



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of December 4 - 11, 2022

Our Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Confirmation (Youth Room)/Adult Faith Enrichment (Library)

9:15 am – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

9:45 am – Children’s Warm-up in the Conference Room

10:00 am – Worship in person in the Sanctuary and Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

10:50 am – Children’s Wrap-up in Grace Hall/Adult Hospitality in Gathering Space

New Ministry Opportunities

Ministry Staff Reflections - Music

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

As a church and professional musician, Advent and Christmas bring a unique set of opportunities and challenges for me during this season. It is a joy to be able to spend this time of the year doing the thing I love, plus all the added family events and social gatherings. However, it is a very busy time and I look forward to December 26th when I can sleep in!

This year, I have/had the pleasure of making music in these various capacities

- Organist for the Lancaster Chorale’s program “Christmas in Germany.” This concert will be featured on WOSU throughout December.
- Conduct the Delaware Community Chorus in multiple engagements for community events.
- Play for “Lessons and Carols” at Ohio Wesleyan University with four choirs.
- Record for 10TV Christmas music.
- Rehearse with ProMusica for their performance of the Messiah.
- Host the Brass Band of Columbus at Holy Trinity for their performance on December 11.
- Conduct the Christmas concert of the Delaware Community Chorus on December 17.
- Play for WELCA meetings throughout December.
- Provide Christmas music for assisted living facilities in central Ohio.
- Rehearse the children for the “Simple Gifts of Christmas” pageant that will take place at Holy Trinity during worship on December 18.
- As Synod Director of Music, plan and play for the Longest Night Advent service at All Saints in Worthington.
- Rehearse with the children for their musical offerings on Christmas Eve.
- Rehearse choirs for all Sunday services and Christmas Eve services.
- Rehearse Brass for the 8pm Christmas Eve Service.

As you can see, many things happen in November and December for a church musician. I would not give up one thing, as I enjoy providing music for all these events. It is a pleasure to serve as Minister of Music at Holy Trinity and have the opportunity to provide music to many other groups during this beautiful season. I hope you are able to attend some of these events and enjoy the music as well during this most wonderful time of year.

-Josh Brodbeck

First Gift for Jesus

Holy Trinity's "First Gift for Jesus" ministry is an opportunity to include Jesus among those for whom you are purchasing gifts this Christmas season. As Mary cared for baby Jesus, she wrapped him in swaddling cloths. At Holy Trinity, we will be sharing God's love with foster children by purchasing and making blankets. *My Very Own Blanket* is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to give foster children a blanket of their own so the children have something to help them feel warm, safe, and secure. There are opportunities to make a cash donation toward the purchase of a blanket, "make" a blanket by cutting fabric and tying knots (very simple and can be completed by people of all ages), or doing both. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place or online at www.engagedbygrace.org so we know how many kits we'll need. Thank you for your consideration!

Concerts at Holy Trinity

The next presentation of Holy Trinity's concert series will feature the Brass Band of Columbus on **Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm**. They will perform their annual Christmas concert with a reception following. Please plan to join us for a lovely afternoon of holiday music!

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help beautify the sanctuary on Christmas, please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner or contact the church office at 614-488-9433. The cost is \$8/plant.

Congregational Meeting

A brief congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church council partners will be conducted **Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am**, immediately following worship. Please plan to attend.

Cookies for Christmas Baskets

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Boulevard Presbyterian Church to provide cookies for the Christmas baskets being assembled for families in need in the central Ohio area. Holy Trinity has typically donated 90-95 dozen decorated cookies each year. The boxes of cookies are now in the freezer at church, ready for you to take home, bake, and decorate whenever fits your schedule. There is a signup sheet on the freezer for you to note how many boxes of cookies you took home (and then cross your name off when you bring them back) so we can keep track of where the cookies are. The baked and decorated cookies should be returned to Holy Trinity no later than **Thursday, December 15th** so they can be transported to Boulevard. Contact Noelle Fox Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org with questions. Thanks in advance for your help!

Hat & Mitten Tree

Holy Trinity will continue its annual tradition of decorating a Hat & Mitten Tree. Everyone is invited to hang hand-made or newly-purchased hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks on the tree. Contributions will be donated to clients at Lutheran Social Services food pantries.

