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World Communion Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday offers our congregation a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. We remember that we are part of the whole body of believers and that the Lord's table unites Christians from every nation and culture. You are invited to wear clothing that is representative of your culture or travels. *We will take the World Communion offering that day in person.* Join us at **10:20 am** in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson. You may also watch on the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

Science For The Church Sunday, Oct. 18

NAMI So AZ will present a special program, "In Our Own Voice," in which people will share their personal stories about living with a mental illness and achieving recovery. The program will be after worship in Fellowship Hall with a Q and A time afterwards. NAMI So AZ has free resources for advocacy, education & support too.

TPW "Quilts for a Cause" Saturday, Oct. 24

Join Trinity Presbyterian Women at 11:00 am for a program and potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall

All Saints Sunday, November 1

Our morning worship service includes a special time to remember loved ones who have gone ahead of us into the church triumphant. You are invited to submit names to the church office by **Monday, October 26**. We will read aloud the names of our members who have passed away this past year & the names submitted will be printed in the bulletin.

All Saints Sunday, November 1

A Candlelight Concert for All Saints Day: Music of Remembrance and Hope will be offered in the chapel (400 E. University Blvd.) at **6:00 p.m.** This free program of meditative and peaceful music will be presented by Lynn Moser (piano and organ), Christine Harper (flute), Max Adler (oboe), soloists from the Trinity Choir, & handbell players from the Trinity Ringers. Join us in person or watch online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch on the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

PASTORAL LETTER



Here are the search results when you type in "World Communion Sunday":

"The Reverend Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr conceived the idea while serving as pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1933. Kerr and his congregation wanted to demonstrate that Christian churches are interconnected across different denominations and national borders, using Holy Communion as a powerful symbol of oneness. The practice was adopted within the Presbyterian denomination in 1936. In 1940, against the backdrop of World War II, the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor to the National Council of Churches) endorsed World-Wide Communion Sunday, helping it spread widely across Protestant denominations. Today, many major Christian traditions—including United Methodists, Presbyterians, and the United Church of Christ—observe the day by sharing communion and highlighting global Christian fellowship. Many churches also use the day to collect special offerings for student scholarships and global ministries."

Although the above paragraph represents the facts of WCS, it does not include what it means spiritually to we who participate in it. In reading the history of WCS, I realized that it was adopted globally by Protestant congregations in response to the beginning of World War II. In those circumstances, it is easy to understand why the Federal Council of Churches was compelled to make what had previously been a denominational practice a global service.

When we share the sacrament of Holy Communion, we say the words that Jesus taught us: "Do this, in remembrance of me." But amid the despair and uncertainty of a world at war against an unprecedented evil, the urgency of Christians coming together to partake of the body and blood of Christ was keenly attuned to the immediate circumstances of that time. There are certain times and conditions when Holy Communion takes on an appropriate and powerful response for

those who profess Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the World. Sometimes those conditions are personal – times of sickness or sorrow, times when death is imminent – but there are also times when Christians seek to respond as one spiritual family, regardless of doctrinal or historical differences.

I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that right now we are at one of those moments – a moment when it is extremely important for Christians to express their collective faith in Christ. While the world often teeters seemingly on the brink of disaster or self-destruction, the time we are in feels uniquely perilous. I could list these conditions, but it is probably unnecessary, which points even more to the direness of our days. Where do we as the body of Christ find comfort or assurance except in our shared faith in our Lord Jesus Christ? The more powerless we feel in our physical lives, the more spiritual power we desire, and World Communion Sunday is a way for the community of faith to reach our hands to God, refresh our connection to the Holy Spirit and affirm our belief.

As we gather for World Communion Sunday, let us – with believers all over the world – invite the Holy Spirit to forgive our sin, lift up our prayers, and give us the guidance we need to fulfill the purpose for which we were called, baptized, and committed.

Dr. Mack

SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 4 Isa. 5: 1-7 & Psalm 80: 7-15; Phil. 3: 4b-14; Matt. 21: 33-46

October 11 Isa. 25: 1-9 & Psalm 23; Phil. 4: 1-9; Matt. 22: 1-14

October 18 Isa. 45: 1-7 & Psalm 96: 1-9 (10-13); 1 Thess. 1: 1-10; Matt. 22: 15-22

October 25 Lev. 19: 1-2, 15-18 & Psalm 1; 1 Thess. 2: 1-8; Matt. 22: 34-36

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (preschool - 4th grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

VEGGIE TALES & SERVICE PROJECT

We will be having Sunday School downstairs in **Rooms 6 and 8** following the children's message. We will start off watching a Veggie Tales video, talking about what we learned today, reading the story from Scripture and doing an activity. On Sunday, October 25th, we will meet in the library to put together "to-go-bags", which members of our congregation will distribute to those in need.

