



# The Messenger

May 2022

Trinity Presbyterian Church



## Spring at Trinity

It was wonderful to celebrate Easter together this year! From top left clockwise: Easter sunrise service, the Easter contemporary and traditional services, Prime time stuffed all the eggs for our Easter egg hunt; the Men's breakfast is in person at Silver Diner on Wednesdays; the Ivy Brigade left no leaf unturned on Trinity grounds in April. Do you have photos to share? Please send them to the office.



## The Pastor's Pen



Get Ready for Summer worship!

Dear Friends,

June is just around the corner, and so is Trinity's summer worship schedule, which will begin on Memorial Day weekend (May 29) and continue through Labor Day weekend (Sept 4). As in the past, we are going to one service at 10:00 a.m. that will incorporate music from both contemporary and traditional styles. We will be gathering in the sanctuary unless there is a change in COVID transmission in our community, warranting a move to Calvin Hall or outside. We will continue to mask for singing and will alert the congregation if there is any change in safety protocols. Thank you for helping us keep our Trinity community safe.

We are planning for outside services once a month this summer because some Trinity members just like the outdoor vibe or feel safe outside for now. June and July dates have been chosen and we are hoping to meet outside in August as well if the weather cooperates.

- June 5** Do you Love Trinity? Let's Chat! A special worship outside to think about Trinity.
- June 12** Picnic Sunday is back with outside worship! Please sign up for a box lunch and bring a homemade side for sharing if you like. We will celebrate confirmands and graduates.
- July 19** Outside Worship

One of the best things about summer worship, whether indoors or outdoors, is Lemonade on the Lawn. Children enjoy the chance to play with Trinity peeps while adults catch up with friends and welcome new Trinity worshipers they haven't yet met.

- June 5** Lemonade on the Lawn welcome for Alan MacEwen, our new Contemporary Worship Leader. Hosted by the CWL Search Committee.
- June 19-September 4** – Lemonade on the Lawn competition (see separate article for details). Do not miss out on the fun of hosting as a group or family.

We are looking for special music for summer. This is the perfect time to assemble the band, share your instrumental gifts, or put together a duet, trio, or quartet to provide something for summer worship. Reach out to Carol Feather Martin and/or Alan MacEwen if you have something in mind.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Judith



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday May 29

*7th Sunday of Easter*

10:00 a.m. sanctuary

Rev. Bill Davnie preaching



### Sunday, June 5

*Pentecost/Pride*

10:00a.m. Special worship at outside

Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday, June 12

*Picnic, Graduate/Confirmatnd Recogintion*

10:00 a.m. outside worship Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday, June 19

10:00 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday, June 26th

10:00 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday, July 3

10:00 a.m. worship

Rev. Blair Moorhead preaching



### Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday, July 17

*Youth Mission trip commissioning*

10:00 a.m. outside worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday, July 24th

10:00 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Sunday July 31st

10:00 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching

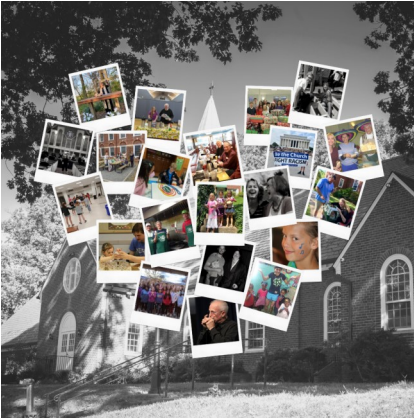
## Welcome to New Contemporary Worship Leader, Alan MacEwen

We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Contemporary Worship Leader, Alan MacEwen. “Mr. Alan” has been making music at Trinity for several years as music teacher for the Trinity Pre-school. On weekday mornings he can be seen out on the lawn or in the John Knox Room with his guitar and a group of loud, enthusiastic children. Early in the pandemic, online music with Alan was one of the ways the preschool continued to provide enrichment for preschool families.

Alan is a long-time part of the Arlington Community, and has been a member of the contemporary worship team at Little Falls Presbyterian for over 10 years. He has deep roots in that church and in the Arlington community as a whole. Alan has played music professionally for many years, as leader of “The Grandsons,” a local band that bills itself as “hip-shakin’ Americana roots rock.” We are very excited to welcome his musical leadership to Trinity’s contemporary worship team.

We will be welcoming Alan at Lemonade on the Lawn on June 5, following the 10:00 a.m. summer worship service.

