbert
Jennifer Rudolph	Matt Solitro	Elizabeth Luebbert

### Those actively serving in the armed forces

Alyssa Elliott	Robert Cuthbertson	Darius Moore
Douglas Sandburg II	Tanguy Balou	Peter Mazzone
Sean Donato	Leah Harvey	Nick Mazzone
Jason Merriweather	Lynn Peace	Kevin Davis

### The clergy and parishioners of churches in our Diocese

Grace Church [Plainfield]

St. Mark's Church [Plainfield]

Church of St. Mary the Virgin [Pleasantville]



## About Trinity Church

Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown, New Jersey is a broad and inclusive church serving Moorestown, Mount Laurel, and surrounding communities. We have room under our roof for people from different backgrounds and cultures, with a wide variety of customs, points of view, lifestyles and talents. People of every gender, race, age, orientation, and identity share equally in leadership and in the sacraments, in fellowship and service. Our call is to strengthen relationships with God and one another, serving Christ in all persons and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We invite you to worship with us, learn with us, serve with us, to grow spiritually and to make new friends here.

Trinity Church was established in 1837 by the rector and members of St. Mary's Church in Colestown, now Cherry Hill, New Jersey. In 1928, the present complex of church, chapel, parish house, and offices (formerly the rectory) was given by Eldridge Reeves Johnson, the founder and president of the Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden and Moorestown resident (though not a Trinity member, nor even an Episcopalian!). The altar and some of the windows of the original 1939 Trinity building are preserved in our chapel, which is open all week long for private prayer. Our congregation has also developed our cloister garden into a place that attracts residents and visitors to enjoy the peaceful beauty, and our education wing hosts Trinity Preschool, a lively, joyful, growing community, five days a week.

Meet one of Trinity's greeters in the bell tower (the entrance that leads to the cloister garden and to Main Street) after the service, or visit [trinitymoorestown.org/get-involved/](http://trinitymoorestown.org/get-involved/) to learn how to connect with and participate in Trinity's ministries of service, music, worship, and education for all ages.



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