

## Worship Helpers

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

	<b>Mar 14/15</b>	<b>Mar 21/22</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
<b>Reader</b> .....	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
<b>Communion</b> .....	Susan DePlato	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Luke Guetti	Hunter Sears
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach	Susan Brenan
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Sophie Myers	Sam Gugliuzza Sammy Gugliuzza Louis Gugliuzza Peter Cross
<b>Reader</b> .....	Fern Innes	Vicar Jason Christ
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Nancy Stuckwisch	Dorothy Rothrock
<b>Communion</b> .....	Lisa Cross Tom Knapp Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Marsha Peth	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	George Miller
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Pat Canfield	Vicar Jason Christ
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Paris Adams	Natalie Cook
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach	
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Rachel Murszewski Paris Adams Frank Kraemer Diane Warner	Dick McKie Adam Kaczmarowski Amber Neumann Gavin Neumann
<b>Reader</b> .....	Wendy Morris	Mark Bramwell
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth
<b>Communion</b> .....	Tarrie Battaglia Pat Canfield Kim Kwietniewski Tracy Bramwell Marsha Peth	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Edu Obot	Alex Hartnett

**The Lutheran Hour**  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
WXRL 1300AM [LutheranHour.org](http://LutheranHour.org)

**Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.**  
[KFigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:KFigini@FirstTrinity.com)

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

## 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 Upper Preschool 3*

**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 April 5

**Love & Respect** Led by Pastor Chuck and Susan Whited (Library)

This is a video series by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs based upon God's instruction found in Ephesians 5:33: "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." If you want to know how men and women can better relate and communicate with one another, this class is for you! **The information gained is useful for all relationships (not just husbands and wives).**

**Hosea** Led by Sue Steege (Lower Level)

Someone said about this Old Testament book: "it will challenge us with judgment so harsh it will singe our hair. But it will show us the kind of love we dream about. It will shower us with hope so pure as to take our breath away." Come and dig into Hosea!

### Portals of Prayer—Daily Devotions

*Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. It can be picked up near the Welcome Center. If you know someone who would be blessed by a copy, please take an extra one to share.

### Preschool Enrollment for 2020-21

Forms at Welcome Center or [FirstTrinityPreschool.com](http://FirstTrinityPreschool.com)

*Openings for 2, 3 & 4-year-olds*

Director, Debbie Ferrante

716-835-2220

[dferrante@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dferrante@FirstTrinity.com)



### Inspirational Movie: I Still Believe

This is the true story of Christian singer - song writer, Jeremy Camp. Directed by the Erwin Brothers (who also directed *I Can Only Imagine*), *I Still Believe* tells of Camp's spiritual journey through love and loss. In theaters now; be sure to bring some Kleenex!



**Altar Flowers**

**Presented to the Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of Benjamin Milak  
By Mary Ann Milak-Young & David Young



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 online 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.



Congregational  
Meeting

**Please Join Us!**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
**10 a.m.**

In addition to normal business, we will vote to start a call process for **Jason Christ** as Associate Pastor.

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

**March 14/15**  
**2020**

### Nineveh Turns From Their Sin

Jonah 3:1-10, Matthew 12:38-41

**H**ave you ever grudgingly done something you didn't want to do simply because someone told you to do it? For example, maybe your boss asks you to do something at work that's not really your responsibility. You try to dodge the request, but in the end you realize that it's probably best to just comply and do it. "I'll just get it done and get back to my other work", you think.

It's not exactly your best work, right? I mean, you don't exactly put your whole heart into it, doing the best you can, right? It's a natural part of being human: we generally don't do our best work when it's a task we don't want to do. The prophet Jonah had this kind of experience. God asked him to preach a message of repentance in Nineveh, a wicked city that was an enemy to God's people.

After trying to avoid the assignment at first, Jonah finally complies and goes to Nineveh, but it's not exactly the best sermon in the world. In fact, it's only eight words in our English translation:

*"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" Jonah 3:4b (ESV)*

Jonah didn't want the people of Nineveh to repent because he wanted them to die at God's hand. After all, they were his enemy. If we're honest, we're sometimes like Jonah. In our heart of hearts, we often wish God would smite our enemies and those who persecute us. But thankfully, that wasn't God's heart.

