

Worship Helpers

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement & inform the office.

	Nov 18/19	Nov 25/26
Altar Guild	Laura Zimberg Susan DePlato	Laura Zimberg Susan DePlato
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
Prayers	Karen Wert	Bob Strassburg
Communion	Susan DePlato	
Projection	Bill Wood	Jim Brese
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Peter Cross	Daniel McKeehan
Greeter	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno
Ushers	Mike Zekas Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Joe Carr	Walter Zimberg Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright Leo Figini
Reader	Fern Innes	Fran Dawe
Prayers	Ron Opferbeck	Cindy Allsop
Communion	Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Leo Figini Sue Steege Jason Christ	
Projection	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Pat Canfield	Jason Christ
Acolyte	Paris Adams	Colin Hurley Danny Leising
Greeter	Jim Brese	Dennis Cassidy
Ushers	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Dan Gietz	Derek Pulver Jake Kieffer Diane Warner Nikki Warner
Reader	Mark Bramwell	Jennifer Tresch
Prayers	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
Communion	Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Barb Reardon Marty Doster Jason Christ	
Projection	Edu Obot	Bill Wood

FT Kids & Youth Sunday School

Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

Children

Childcare Infants - Age 2

Meets in Upper Preschool 2

Preschool - Ages 3 & 4

Meets in Upper Preschool 3

Kindergarten - Age 5

Meets in Lower Preschool 4A

FT Kids - Grades 1-5

Meets in Gym

Just Us - Adults

With Developmental Disabilities

Meets in Gym

Youth

Middle School Grades 6 - 8

Meets on Lower Level

High School Grades 9 - 12

Meets on Lower Level Lounge

Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.

Until December 10

Covenants in the Bible Led by Pastor Chuck (Lower Level)

What is a covenant and why do they matter? This class will dig into this important idea in the Scriptures. You will learn more about the heart of God towards His people—and towards you!

A Christian Response to Racism Led by Susan Whited

(Library) Why is our country so divided by race? What is the origin of racism? What has fueled it? Most importantly, how do I, as a Christian, respond, and what can I do to change the tide in our culture?

Bad Girls of the Bible Led by Sue Steege (Upper Level)

We'll use some video teaching from Liz Curtis Higgs about the lives of some of the Bible's best-known femmes fatales. From Eve to Jezebel to Delilah, each woman's story and struggles come to life. We'll dig into the Bible, too!

Meal Providers Needed

At First Trinity we care and support each other - sometimes through providing meals for those who are going through hard times of sickness, or joyful times like new babies!

If you would like to volunteer occasionally to provide a meal for someone, please sign up on the Meal Provider sign-up sheet in the lobby. We will notify you via email about meal providing opportunities.

Marsha Peth (mpeth@FirstTrinity.com, 716-238-3073)

Altar Flowers 2018 Sign Up

Sign-up area in lobby. \$20 per date chosen may be placed in available envelope and placed in offering. You may take the flowers after the 11:15 service or pick them up on Monday. *Please leave the green insert in the vase.*



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Thanksgiving to God for 45 Years of Marriage
By David & Marsha Phillips



FIRST TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome!

If you are a guest with us today, we are so glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a yellow card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during worship.

You will find all of the words in the worship service projected at the front of the church. If you require a printed copy, they are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

If you have something you would like us to pray about this week, you can write it on the back of the yellow card. Our staff and prayer team will pray for the requests during the week. If you so choose, we will post your request online at our prayer wall as well.

First Trinity is a Bible-based church. We believe God's Word is the sole authority for this life. We are imperfect people loving imperfect people.

Our prayer for you today is that you would connect to God and grow closer and closer to Him each day.

Lonely: Secrets Learned in Solitary Confinement

The program features a filmed interview with Tom Sutherland, who was kidnapped and held by Muslim radicals for nearly six and a half years.

"I was deprived of conversation and companionship, but there was very little I could do about it," says Sutherland. "When there isn't anyone else there, you simply have to resort to what's in your own head."

Participants will have the opportunity to tell about times they've encountered feelings of loneliness in their own lives.



This Monday night
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Here in our beautiful, cafe-like lower level. Free snacks & beverages - hope you'll join us!

LifetreeCafe.com

Sermon Topic

November 18/19
2017

This is Us: We Serve

I Corinthians 10:23-33, Matthew 20:20-28

What does it mean to be great? If you spend some time asking around, you'll find many differing opinions and examples. Typically, it includes people, organizations, or teams that are the best in their field—the most sales, the most wins, the most notoriety, the most whatever.

