

## Worship Helpers

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

	<b>Jan 11/12</b>	<b>Jan 18/19</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	GINNY SCHREMB Beth Vance Laura Zimberg	GINNY SCHREMB Beth Vance Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Henry Millar	
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Martha Miller	Rich Ferrante
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
<b>Communion</b> .....		Tony D'Amico
<b>Projection</b> .....	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Hunter Sears	Lydia Reed
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Susan Brenan	Darlene Helming
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Walt Zimberg Sue Lichtenthal Todd Helming Joe Carr	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann
<b>Reader</b> .....	Sophie Myers	Garrick Wright
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Nancy Stuckwisch	Ron Opferbeck
<b>Communion</b> .....		Wendy Binkley Joe Allsop Cindy Allsop Jeff Weber Marsha Peth George Miller
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Pat Canfield	Vicar Jason Christ
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Madeline Anthony	Riley Fabian
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Fabian Family Dan Gietz	Rachel Murszewski Paris Adams Frank Kraemer Diane Warner
<b>Reader</b> .....	Wendy Morris	Marsha Peth
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Brian Bunny Marsha Peth	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
<b>Communion</b> .....		Sue Steege Jim Passage Tarrie Battaglia Pat Canfield Marsha Peth
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Edu Obot

**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*

## New Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.

**January 12—February 16**

### Toughest Questions About Christianity

*Led by Pastor Chuck and Susan Whited (Lower Level)*

People have lots of tough questions about Christianity these days. "Why are Christians so judgmental?" "Why does God allow evil?" "Why is Jesus the only way to heaven?" and more...this course will explore the answers to tough questions like these, but more importantly will teach HOW to answer questions with authenticity, integrity, and straightforward truth.

### James *Led by Sue Steege (Upper Level)*

True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The New Testament book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. Join us as we dig through James!

### Liturgy of the Ordinary *Led by Phil Reed (Library)*

This class investigates sacred practices in everyday life. Worship itself is made up of ordinary stuff. Learn how brushing your teeth, eating leftovers, losing your keys, and other overlooked moments can make us aware of God's presence in surprising ways.

## Altar Flowers 2020 Sign Up

Only a few dates left!

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 Loving Memory of Rich Gaffney  
By Cheryl Lenihan, Phil & Sue DePlato



**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.

## Chinese Checkers Tournament

**Mondays at 7 p.m.**  
**January 13 – February 3**

The Tournament will take place on the Lower Level at First Trinity. We will focus on mastering the rules and strategy of the game. Someone will take home a **first-place loving cup** on February 3. Snacks, fellowship and FUN will be provided. Feel free to bring your own game board if you have one.

**Carl Fretthold**  
([cfretthold@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:cfretthold@FirstTrinity.com))

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## Sermon Topic

**January 11/12**  
**2020**

## Washed Clean

Isaiah 42:1-9, Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 3:13-17

I love water! I love being near lakes, streams, and oceans. Something about the movement of water and the sound of it soothes me. I REALLY love swimming and exercising in water. I love the way it holds me up, the way it washes over me, and everything about the way it feels on my skin. I consider the fact that there is a pool at my condo complex one of God's sweetest gifts to me. It's like a wink from Him that says, "I see you there, Susie." (in my mind, God always calls me "Susie").

I wonder if my attachment to water is an echo of my Baptism? Baptism is a beautiful means of grace that God designed as a way to take hold of us with His love and wash us clean. It might look like the Pastor is doing the work of a Baptism by pouring water over the baby's head, but don't be fooled. It is God doing all the work. It is no faint symbol of forgiveness, it IS forgiveness itself. Paul said this about Baptism:

*For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism.  
And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father,  
now we also may live new lives.—Romans 6:4*

When you witness a Baptism, you are seeing God take hold of someone with His love and make them new. Glorious.

Martin Luther once said, "When you wash your face, remember your Baptism." Remember that God took hold of you. Remember that He washed you clean from all your sins. You belong to Him. You can count on it!

*Susan Steege—Director of Transformation Ministries*

P.S. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, give Pastor Chuck a call to schedule it. It's really that easy!

## Haiti Mission Trip Requests

### Haiti Mission Items Needed

The Haiti Mission Team is posting items requested by our friends in Haiti on the Donation Board outside the Main Office. One of the tasks of our team is to bring our partners in Haiti items they cannot easily get in a country with no mail system. We will continue to add request sheets as needs are identified. Please return your donation by **Friday, January 17**, so they make it into a suitcase on packing day.

### Prayer Partners for Haiti Team Members

Please sign-up in the Lobby if you would like to pray for a member of our Haiti Mission Team.