Stewardship Corner

As winter nears, many sigh with regret. We long for the budding of the trees, not the falling of leaves. We yearn for warm breezes, not stinging winds. Yet, we rely on God's grace, for we know God will bring us again the warmth and life of spring. We can also rely on God to provide for all our needs, even as we go through the lean, cold periods of our lives. God promises to make us "*rich in every way so that [we] can be generous on every occasion...*" (2 Corinthians 9:11.) For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

Planning Ahead for Christmas

Invite your friends and family to join us for any of our worship opportunities on **Saturday, December 24**

- 4:00 pm – Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with special music by children
- 8:00 pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion, Choir and Brass
- 11:00 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Chorale

and Sunday, December 25:

- 10:00 am – Christmas Sunday Worship Service with Carols and Communion

News of Invite Ministries

Prayers for Our Members:

Jack Rauch, at First Community

Shirley Wehr, at ProMedica Medbridge

Gavin Larrimer, at First Community Health Care Center

JoAnn Curry, at home dealing with a respiratory illness

Brian Barrett, recovering from eye surgery

Jenny Peters, recovering from surgery on her hand

Norma Rauch, amid various health concerns

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Charles Jentes, father of Jill Banicki, hospitalized with infections in his legs

Marian Jordan, cousin of Janet Benedick, hospitalized with Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Aaron Adkins, husband of Ron Benedick's former coworker, undergoing chemotherapy

Joe Berkemer, uncle of Matt Berkemer, undergoing chemotherapy

Phyllis Bliss, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week

Betty Mak, friend of Shirley Boyd, beginning daily home dialysis

Rene Geiger, friend of Shirley Boyd, suffering from an undiagnosed illness

Katya Brodbeck, wife of Josh Brodbeck, recovering from a difficult dental surgery

Carla Neal, niece of Catherine Canada, following thyroid surgery

Cheryl Shilling, friend of Catherine Canada, recovering from surgery

Lenora Cochran, daughter of Michael and Kylie Cochran, born 9 weeks prematurely

Marilyn Hodge, mother of Carolyn Cramer, recovering from a fall and fractured pelvis

James Daniel Craven, great-grandson of Genie Craven, born with immature lungs

Jeanne Loy, mother of Cyndy Decker, suffering from end-stage dementia

Nancy Case, friend of Sue Eubanks, being treated for cancer

Joe Glieco, nephew of Sue and Bill Eubanks, diagnosed with leukemia

Tim Curry, brother of Bev Farrell and brother-in-law of JoAnn Curry, struggling with Parkinson's

Michael Forts, brother of Jared Forts, recovering from a hospitalization for a serious illness

Amy Sherman, niece of Alan and Therese Gaulke, diagnosed with throat cancer

Diane McGuire, friend of the Hudson family, undergoing radiation

Marge Gray, friend of Barbara Keller, dealing with heart problems

Sue Kochheiser, sister-in-law of Phil Kochheiser, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Eloise and Tesla Leibold, twin daughters of Chase Leibold, experiencing difficult times

John Hink, son-in-law of John & Judy McKitrick, recovering from back surgery

Squire Aschinger, nephew of John & Judy McKitrick, diagnosed with cancer

Staci Sigrist, cousin of MJ Neiman's family, experiencing a recurrence of cancer

Terry and Pam Reed, parents of Dave Reed, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease

Kathy Sammons, mother of Jeff Sammons, experiencing fluid in her lungs

Phyllis Podmore, mother of Susan Setterlin, who broke her hip

Sharon Larson, cousin of Barb Stock, experiencing cancer elsewhere following breast cancer

Amy Lavoie, cousin of Becky Warnement, battling a recurrence of lung cancer

Karen Byrd, aunt of Becky Warnement, experiencing end-stage Alzheimer's Disease

Those affected by the global pandemic, natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

Plan for Resuming Communion from the Altar

Without question, the pandemic has disrupted our life together as a community of faith in many ways. Among the most prominent and challenging has been the change to our pattern for receiving God's grace through the sacrament of communion. The communion liturgy has always been central to our worship life as the one Lord Jesus Christ offers himself to us from the altar table in one bread, one cup ... each of us together, when presented with the bread and wine, being filled with God's grace when hearing and trusting the sacramental promise: the body of Christ, given for you ... the blood of Christ, shed for you.

For a period of time, as a community health precaution at the onset of the pandemic, we refrained from distributing and receiving communion at all, appreciating still the grace of God that also comes to us through God's word in scripture and proclamation along with the Christ-filled care, support and concern we were showing for each other.

Later, when perceiving it was health-safe enough for the congregation to do so, we resumed communing together in a new way that we use yet today. Distributing individual kits of communion elements, we consecrate that bread and wine in worship together, then hearing and trusting the promise together all at one time: the body of Christ, given for you ... the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Still, we are eager to resume the regularly appointed blessing and distribution of one bread and one cup from the altar, with everyone receiving the elements and hearing the promise directly. To that end, Council has discerned, within a wide variety of perspectives shared by the Worship Advisory Team, Parish Health Team, Staff and persons across the congregation, a plan to do so on Maundy Thursday next spring. Until then, we will continue communing together in worship at our seats with individual kits of elements through this fall and winter, given ongoing health considerations as we emerge from the pandemic.