Jesus' disciples were wrestling with the issue of greatness one day. We know from Matthew 20:20-21 that they had a skewed sense of greatness. The mother of James and John—two of the disciples—came to Jesus with a request: That her sons would sit on His right and left. They knew Jesus was great by virtue of being the Son of God and their Savior, so to sit next to Him in heaven would also be reserved for great people.

Upon hearing the request, Jesus took a moment to teach about what it means to truly be great, and it wasn't what they expected:

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. Matthew 20:26b-27 (NLT)

What a radical teaching this was! Being great was not about being first, but last. It wasn't about being the "leader", but the "servant". This was counter to everything they had experienced or believed up to this point. It's counter to nearly everything the world teaches today. In fact, it doesn't make sense.

And yet there it is. Jesus didn't just tell us the way—He showed us. Jesus' life was one of service. Whether it was healing people or washing their feet, the only one who **deserved** to be served chose to **serve** instead. As part of His family, He invites you to do the same. So let's follow His example, living as a part of His family, and serve others.

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

The Annual Star Tree

In the spirit of Christmas giving, the Star Tree will return to First Trinity by Thanksgiving Day. Many families have made this a holiday tradition, by helping those in need. This year's recipients will be Ken-Ton School families, and Cornerstone Manor women's shelter.

To Participate: (Only one star per family please!)

- * Please take a star ornament from the tree in lobby.
- * Sign the poster next to the tree indicating the number on the star that you took.
- * Gift value should not exceed \$25.
- * Gifts should be new, placed in gift bags, with star attached.
- * **Please return all gifts by December 3.**
- * Any questions, call **Wendy Binkley 716-694-5431.**



Thanksgiving Worship Thursday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.
Church Office Closed Friday, November 24

Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.
KFigini@FirstTrinity.com

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Worship Times

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

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Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God's living Word.

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Jeff Weber

Calendar for November 19-26, 2017

For calendar details, visit our website: FirstTrinity.com/calendar

Sunday 11/19	Thursday 11/23
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship
10 a.m. Education Hour	Friday 11/24
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	Church Office Closed
Monday 11/20	Saturday 11/25
10:45 a.m. Preschool 4 Yr MWF Thanksgiving	10 a.m. LuLaRoe Haiti Fundraiser
3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
4:30 p.m. Vesper's Meeting	Sunday 11/26
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Vespers Rehearsal	10 a.m. Education Hour
Tuesday 11/21	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	4:30 p.m. Pickleball
3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	
6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	
Wednesday 11/22	
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	
3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	

Sermon Series—This is Us

Nov 4/5	We Worship	Hebrews 10:19-25, Luke 2:25-38
Nov 11/12	We Give	Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 8:3-9, John 3:16-21
Nov 18/19	We Serve	1 Corinthians 10:23-33, Matthew 20:20-28
Nov 23	Psalms of Thanksgiving	Psalms 147:1-7, Colossians 2:6-14, John 11:17-26
Nov 25/26	We Love	Hosea 11:1-9, 1 John 4:15-21, Matthew 22:34-40

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

SCRIP Gift Cards for Your Christmas Shopping

A large variety of cards are available on Sundays in the Main Office. Orders may also be placed for pick-up on the following weekend. Green order sheets are in your mailboxes, and they are available in the Office. Profits go to the high school and young adult mission trips.

OPUS (Older People Up to Something)

Christmas Lunch and Pirate Gift Exchange

Wednesday, December 20 at Noon

Classics V, Niagara Falls Blvd. All invited to join us for food, fellowship and fun! Entrée choices are on sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Cost is \$18 per person. Please pay Erhard "Moose" Moosmann and sign up by December 12.
Mary Ann Milak-Young (716-639-1169, mamydry@roadrunner.com)



Memorials make a lasting gift in someone's memory.

Christmas Ornaments

First Trinity is purchasing some Christmas Tree Cross ornaments that we are making available to you for a suggested donation of \$5. They make great Christmas gifts for teachers, relatives, friends, coworkers—whoever! Order forms (including a picture of the ornament) are available in mailboxes or at the Welcome Center. Supplies are limited, so don't delay!