The people of Nineveh ended up repenting, turning from their sin to God and He relented. Even though they were enemies of God and His people, He relents and turns His wrath away. And He does the same for us. Paul writes in Romans that "while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son." (Romans 5:10)

Rather than look on our sin and destroy us, He sent someone to call us back to Him. He sent His Son Jesus. Jesus was not reluctant like Jonah. He was eager and ready to do anything to rescue us and bring us back to God. In fact, He stepped between us and God and took the punishment we deserved so that we could be made right with God. Wow.

*Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry*

## GOOD FRIDAY, FAMILY WALK-THRU EXPERIENCE!

The last 3 years, "Journey Through Good Friday" has proven to be a very moving experience with young and old alike. We hope you'll come again and bring a friend or family member on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Come anytime between 11 am - 6 pm to walk through - at your own pace - and see the things Jesus endured on our behalf. Kids will receive a booklet and stuffed animal. This event is free and we hope and pray you'll come! **We could use some help too, so if you can set-up, greet, or take down - - please contact Carolyn Doster at: [adoster@verizon.net](mailto:adoster@verizon.net). Thank you!**



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## Calendar for March 15-22, 2020

For calendar details, visit our website: [FirstTrinity.com/calendar](http://FirstTrinity.com/calendar)

<b>Sunday 3/15</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers 4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship	<b>Thursday 3/19</b>	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel 6 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Prep Gr 8 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sisters In Spirit
<b>Monday 3/16</b>		<b>Friday 3/20</b>	6 p.m. High School Youth Grp Movie Night
<b>Tuesday 3/17</b>	10 a.m. GriefShare Music With Mar 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m. Band	<b>Saturday 3/21</b>	9 a.m. Men's Basketball 1 p.m. Holy Ghost Basketball 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday 3/18</b>	9:30 a.m. Women's AA 10 a.m. Preschool Chapel 12 p.m. Lunch With Staff 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:45 p.m. Grief Support Group 8 p.m. Volleyball	<b>Sunday 3/22</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sunbeam Sunday 12:30 p.m. High School Workcamp Meeting Preschool Art show 3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers 4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Sermons

<b>Mar 21/22</b>	<b>Josiah Turns From His Sin</b>	2 Kings 22:1-13, Luke 5:27-32
<b>Mar 28/29</b>	<b>Peter Turns From His Sin</b>	Joshua 24:21-28, 2 Corinthians 7:8-11, Luke 22:54-62

Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)



## Help Spruce Up the Church! Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

If you would like to help prepare the sanctuary and chancel for Easter, please join us and bring a pail and some rags. We will be cleaning and polishing the pews, altar, lectern, and pulpit. **Everyone is welcome to join us!**

Please contact Laura if you are able to help! *Laura Zimberg (716-435-0020)*

## New Alarm Codes Required

FTLC has updated the security system. Please email [rgietz@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:rgietz@FirstTrinity.com) if you need a code to arm or disarm the system. Provide a 4 digit code that is different from the one that you currently have. If you currently have a key that you no longer need, please return it to Kathy Figini or Renée Gietz. Please don't leave a key without talking to one of us.

*Renée Gietz (716-773-2847) Interim Ministry Operations Manager*

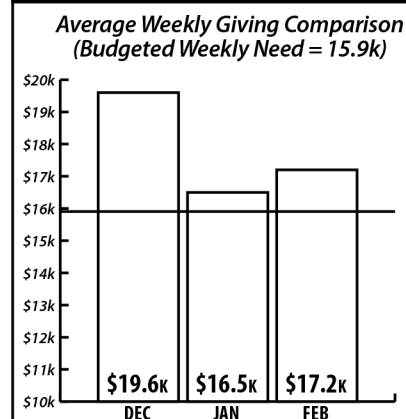
## MINISTRY COUNCIL

President: *Joel Rockensuess*  
Vice-President: *Jeff Weber*  
Secretary: *Bonnie Sugrue*  
Treasurer: *Marlene Carr*  
At Large: *Kevin Cross,*  
*Sam Gugliuzza, Pam Jones*

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: **443**

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: **202**

### FEBRUARY BY THE NUMBERS



*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17*

**Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$825k Budgeted)**



Give online at [FTGives.com](http://FTGives.com) or text "give" to 716-710-8800.

