

With COVID cases on the rise in Massachusetts, now is the time to be vigilant. That means keeping your mask over your nose and mouth, maintaining at least a 6 ft. distance between you and those around you, and leaving the sanctuary promptly after the postlude as directed by the ushers. If you wish to stay and talk with others, you are welcome to do that outside. If you would like to speak with one of our pastors or staff members, please make an appointment. Thank you for doing your part. This is important as we endeavor to provide an in-person worship option that is as safe as possible during this time.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:

Altar Guild/Thanksgiving Altar: Vera Baker & Nicole Baker-Cooley

Attendance Taker: Nicole Baker-Cooley

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Greg Andros

Stewardship Display: Chad Thompson

Ushers: Head Usher, Margo Sweetland, **Asst. Sheila Womble, Ushers:** Lisa Bakowski, Donald Cushing, Ginger Elliott

Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:

Stewardship: While the "official" timeframe for the pledge drive is over, we are still accepting pledges. Almost half of the individuals and families that usually pledge, have not yet completed the pledge process and we have a long way still to get to the \$420,000 pledge amount we need at a minimum for next year's basic expenses. We ask you to prayerfully consider renewing your financial commitment to Trinity. Please mail, [email](#) or go [on-line](#) to complete your pledge for 2021. Please visit Trinity's [giving page](#) for more information. Thank you.

Angel Tree Goes Virtual: Trinity is participating in the **Virtual** Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Program this year. Sponsor a child of a prisoner for \$22 and they will receive a Christmas package shipped by the Prison Fellowship on behalf of their incarcerated loved one. The package will include a \$20 gift card to Walmart, the prisoner parent's message, a Gospel presentation, and an opportunity to receive a free Adventure Bible. Visit <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/a6da9eee-cffa-4767-adba-839655ce15f0> to sponsor a child. Enter Trinity's access code: **R6VPA**, select a child online, pay securely. If you're unable to access online, contact Ginny Blake 413-222-6593.

BHF 2021: The Twelve Days of Boar's Head

We need your skills and gifts to make this a reality. Trinity is an amazingly creative and dedicated congregation. Please go to the website <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/> and read more about this exciting project. Scroll down the page for the survey to join in. Don't miss out!



Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22, 2020

* Stand if you are able ✨ See words to the right

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

Organ Prelude: "Holy Manna" J. Raney

Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

Prelude: "Thanksgiving Fantasia" J. Krug
Trinity Handbell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship: ✨

Introit: "All Good Gifts" D. Schwoebel
Caroline Andros, Brittany Fox, and Caitlin Odell

Prayer of Confession & Silent Reflection: ✨

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer: ✨

Musical Response: "I Can Do All Things" J. Beck

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 46-55 (NRSV)

Sermon: "A Different Thanksgiving"

Closing Response: "Dona Nobis Pacem" F. Sinclair

Benediction

Postlude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Marion

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Luke 1, and "Call C" of Greening the Lectionary)

Sisters and brothers, let us magnify the Lord, for God's mercy is from generation to generation.

Our souls magnify the Lord. We are sustained and nourished by God's presence and love.

Let us magnify the Lord, for tears, water of life that runs down our faces and connects our lives.

We magnify the Lord. In our joys and sorrows, God rejoices and weeps with us.

As we face rising waters, hunger and disease.

God suffers with us.

As we struggle for hope and justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive to build a better world,

God works with us.

As we offer our lives,

God blesses us. Indeed! Our souls magnify the Lord and rejoice in God's presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & SILENT REFLECTION:

(Leading in worship by Carol Penner)

God of grace and forgiveness, we confess that we sometimes forget how to say thank you; we get used to saying, "I earned this," thinking we have only ourselves to thank. We confess that we are sometimes too jealous to be thankful; we compare ourselves to others who have more, "Why do they get everything?" and we rarely compare ourselves to those who have less. We confess that we are sometimes too busy to be thankful; we asked ourselves this morning, "Do I have time to go to church?" and even in worship we are thinking about our to-do lists. We confess that we are sometimes grudgingly thankful; saying, "I guess this will have to do," while believing that God has given us a raw deal. We confess that sometimes we are too tired to be thankful, as we sigh, "I just want to get through this day," having no energy to open our eyes to the blessings around us. We confess that sometimes we are not thankful enough to be generous; we bargain with God, "I'll be unselfish when you give me more," rather than being generous today. And so today we pray a simple prayer. For what we have received, Lord, make us truly thankful. We want to be filled today with thanksgiving. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.