## STAFF

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## Calendar for January 12-19, 2020

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

<b>Sunday 1/12</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:30 p.m. High School Service Project Planning 3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers 4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship	<b>Thursday 1/16</b>	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball 6:30 p.m. Gr 7&8 Parent Blessing Event 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday 1/13</b>	7 p.m. Chinese Checkers Tournament	<b>Friday 1/17</b>	5 p.m. High School Youth Grp
<b>Tuesday 1/14</b>	11 a.m. Funeral 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time 6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Horizon Support Group 7 p.m. Band	<b>Saturday 1/18</b>	8 a.m. Work Team 9 a.m. Men's Basketball 10 a.m. Hiring Team Mtg 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday 1/15</b>	9:30 a.m. Women's AA 3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball 4 p.m. Good Friday Planning Mtg 6:30 p.m. Future's Task Force 7 p.m. Grief Support Grp Corvair Car Club 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	<b>Sunday 1/19</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

## Upcoming Sermons

<b>Jan 18/19</b>	<b>Behold the Lamb</b>	I Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42a
<b>Jan 25/26</b>	<b>Fishers of Men</b>	Isaiah 9:1-4, I Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

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

### MINISTRY COUNCIL

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

## Retirement Luncheon for Susan Brese and Tim Hartnett



Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Classics V Banquet Center

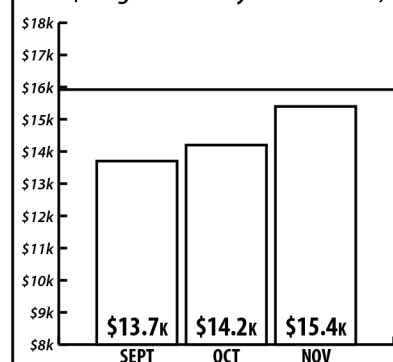
Invitations are in your mailbox  
or at the Welcome Center.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 464

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 220

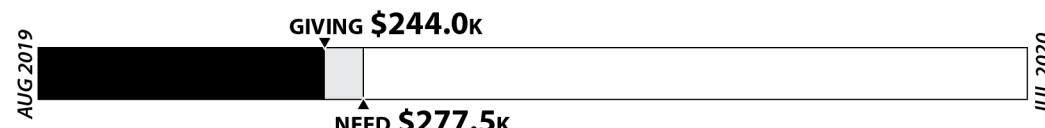
### NOVEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison  
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 15.9k)



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 (\$825k Budgeted)



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

(All data through October 31, 2019)

## Call Committee Formed

The Ministry Council has formed a Call Committee for the Director of Contemporary Worship position. Thanks to those who expressed interest or submitted names.

The committee consists of:

*Marty Doster (Chair), Marlene Carr  
Kim David, Dominic Florio, Emmett Henry  
Kelsey Trautwein, and Pam Trevino*

*Joel Rockensuess, Council President (jrocken@gmail.com)*

## Used Smart Phones Wanted

The Haiti team is collecting old Smart Phones to give to the older orphans who have aged out of CIH. Please be sure the phone is unlocked, back to factory settings and able to accept a SIM card. Leave the phone and any accessories in the bin marked Haiti. Donations and include your contact information in case we aren't able to access Gcell or Netcom with your phone. Thanks! *Renee Gietz (716-773-2847)*

## From Heide & Randy Edgington

Thank you for all the support through the past couple of months. Your prayers, calls, notes, texts, visits, food, etc. are so appreciated and have helped us more than you can know.



## Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones

### All Saints Service Oct 31 / Nov 1, 2020

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2019 and you would like them remembered at our next *All Saints Service*, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to: *Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)*.

## Valet Parking Ministry

We want to encourage people who need parking assistance to come to church. It is so helpful for families with young children, senior adults and anyone else that needs help getting from their vehicle into the church.

This ministry can always use more volunteers. It's a great way to show God's love to members and guests. To help, please contact *Marsha Peth (716-238-3073)*.



## SCRIP Gift Cards Sold in Main Office

SCRIP gift cards are sold between worship services each Sunday. Each gift card you purchase helps support Youth and Young Adult Mission Trips. *Thank you for your continued support!*



## Horizon Support Group

Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Horizon Parent & Family Support Group  
Understanding Substance Abuse & Addiction

Meets at First Trinity the second Tuesday of each month.  
For more information: *Colleen Babcock (716-907-2585)*

## Grief Support Group at First Trinity

Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

Topic: *Finding Meaning: the Sixth Stage of Grief*. From the book, *Insights Into Grief and Possible Responses To It*, by David Kessler. Ron will lead the discussion. Leaders are *Mary Ann Milak-Young & Ron Opferbeck*. Questions: *Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)* or *Sophie Myers (716-380-2689)*.

## Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)

Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. (Changed from original date)

At Carolyn Doster's, 24 Squire Court, Getzville 14068  
Join us for a Bible Study, refreshments, and laughter.  
All women welcome - bring a friend!  
*Carolyn Doster (716-689-4806)*

## Our Next New Member Class

Wednesday, February 12 at 6-8:30 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to consider attending our next **New Member Class**. Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership, but it is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to entering into membership. We start with a light supper at 6 p.m.

Please register by February 9 at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com), click on **Current Sign-Ups**, or call the office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

## Military Ministry

I am updating Military Ministry contact information. If you have a family member or friend currently serving in the military and would like me to send them encouragement and prayers, please leave me their name and address as well as your name in my mailbox at church or email me. Thank you!  
*Mary Ann Gettman (maharhigetman@roadrunner.com)*

For those who get chilly during worship, shawls are available in the back of the Sanctuary on the shelf, and may be returned to the shelf at the end of worship.