## Announcements



### Love Trinity? Let's Chat during June 5th Worship

We know everyone loves something at Trinity, and we want to hear more about what that something is. The challenges over the past 2 years have presented us with a great opportunity to step back and ask: how can we all best reconnect and chart the right path forward?

During worship on June 5th, we'll have some dedicated time to discuss (or listen to, for the introverts) this topic in small groups. We hope this will give everyone a chance to share what they enjoy about Trinity, listen, and think about our future together.

This isn't just an event for the adults. We want children involved too (and will have some specific activities for them). So, please come on June 5 and connect with us!

### Be a part of Worship!

#### 1) Ushers Needed.

It may not seem like a big deal to old timers, but we really need ushers to greet visitors and help with worship. We need a smiling face to start worship on the right face (or crinkling eyes if you are wearing a mask). You can sign up anytime! Please sign up to help [by clicking here](#), calling the office, or clicking the link in the enews.

#### 2) Slide Runners Needed.

It would be great to have a few people to help run the slides. Please help be part of worship. If enough people sign up to help, it should be no more than a once a month commitment. Email the office if you want to be trained or [sign up here to run the slides](#).

#### 3) Liturgists Needed.

Have you ever wanted to be a liturgist? You can try it out on a Sunday and if you like it, you can sign up to do it again. Email the office if you are interested.

#### 4) "Sermonators" Needed

Nah, just kidding. Pastor Judith has the "sermonating" covered, but it sure makes ushering look easy in perspective, right?



### Communion Fillers

Do you like gadgets? Helping with worship? Starting probably in July we will need people to start filling the communion cups with juice again. If you are interested in helping (this is great for a family with young kids) on Saturday afternoon job or a Sunday morning job, please email the office. If we have a few people interested we can spread out the fun!

### Worship at Home with our Live Stream

We will offer a limited access livestream of the summer worship in the sanctuary. The link will become active five minutes before worship begins and be available until Wednesday, when the edited public video of worship comes out in the enews. The limited access means only those with the Trinity enews link will be able to access the livestream. Questions? Come to a Worship and Music Ministry meeting, we meet the first Sunday of the month. Email Heather Anderson, the chair: [dhanderson1000@msn.com](mailto:dhanderson1000@msn.com).

## Fellowship

### RSVP for your meal for the June 12th: Annual Picnic!

Get ready for some fellowship! Trinity's Annual Picnic will be Sunday, June 12th, following the 10:00 a.m. joint service. You are encouraged to dress casually for worship and bring your own chairs and blankets for lawn seating (chairs/tables are reserved for seniors). Please sign up

to order your meal AND sign up to help with very easy set up at 9am on Sunday and clean up after the picnic is over. This year we will be ordering boxed lunches (Jimmy Johns turkey or vegi subs with chips and cookie) so please sign up by June 5th. You are also welcome to bring a side dish to share but no chips please as they come with our meal. Dessert will be cookies and cake to honor the confirmands. Can't wait to see you there. Questions? Ask Fellowship chair Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe.



### VBS June 20th-24th



We are excited for VBS this year! At the moment we have 26 kids signed up. And we know that we are going to have a lot of fun. If you discover that you have a week off work or can spare a few hours during the morning, come hang out with us because we can always use more help!

# Save the date

All Church Retreat: October 21-23rd 2022

## A Prayer for the Hard Times

By Sarah Are Speed

*Sarah Are Speed, associate pastor for Young Adults and Membership at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, is a seventh-generation Presbyterian pastor. She is a founding creative of the multimedia ministry, "A Sanctified Art," and [writingthegood.com](http://writingthegood.com), a poetry blog that nourishes her soul and serves as a source of connection in our hurting world.*

Dear God,  
I don't have a lot of words these days.  
Depression does that.  
Anxiety does that.  
They steal your words.  
They hide your logic.  
They siphon your energy.  
I can't remember which direction  
the sun is supposed to rise.  
It feels like it's always raining.  
So here I am,  
soaked to the bone,  
bringing you the words I have left  
because you are the one who calmed the  
storm.  
You are the one who walked on water,  
so please, God,  
walk my way.  
Come find me.  
Remind me that I am not alone.  
Calm the waters.  
Stop the wind.