THE CRUSADERS & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (5th Grade & Older)

Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

Children and youth in 5th grade and above are encouraged to pick up an activity packet and WORSHIP BAGS, and to sit with their families during worship. These resources contain activities to enhance their worship experience. Look for the Children in Worship display in the narthex.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our theme for October is "**Fall in Love with God's Word**". A variety of devotionals, Christian fiction and books on studying the Bible will be available for check out. Books will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. Instructions for checking out books and the "check out" card basket will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket in the library.

The library is also open before and after the worship service. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions. Please note: The book "Café Justo" is available for check out by the Just Coffee display near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Picnic

ALL CHURCH PICNIC SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00 am – 1:00 pm at REID PARK, RAMADA 7

11:30 am Lunch & Fellowship

The Deacons will provide baked chicken, potato salad & beverages

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

There will be games for everyone & playground time for the kids.

Everyone is invited!!!!

Don't miss the FUN! We look forward to seeing you at Reid Park!



Picnic

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Wednesday Evening Vespers

October 7 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. Mack for a brief evening vesper service on Zoom. The service lasts for 30 minutes & includes a brief devotional, scripture, prayer requests & prayer. Join him at <https://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>

World Communion Offering

This annual PCUSA offering, taken in October, enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ across the world. It can be dropped in the offering plate October 4, mailed in or made online throughout the month using the Donate button at <https://trinitytucson.org>.

Game Days Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Looking for a fun way to unwind, connect, and challenge your mind? Join us for table games, laughter, and great company in Fellowship Hall (Library on Ryan's Bear's day)! We play Mexican Train & have other games too.

Just Coffee For Sale

The display is near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall. Coffee is sold before and after church Sunday for \$15 (cash or check) with the proceeds benefiting Café Justo. Information is at justcoffee.org.

Sandwich Making for Casa Maria

Sunday, October 11 after worship in Fellowship Hall. Join us for this monthly mission project.



Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 25
in Fellowship Hall after worship



Join us Sunday, November 1 after worship in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of another new baby. The Deacons are hosting a shower for Emalie & Charles Scott

Everybody is invited join NAMI So. AZ. Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm for a Candlelight Vigil for Mental Illness Recovery & Understanding at Cancer Survivors Plaza, Reid Park.



WORSHIP

The Trinity Ringers continue their weekly rehearsals Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the bell rehearsal room. If you are interested in ringing, please speak with Lynn Moser at the organ after the worship service on Sunday.



The Trinity Choir continues its regular rehearsal/worship schedule Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Exciting worship coordinated anthems & the annual Christmas & Easter cantatas are planned. Join us for this vital ministry.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Stewardship 2027 Topics How does a pledge help Trinity?

Our Fall stewardship campaign is coming soon! As part of the campaign, you will receive a gift (commitment) response card. On this card you will be asked to tell Trinity your plans for 2027. The card will offer more than one choice to make regarding the way you plan to give. One of the choices available is to choose to **pledge** a specific weekly, monthly or annual dollar amount. How do these specific dollar amount pledges help Trinity?

- 1) Pledges provide stability for all our church financial needs since we start the planning of our budget based on an expectation we will receive the pledged amount. Thus, we know how much support Trinity most likely will have for the basics needed for our daily operations.
- 2) Pledges provide assurance that Trinity will have the funds we need to pay our staff (Rev. Dr. Mack Sigmon, Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, Lynn Moser, Sheila Croteau, Peter Holbrook and Kathy Moser). All of us know and love them for the hard work they do for Trinity.
- 3) Pledges provide the money for the “grand lady” of it all, our church buildings and grounds so that the stability of our place here can carry forward from the past into the Tucson of today.

Once the “basics” above are covered financially, Trinity has the financial stability for our Mission, Music and other ministries to be accomplished, both by budgeted and specifically designated contributions.

Please remember that a pledge card shows your intention and is not a promissory note. (Your pledge can be adjusted at any time.) And please know that we appreciate all gifts no matter in what form they are given!



Hello, my name is Angela Seddo, & I am proud to share my nursing school journey. Nursing school was filled with challenges, sacrifices, tears, & many prayers, but through God's grace, I persevered. I graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing on May 8, 2026. I took the NCLEX on July 13 and received the news that I passed on July 14.

I am now blessed to work a night shift in the ICU at Northwest Select Specialty Hospital, where I have had the opportunity to care for critically ill patients and continue growing as a nurse. I am incredibly thankful for my church family's prayers, encouragement, love and support throughout nursing school. Thank you for helping me stay strong finishing this journey. I could not have done it without God and the amazing people He placed in my life. This accomplishment is a true testimony that faith, perseverance, and prayer can carry you through ever the most difficult seasons.

PRESBYTERY de CRISTO & GRAND CANYON

SOUTHWEST SHEPHERD SHOWDOWN

YAV (Young Adult Volunteer) & Compañeros en Misión Fundraiser

WHEN:
Saturday, October 10, 2026,
4:00-7:30 PM

WHERE:
St. Mark's Presbyterian
3809 E Third St., Tucson, AZ

WHAT:
Dinner—provided by YAVs,
Silent Auction, Raffle, Entertainment
provided by presbytery pastors

- ★ Fashion Show
- ★ Short Sermon on useless Metaphors
- ★ Pastoral Care Comic Improv

Master of Ceremonies:
BRAD MONROE

TICKETS:
\$30 EACH
OR TABLE OF 8
FOR \$200
(\$25 EACH)

SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR MAKE A DONATION!

SUPPORT YAVS. BUILD COMMUNITY. SHARE HOPE.

SESSION NOTES

The stated meeting of the Session for September began with a visit from the Congregational Relations Work Team, Commission on Ministry of Presbytery de Cristo. The team leader was Ruth McPherson. Ruth was accompanied by Elder Kathy Lokale as an observer. It is customary for this type of visit for each church in the Presbytery to happen every two or three years. The last visit to Trinity happened six or more years ago. Ruth and Kathy were very gracious guests. Our elders were asked to share three successes and three challenges for Trinity PC. Pastor Mack excused himself from the discussion. Elders responded eloquently about our accomplishments and our worries. The COM Relations Work Team was very impressed by our 2025 Annual report and by how much we accomplish with a large older campus and a small congregation. They often watch our services online and enjoy our music program and our teaching sermons. After their visit (on Zoom), Pastor Mack returned to the meeting to conduct regular business.

It is time for all of us to remember our stated mission statement. Session approved the following mission statement that we adopted after many congregational clearness conversations around 2019 or earlier. Here is a reminder of our Trinity mission statement: **TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT**

Trinity Presbyterian Church serves God in the heart of the city. We express our faith through prayer, the study of scripture, proclamation of the Word, music and a strong mission outreach. We are generous believers who strive to reveal Jesus Christ to others through our inclusiveness of all regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation. Our purpose is to love God and all people as we minister to the needs of our members and community through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here are the other highlights of the September meeting:

- Many committees had late meetings because of the shortened calendar and so some committees had nothing new to report yet.
- Session approved that the Rev. Brad Monroe will preach on September 27, 2026 during the time Mack is out of town.

- John Hill attended the August joint Presbytery meeting at Church of the Master PC in Mesa and provided Session with a concise report. The next de Cristo meeting is scheduled for September 26 2026 at St. John on the Desert PC. Apparently, our church is the only one that can produce a Zoom Presbytery meeting & that is disheartening for those commissioners who have to travel.
- All committees are looking ahead to 2027 budgets. The Stewardship Campaign will begin October 11 with the theme "Move Forward in Faith and Joy."
- Elders are in the process of discussing the October 27 meeting, tour and discussion with representatives from Sacred Places. More about that later.

Elders prayed for congregants in need of care and concern.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

TRINITY WOMEN

Trinity Presbyterian Women continue the Horizon Bible Study on **Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30 am in the Library**. Dr. Mack leads a new study "*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*," by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Join them and learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study explores the letter's setting, divisions within the congregation, and ultimately, the gifts given to all through the work of Christ. Readers will explore how Paul's timeless message of loving unity calls Christ's followers today. Books are available at the class for \$15.

Ryan's Bears took the summer off. We have 50-60 bears in progress and should be able to make 30 more by the end of November. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday October 20 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall** to stuff and cut out more bears. The bears are blessed & distributed in December. