



Trinity Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

March 30, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – APRIL 3, 2022

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

Scripture – [John 17:1-26](#)

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 on Trinity’s YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/3u7717U>. (Older services remain accessible from Trinity’s website.)

Jennifer has resumed office hours (9 AM – 3 PM) at the Church on Thursdays. She continues to work from her home office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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 31

- 1:30 pm Grocery Card pickup
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, April 2

- 12:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, April 3

- 10:00 am Lent V Worship Service (in person & Zoom)
- 4:00 pm “Words for Worship in a Time of War” (in person & Zoom)

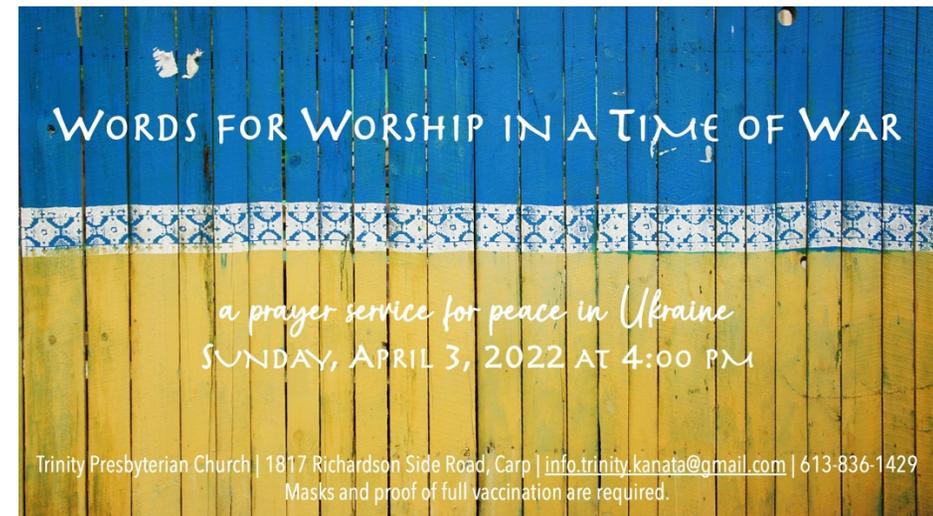
Monday, April 4

- 6:30 pm Trinity Hilltop Ringers Practice

Wednesday, April 6

- 10:00 am Walkers’ Group (meet by Farm Boy, Signature Centre, Kanata)

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION



On Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 PM, Trinity will be hosting a prayer service where we will pray for peace in Ukraine. The service – written by John Bell – includes scripture, prayers, silence, and hymns. We hope you will join us as we support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters through our prayers. If you wish to connect virtually, use the following link: <https://youtu.be/5y-275RMpBg>. The Trinity community will also receive an email with a Zoom link.

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 starting again on Wednesday, April 6 at 10:00 am. Please join us if you are interested in walking for about an hour outdoors and in fellowship. The walking path is on the north side of Farm Boy at 499 Terry Fox Drive. Just park at the Signature Centre and we'll meet at the beginning of the path. Let's hope we have a beautiful day!

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.

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 tomorrow -- 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.

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.



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.
- In addition to what you can read in Beavertales, please note a 60th Anniversary Event which is planned to raise funds for the floating and fixed dock replacement project the Board plans to carry-out before the Summer Camp season commences. The docks are over 25 years old and sorely in need of replacement. The flyer for the Paddle-a-thon in August is included in the newsletter. Plus, watch in future weeks for a flyer about the Gracefield Hanging Basket sale which will be run in cooperation with Richmond Nursery with a planned collection event at the Fallowfield/Moodie Drive location on May 7.

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program's Spring 2022 Continuing Education Event will be held on April 5, 2022. Linda LeDuc will give a presentation on **Exploring Dementia**. Registration for this evening event is required by April 4.

For more information, including dates, times, course outlines, and registration fees, please visit <https://ottawapastoralcare.com> or contact Terri Skuce (ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com).



Gracefield Paddle-a-thon

Mark your calendars!

We are excited to celebrate Gracefield Camp's 60th Anniversary with a Paddle-a-thon.

Saturday, August 20, 2022 (Storm date Sun. Aug. 21)

On the weekend of August 20-21, get outside and enjoy some exercise, either at the camp or at home, while raising money for Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre. This is not a race. Have some family fun! We hope the spirit and generosity of the Gracefield community will shine. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards camp expenses during this difficult time. Participate to show your appreciation for our camp!

Some details:

Choose a family 2 km paddle, an extreme 12 km paddle or an exercise of your choice.

Paddle/hike/bike/walk/run the weekend of August 20-21.

Join with others at your church to form a church team. The church could win a prize.

Collect sponsors and tell them how special Gracefield Camp is to you! Sponsors over \$3 get a tax receipt.

Minimum \$50 sponsorship per person to participate at the camp.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Follow all public health guidelines.

Share photos of yourself and your community participating.

What is included?

A fun paddling experience or other exercise of your choice

Option of a place for your tent Fri. Aug. 19th and if needed due to weather, Sat. Aug 20th

Option of camp canoe rental (limited number)

Goodies and prizes!

Check www.gracefieldcamp.ca after Easter for detailed information on how to register. The camp can be contacted using email info@gracefieldcamp.ca or (819) 463-2465.