Bring the sun back.  
Throw me a life jacket.  
Give me strength.  
Send a lifeboat.  
Turn on the searchlights.  
Teach me how to swim.  
Walk my way.  
That would be enough.  
I might be soaked to the bone,  
but I'm not giving up  
because you are the God who calmed the  
storm.  
You are the God who walked on water,  
so even on the hardest days  
I'll keep my eye on the horizon.  
I'm looking.  
I'm waiting.  
I'm not giving up.  
I know the sun will rise.  
**Amen.**



## Racial Justice Ministry Update

We had a joyous Celebration of Diversity in Worship on May 1, featuring Mosaic Harmony and Trinity musicians! Thank you to everyone who came and participated! It took a lot of hands to make it happen. You can see Mosaic Harmony again at their Spring Concert on June 12th at 5pm in Alexandria .



## How can we meaningfully address racism?

You are invited to join the Racial Justice Ministry in discerning how Trinity can heed the call from the PCUSA. PCUSA has issued its **Final Report: Special Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation**.

**What is this?** The work of the committee, which includes 14 members and two staff resource persons, goes back to the creation of a special commission by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) and subsequent reconstitution of the commission as a special committee by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The final report urges Presbyterians to build on the denomination's past efforts to meaningfully address racism. To do that, reparative action by national church agencies, mid councils and congregations is required. "There can be no reconciliation without reparations," the report's "Call to Worship" section states. "Truth + reparations = reconciliation."

The report also includes recommendations for helping Presbyterians research the shaping role of white supremacy in their local communities. "There is no passive-reading of this report," the report explains. "You, also, are called as partners in a moral, ethical and divine mandate to end racism in our denomination."

The report can be read at the [Special Committee's web page](https://www.pcusa.org/special-committee-on-racism) on pcusa.org.

Join the Racial Justice Ministry Team as we discern how Trinity should heed this call. Email Dan Campbell if you would like to get involved or look for the next monthly Racial Justice meeting in the enews.

## Lemonade on the Lawn

### Lemonade on the Lawn: Sign up today!

Lemonade on the Lawn is our social hour after our single worship in the summertime. Small groups, families, and ministries can sign up to host a week. What do you need to do?

Provide finger foods (specifics are in the sign up). In short, come earlier on Sunday to set up a few tables in the Narthex or the courtyard, weather permitting., make the lemonade mix, fill a pitcher of water and set out paper goods (from the Fellowship supply closet). Then at the end, clean things up and put it back in order. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/tEqDpVd> or in the enews link.



### Announcing the LOLAs!

Fire up your creativity: it's time for the first summer Lemonade on the Lawn Award (LOLA) competition!



Small groups, ministries, friends and families can compete by signing up to do LotL on one Sunday during the summer. Click here to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/tEqDpVd>

Hosts compete for: Best Theme, Best Decor, Best Snacks, and Best Dressed Hosts. Fellowship Ministry members will judge the entrants for each month (June, July, August) and announce winners in September.

There will be prizes! Compete for: Safeway gift cards, gluten-free dessert by Marilyn Scholl, blueberry coffee cake with hand-picked New Hampshire blueberries by Priscilla H-S, smoked pulled pork from Art Hoffman, and Ben Stewart's voice on your voicemail!

We hope that many folks will join in the fun!



## Earth Care

### Ivy Brigade Recap

By Romana Campos

We did the job! From our very scientific inspection, I would say we eliminated ivy growing on 90 percent of the trees in the Trinity woods. That's pretty darn good for a three-hour work period with a dirty dozen, rag-tag army, composed of geriatric champions! We had one adult under the age of 50 (Natalie Foley and her two children), and three adults in their 50's, and the rest of us were 65 years and older! Jack the Lane may have had lots of muscle, but we have stamina and ivy-gripping strength!

Thank you to all who helped for your hard work and for providing some solid maintenance on our trees. The work we did two years ago really paid off and now we can keep the ivy from taking grip on our trees with work sessions such as these once or twice a year.

Another cool thing that happened yesterday, after nearly everyone left and our group was Natalie and her kids, Savannah and Luke, and Dan Campbell, was that we spotted a migratory bird called a Hooded Warbler (Setophaga Citirina) resting in the woods of Trinity (the photo below is from a website "allaboutbirds.org"). This is a rare sighting as this bird is traveling thousands of miles from Central America or Mexico, where it overwintered, and is heading to the boreal forests of the North, where it mates and rears a family. This migration is truly incredible as the birds must sustain a flight pattern that often involves not stopping for hundreds and hundreds of miles and includes flying nonstop over the Gulf of Mexico. The fact that it was found in the Trinity woods is a small miracle in itself. It is resting and finding food until it completes its journey North-bound. What a wonderful thing to behold and more reason to save this little tiny patch of forest.