At the same time, Pastor Steve and Vicar Jaren remain available at other times to share communion with anyone who would like to receive the bread and wine directly.

Thanks be to God for the grace we receive through this blessed sacrament and the way it forms us as the body of Christ, receiving and trusting its promise together: the body of Christ, given for you ... the blood of Christ, shed for you.

News of Embrace Ministries

Children's Christmas Pageant

The title of this year's Christmas pageant is *Simple Gifts*. It will be conducted during the **10:00 worship service on Sunday, December 18**. Rehearsals happen on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45 pm (you can come for dinner at 5:30!) and Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 just prior to "warm up" time. The music tracks for the songs are available so your child(ren) can listen and practice at home. Any child is welcome to participate! Contact Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org or Joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org to let us know the names, ages, and grades of your child(ren).

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Jill Banicki jentes.1@osu.edu, Pastor Steve steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or the church office email@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433.

Sunday Hospitality

As we continue to enjoy shared hospitality after worship, we are looking for people to help. Hosting Holy Trinity's hospitality table after worship on Sundays is a great way to share fellowship with church friends or celebrate a special event in your life. You are asked to provide a light snack to share while beverages are provided by the Hospitality committee. There are currently several dates available for hosting. Please see the sign-up sheet near the coffee station for open dates. Contact Chris Pryor with questions.

Making Sense of Martin Luther

A new adult faith formation opportunity is underway on **Sunday mornings at 9am** in the church library. *Making Sense of Martin Luther* is an exploration of the key theological components of Martin Luther's teachings and how they apply to us today. Adults of all ages are invited to participate.

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf

From Elizabeth Sammons *With Love from our Racial Justice Taskforce (December 2022)*

Defiant, *Beautiful Country*, and *One Hundred Women Who Changed the World* are books for adults and for youth that I've read myself or seen as books of note. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. The Racial Justice Taskforce hopes you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Defiant: Growing Up in the Jim Crow South by Wade Hudson

Award-winning author and publisher Wade Hudson recounts his experiences as a Black man and activist who came of age in the 1960s at the height of the Civil Rights Movement. Available in audio. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Beautiful Country: A Memoir by Qian Julie Wang

The author reflects on her experiences immigrating to New York City and growing up as an undocumented and impoverished child. She recounts her parents' stresses, her struggles in school, and the joys that she found alongside the fears. Available in audio. 2021.

One Hundred Women Who Changed the World

By *New York Times* bestselling *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls*

This collection of stories and pictures features 100 immigrant women throughout history who have shaped, and will continue to shape, our world.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for December 4 - 11, 2022

Sunday, December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)/Adult Faith Enrichment (Library)
9:15 am - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9:45 am - Children's Warm-up (Conference Room)
10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
10:50 am - Children's Wrap-up and Hospitality (Grace Hall)/Adult Hospitality (Gathering Space)
7:00 pm - High School Youth Group

Monday 6:30 pm - BSA Troop 555 Meeting
7:00 pm - Troop 555 Committee Meeting

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am - Preacher's Bible Study
7:00 pm - WELCA Ruth Circle

Thursday 5:30 pm - Thursday Supper
6:00 pm - Children's Choir/Pageant Rehearsal
6:30 pm - Bell Choir
7:30 pm - Adult Chancel Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - Confirmation Class (Youth Room)/Adult Faith Enrichment (Library)
9:15 am - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9:45 am - Children's Warm-up (Conference Room)
10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
10:50 am - Children's Wrap-up and Hospitality (Grace Hall)/Adult Hospitality (Gathering Space)
11:00 am - Congregational Meeting
4:00 pm - Concert Series - Brass Band of Columbus
7:00 pm - High School Youth Group

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – December 2022

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Dec. 4	10:00 am		Curt Passafume	Debbie Cochran	Tom Wuichet Alan Gaulke	Matt Sharp	Chris Burton	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Dec. 11	10:00 am	Dan and Pam Perry	Tim Hudson	Tim Hudson	Chris Pryor Phil Favret Peter Ward	Mark Abell	Chris Burton	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Dec. 18	10:00 am	Bob and Barb Campbell	Sue Eubanks	Beth Myser	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	Tim Rice	Chris Burton	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
Dec. 24	8:00 pm		Keith Townsend	Elli Cucksey		Ben Fox	Chris Burton	VanFossen & Guggenaster Sharp & Riley
Dec. 25	10:00 am		Vicar Jaren Summers	Vicar Jaren Summers	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Matt Fox	Chris Burton	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, December 4 – Matthew 5:13-16; Esther 4:1-17 **God prospers us to be leaders in the advocacy of others.**
 Sunday, December 11 – Matthew 12:15-21; Isaiah 42:1-9 **God promises a Savior to bring justice and peace for all.**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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