



Trinity Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

March 16, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – MARCH 20, 2022

Sermon – “Preparing for Departure: Called to Remain”
(Rev. John Fair)

Scripture – [John 15:1-17](#)

Rev. John Fair will present a new 8-part sermon series for Lent and Easter, with the overall theme of “*Preparing for Departure*”. The departure is the death of Christ and how he prepared his disciples and himself for it.

- We will use the Gospel of John and the Upper Room Discourse found in John chapters 13-17 for the first five Sundays. The Upper Room Discourse is John’s record of Jesus’ conversation with his disciples the evening before his departure, his death on Good Friday.
- On Palm Sunday we will go back to John 12 and Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to the praise of the people.
- On Good Friday we will be in John 19 and on Easter Sunday we go to John 20.

John, the gospel writer, will provide us with a rich glimpse into the events of the first Holy Week and how they serve as a sure foundation for our faith and salvation.

Trinity’s sanctuary is open for in-person worship, and worship services will continue to be available via Zoom. As in previous weeks, the link to Sunday’s service will be sent out from the Church Office on Thursday. Our services are recorded and made available from Trinity’s website.



Jennifer is currently working from home, but she plans to resume office hours on Thursdays, starting March 24. In the event of an emergency, contact the Church Office (613-836-1429), or Trinity’s Clerk of Session, Marg Connelly.

TRINITY’S CALENDAR

Thursday, March 17

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, March 19

12:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, March 20

10:00 am Lent III Worship Service (in person & Zoom)

Monday, March 21

6:30 pm Trinity Hilltop Ringers Practice

Sunday, March 27

10:00 am Lent IV Worship Service (in person & Zoom)

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Grocery Cards:

Please note the following dates for grocery cards this month:

Orders must be placed by the end of the day on
Sunday, March 27.

Marilyn will be at the church on
Thursday, March 31 for the
sale/pickup of the cards from
1:30 PM – 3 PM.



Need help or need a listening ear? If you, or a friend, would like to talk to someone who has a compassionate and confidential listening ear, please reach out to the Pastoral Care Team by contacting Muriel Laughton.



The **WEEKLY WALKERS GROUP** is planning to start up again in April, after a long pause due to COVID. Not only are there health benefits to walking but we can also benefit from the fellowship of walking together. Stay tuned – more details to follow ...

Lent 2022: We invite you to take a few moments each day throughout the season of Lent for quiet reflection. We hope that you will receive both encouragement and blessing from the Lenten Devotional Guide that was created by St. Andrew's Hall at the University of British Columbia, which can be found [here](#). St. Andrew's Hall is a college of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, near Vancouver.

CONNECTING WITH THE BROADER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The March edition of the Animator's Newsletter for the Presbytery of Ottawa can be found [here](#). The March newsletter for Youth Leaders and Sunday School Teachers was recently released and is accessible [here](#).

The March 2022 Edition of PC Connect is available [here](#).



Parkwood Presbyterian Church is looking for a new caretaker! Individuals who are interested in learning more about this position can find further information available [on Parkwood's website](#). The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022.

DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Donations can be made via eTransfer, credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

Offerings can be dropped off at the church when Marilyn O'Brien is selling grocery cards. For the month of March, that will be on Thursday, March 31.

Please do **not** send cheques to the church by mail at the present time. The mailbox at the road is not very secure and we are unable to check it on a daily basis. If you choose to mail a cheque, please send it to Bob & Margaret Connelly's home address.

BEYOND TRINITY

Trinity is currently not accepting donations of goods for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, since capacity to send items to Ukraine has been reached at the present time.

However, monetary donations can still be received. If you wish to make a donation through Trinity, please mark your donation "Ukraine Crisis Appeal". If you prefer to donate directly through Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D), you may find details on how to do that at <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis/>

As we learn of more ways that we are able to help, we will pass that information along to you.



The spring issue of Beavertales is now available. [Click here](#) to read the latest news from Gracefield!

- Gracefield is turning 60! Check out page 2 to see what celebrations are in the works!
- You may recognize some familiar faces on page 3, working on Cabin 3.
- Why not consider contributing to Gracefield's spring/Lenten fundraiser?
- And summer programming is returning ... see page 5 for more information on how to register your children or grandchildren for summer camp! Take note of the early bird deadline – May 31.



"Friends for Dinner" is planning to host an Easter dinner this year. For more information, or to register as a host, go to <https://www.friendsfordinner.ca/>. Registration closes April 5.

TRINITY'S UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS – MARCH 6, 2022

Trinity has announced plans to return to in-church worship beginning on March 6th, 2022. With the recent announcement by Ontario that proof of vaccination is not required, but is voluntary, to enter all indoor public settings, Session has carefully considered the matter and has decided to take a cautionary approach for the time being. To assist you with what to expect while worshipping at the church, here is a description of the practices we will follow:

- **As you enter the church, those eligible for vaccination will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated unless you have previously done so, or have a valid exemption.**
- You will need to wear a mask. Bring your own or disposable masks will be available at the church.
- Hand sanitizing will be available to allow you to clean your hands when entering and leaving the church.
- Seating will no longer be required to respect physical distancing although you may wish to do so.
- Children are to remain with family members as there will be no Sunday School.
- David Chin will be providing the prelude and postlude live from the sanctuary each Sunday. The services will include musical selections that have been pre-recorded by the praise team. Congregation singing (with masks) and responsive readings (with masks) are permitted.
- Communion services will be on the second Sunday of each month. A pre-filled, individual communion package will be available for those wishing to participate in communion. It contains a non-gluten free wafer and grape juice. You may also bring your own communion bread, wine, or grape juice if you prefer.
- For those attending the in-person service, offering envelopes can be placed in the offering plate as you enter the church foyer.
- We will have coffee and tea available after the service in the church lobby. Those who stay for coffee must be seated at tables.
- For those who are uncomfortable or unable to attend church in person, the service will continue to be on Zoom. Those attending via Zoom will be able to chat with each other before and after the service.

Stay safe. Stay well.