## Big Lenten Challenge

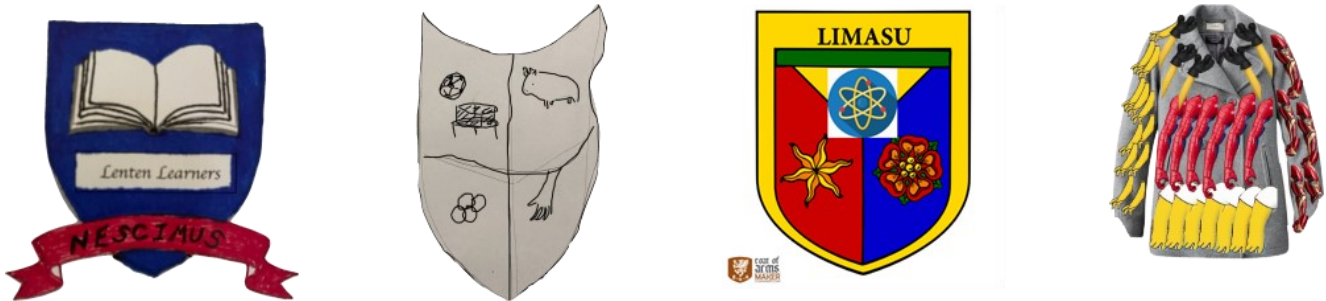
### The Big Lenten Challenge Recap

By Ben Stewart

This Lent, I wanted to do something a little different. I especially wanted to do something that would help connect people, with a little bit of fun. I stumbled upon the idea for the the Big Lenten Challenge.

It wouldn't be too serious but it would take effort. People would be challenged each week to do something and then gather virtual to share what they did.

The first challenge was simple. Create a team name and a coat of arms that represented your team.



Other challenges included.:

Recreating a movie poster from the year that a team member was born.

Bringing an item that you think best represented how you feel about Ben.

Take a photo of your team recreating a Bible story without telling us which story you chose.

Filming a member of your team camouflaged and then appearing.

Each team interpreted the rules of the challenges differently and came up with some really fun and creative pieces. In the end the teams figured out that the only person they had to impress was me, despite the numerous times they tried to give each other points.

By the end, scores were close and the whole campaign came down to the final challenge. Each team had 5 minutes to write a poem about their Big Lenten Challenge Experience.

They gave me permission to share them with you...

Love it

Excellent Work

Not boring at all

To much fun

Expert Mr. Ben!

None Should lose points

Case you in mind

Have fun

A lent is fun when its a challenge

Less not fun a more fun

Lot of hope and fun

No one is left behind

Get points a lot

Excellent.

By Savannah Foley





## Big Lenten Challenge

*Continued from "Lenten Challenge"*

There once was a man named Ben,  
Always telling us what to do when.  
We played by his rules,  
He was frequently cruel,  
Yet we laughed from beginning to end.  
By Lisa Daugherty, Suzanne Alfaro  
and Maureen Mellody



Wednesday night is not just for dinner  
Instead we all tried to be a winner.  
Starting with a coat of arms for all,  
Ending with us having a ball.  
Along the way we played with zeal,  
We enjoyed the camouflage and reveal.  
Recreating a movie poster was subline,  
Taking photos, we had a good time.  
All Hail our taskmaster Ben,  
We had a wonderful time through the end.  
By The Desautels.

In the end, Team Foley used their greatest strength, having cute kids to become the first every Big Lenten Challenge Winners.

I'm already plotting, I mean planning for next year.

### New Podcasts

Now a days everyone seems to have a podcast so it should come as no shock to hear that I have one as well. But before I tell you about it, let me ask you a question, have you ever wanted to tell me that I am wrong. Well now you can, by commenting on my podcast] "I could be wrong". On this short podcasts I throw out an idea and invite you to tell me what you think. You can find the podcasts at <https://icouldbwrong.podbean.com>



The most recent episode asks the question is the Bible important and do we still need to read it? I think you might enjoy it but I could be wrong.