(All data through February 29, 2020)

## Next Saturday of Service (SOS)

### Mobile Pack Event, April 4

This is a one-day event, held quarterly, to compassionately serve others in Jesus' name. There is no commitment beyond that one day and no prior experience is needed. There is a job for everyone so round up your family and your friends for a wonderful day of work, fellowship, and fun.

### How to Participate in the Event:

Join us for the **Mobile Pack Event** on **April 4**. We will meet at the church at 11 a.m. After a quick briefing and devotion we will travel to Villa Maria College for the Mobile Pack Event which will occur from 12-2:00 p.m. This event is open to all ages and is a great family service opportunity (young children will require 1:1 supervision). We will help to pack thousands of specially designed high nutrition meals for distribution around the world. The goal for this event is to pack 100,000 meals!

**Donate:** You can also make a donation to support this SOS.

Each meal costs 25 cents. If you can help in this way, please make a check out to **First Trinity Lutheran Church** and include the notation: **Feed My Starving Children** on your check. Donations may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate online at [FirstTrinity.com/SOS](http://FirstTrinity.com/SOS).

**Register:** [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com) and click **Current Sign-Ups**

Once you register you will be contacted via e-mail to confirm your registration and any further information for the day.

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

*Patrick Canfield (716-695-9845)*

## Community Volleyball at First Trinity

### Wednesdays, 8 -10 p.m.

Volleyball enthusiasts who are 16 or older, gather in our gym on Wednesday evenings to play a few games.

The cost is \$2 per person. Contact *Jonathan Folmsbee (716-471-1649)*, [jwfolmsb@buffalo.edu](mailto:jwfolmsb@buffalo.edu)

or join the **FaceBook Group, First Trinity Volleyball**.

## Did God Give You the Gift of Music?

Paul writes in Colossians 3:16 – "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

As **David Werth** begins his service in our traditional worship music ministries, we're excited for what God has in store as we "sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" together. You are welcome to sing or play in our Bell Choir or Adult Vocal Choir—and we'd love to have you! Practices are on Thursdays at 6 p.m. (Bells) and 7 p.m. (Vocal) each week. No auditions or fees.

Do you have other musical gifts? David would love to hear about them! We'd like to form a string ensemble and there are opportunities for other instruments to play throughout the year.

*David Werth (716-731-7183) or (dwerth@FirstTrinity.com)*

## GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

### Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.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. The topic on March 17 is: **The Journey of Grief—Part 1**  
*Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695), Sophie Myers (716-380-2689), Or Mary Ann Young (716-639-1169)*

## Come For Worship!

### Wednesdays During Lent

### March 18 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

Services will feature personal testimonies to convey the hope Jesus gives. Testimony will be given by **Stacy DiCenso**. Our prayer is that we will see the power Jesus has to change our lives. He heals, restores and cares.

## Easter Plants for the Altar

In Memory of or In Thanksgiving for a Loved One

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22.**

Order envelopes are in your mailboxes and are available at the Welcome Center.



All plants are 6 1/2 inch pots and cost \$8.50.

Pick up plants after 11:15 a.m. worship on Easter Sunday.

## Grief Support Group at First Trinity

### Wednesday, March 18 at 7:45 p.m. (Note Time Change)

Topic: *Death is But a Dream* by Christopher Kerr, MD, PHD.

"Finding Hope & Meaning at Life's End". Open to anyone grieving, having someone in hospice care, or just willing to learn more about end of life. Ron will lead the discussion.

Questions: *Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)*

## Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)

### Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

At **First Trinity in the Library**.

Join us for a Bible Study, refreshments, and fellowship.

**All women welcome - bring a friend!**

*Sue Storch (716-280-3448)*

## Easter Food Baskets

**Basket request deadline is Sunday, March 22.**

**Donation deadline is Sunday March 29.**

Baskets are given to needy families in our congregation, the community, and to La Santa Cruz church in the city of Buffalo. Donations of \$35 will fill a basket. Write **Holiday Food Baskets** on the memo line of your check, place it in a pew envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

For more information, or if you know a family in need, please contact the church office.

*(kfigini@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)*.

If you would like to help with the baskets on Saturday, April 4th at 9 a.m., please contact *Pauline Shotwell*

*(plshotwellps@gmail.com, or call/txt 716-480-7630)*.