Jason Christ (jchrist@FirstTrinity.com, 716-860-5007)

Christmas Eve/Day Schedule

Saturday, December 23
No Worship Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 24
10 a.m. & 7 p.m. Traditional
5 p.m. Contemporary

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 10 a.m.
Worship with The Lord's Supper & The Little Orchestra



Kairos Prayer Sign Up

Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian faith-based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of those who are incarcerated, by sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Please sign-up to pray for our members **Brian Bunny** and **Ron Opferbeck** who will be working at Wende Correctional Facility

December 7-10. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of the inmates and team. The prayer sign-up poster is in the Lobby.

Cookies for Kairos Packaged cookies are needed for the inmates. The prison does not allow re-sealable packages, raisins, powdered sugar or chocolate liqueur. Please place cookies in the Kairos Bin in the main hallway by December 3.

Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)

Want to Support Our Preschool?

Join with the preschool in collecting needed supplies for Buffalo City Mission's Cornerstone Manor to help single moms and their children. Items needed:

- Diapers size 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 (listed by priority)
- Baby wipes
- Underwear for boys & girls, size 2, 3, 4 T.

Collection Barrel is located on the preschool landing.

Donations collected until Thanksgiving.

2018 God's Creation Calendars - \$10

Sales will benefit our preschool. Forms are in mailboxes or at the Welcome Center. Please place your order and check in Debbie Ferrante's Main Hallway mailbox.

Debbie Ferrante
(dferrante@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)

Poinsettias for the Altar

In Memory of or In Thanksgiving for a Loved One

Plants are 6 1/2" pots for \$8. Order envelopes are in your mailbox or at the Welcome Center. Please place orders in the offering plate. Plants may be picked up after Christmas Day Worship, or by January 2.

Order Deadline: December 3.



LuLaRoe Haiti Fundraiser

Saturday, November 25 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LuLaRoe is a popular women's, men's and kid's clothing line that is having a Multi-Consultant Small Business Saturday at First Trinity. A portion of all proceeds will be donated and matched by the company.

Stephanie Krentz (smongiolo@aol.com)

Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, November 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Donation—\$3 per person.

In our gym—paddles are supplied or bring your own.

Rich Ferrante (Call or text 716-774-1060)



GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m.

GriefShare is a 13-week study that includes comfort, answers, and hope. The program provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

GriefShare fliers are available at the Welcome Center.

Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)

Christkindl (Christmas) Market

Saturday, December 2 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Holy Ghost Lutheran School, 6630 Luther St., Bergholz

German Food & Over 50 Crafters

We have a few tables still available. If you know of anyone interested in renting a table on Saturday December 2, contact

Mariah McCurry (716-807-4576) no later than November 26.

Christmas Concert at First Trinity

Sunday, December 3 at 4 & 7 p.m.

Candlelight Vespers Directed by David Werth

Pre-Service Bell Choir, St. John Lutheran, N. Tonawanda

Candlelight Procession Choral & Instrumental Music

Congregational Singing Holy Ghost Children's Choir

Help Needed—Sprucing Up the Church

Tuesday, December 5 at 3 p.m.

If you would like to help us prepare the sanctuary and chancel for Christmas, please join us and bring a pail and some rags. We will be cleaning and polishing the pews and altar area.

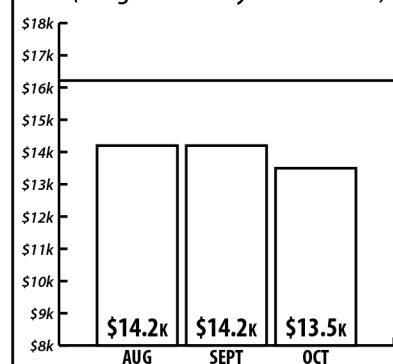
Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Laura if you have any questions! *Laura Zimberg (716-435-0020)*

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 526

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 206

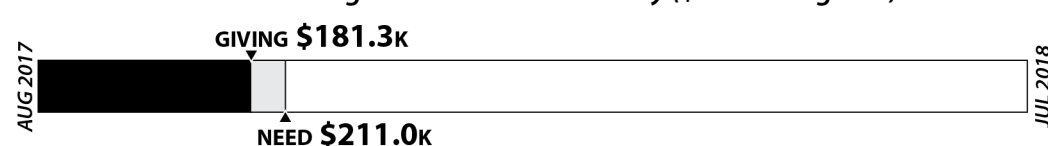
OCTOBER BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 16.2k)



Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10

Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$844k Budgeted)



Give online at FTGives.com or text "give" to 716-710-8800.

(All data through October 31, 2017)