## Session Highlights and Financials

### Session Highlights for April 2022

Following are highlights of the session's regular monthly meeting, held remotely on April 6. For more information, touch base with Pastor Judith, Clerk Jim Dykstra or any session member:

- Bill Plitt was added to the rolls as an associate member at his request.
- Elder Cindy Bare provided a brief update on the Membership Inventory Project.
- Session heard a proposal from the Education and Nurture Ministry regarding the composition of the Trinity Preschool Board and approved a one-year exception to the preschool by-laws as proposed, with the understanding that the underlying trends leading to this issue will be studied in the next year with an appropriate long-term solution proposed at that time.
- Session deferred for action until the May meeting a Worship and Music Ministry proposal, in conjunction with the Administration Ministry, regarding staff support for the new A/V system.
- Session approved a Worship and Music Ministry proposal, as amended, regarding a formal Trinity A/V recording and/or photography policy which will be added to the church's administrative manual.
- Session authorized Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt to administer the sacrament of baptism to Emerson Bailey Trout, son of Kate Bailey and Aaron Trout, and to Katheryn Rose McCormick, daughter of Jonathan and Carolyn Klein McCormick.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt said that training of incoming elders will take place on Saturday, April 9, with ordination and installation planned for Sunday, May 22.
- Clerk Jim Dykstra confirmed that Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt's terms of call, approved at the annual meeting, have been sent by the Administration ministry to Presbytery.
- David Bailor, elder commissioner to the March 22 Presbytery meeting, provided a report on the meeting.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt said a new chair is still needed for the Pastoral Care Ministry. In addition, it was announced that Kemper Gay is stepping down immediately as chair of the Education and Nurture Ministry, and Finance Ministry Chair Rich Bailey will be stepping down this summer at the end of his term.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt reported that staff reviews will take place in May and June.
- A spring retreat will be held on Saturday, May 14, in the Knox Room for current and incoming session members.
- An offer is being extended to a candidate to be the new contemporary worship team leader.
- The Racial Justice Ministry is preparing a Diversity in Worship concert on May 1.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt said there will be Stations of the Cross collages on display in the Narthex during Holy Week.

Trinity Operating Fund					
Income and Expenses for Current Fiscal Year as of March 31, 2022					
		Actual Results: July 1- March 31	Annual FY22 Budget	Difference	Actual as a % of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>					
	Weekly Offerings	\$ 684,600	\$ 719,600	\$ 35,000	95%
	Building Use & Other	92,400	148,300	55,900	62%
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 777,000</b>	<b>\$ 867,900</b>	<b>\$ 90,900</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
		683,500	943,700	260,200	72%
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>					
		<b>\$ 93,500</b>	<b>\$ (75,800)</b>		

## Youth

**Youth****charity: water Campaign**

Thank you so much for your support in helping the youth raise close to \$5,000 for charity: water in March. This money will continue to promote water access and fund projects like wells and filtration systems in Mozambique and Sierra Leone.

**Upcoming Youth Group Highlights**

5/22 - Q&A with Pastor Judith

5/29 - no Youth Group for memorial day

6/12 - final Youth Group of the year

**VBS**

Youth helpers are still needed for VBS, 6/20-6/24 (Mon-Fri in the morning). Those who help out, including rising 6th graders, are invited to stick around for Apres in the afternoons. Apres (meaning *after*) is a time to hang out, goof off, and welcome incoming middle schoolers into the youth group community.

*The youth stayed overnight at the church for a lock-in, and participated in a relay that involved hand-making tortillas.*



## Joys and Concerns

*For the electronic copy of the Messenger, we do not share the names of people on our prayer list. If you would like the prayer list, please call or email the office ([communications@trinityarlington.org](mailto:communications@trinityarlington.org)) and they can send it to you. Thank you.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30pm Advent Wor- ship Fellowship Min. Mtg	2 10am Companions in Christ 6:30pm Handbells 8pm Choir	3	4
5 9am Contemporary Worship 10:10 am Education Hour 11:15am Traditional Wor- ship 12:30pm Worship & Music Min 2pm Bible Study (Zoom)	6	7 7pm Session	8 7:30pm Advent Wor- ship 7p.m. Racial Justice Group	9 10am Companions in Christ 6:30pm Handbells 8pm Choir	10	11
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19Light Up Trinity Begins 9am Contemporary 10:10 am Education 11:15 Traditional Worship 4pm Sermon Chat 7pm Youth small groups	20	21	22 7:00pm Living Nativi- ty and Carol Sing Along	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Children's Service 7:30pm Lessons and Carols Service 11:00pm Communion, Lessons&Carols Ser-	25 Merry Christmas!
26 10:00 am Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

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In person Sunday mornings

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**DRESS CASUAL FOR WORSHIP AND BRING**  
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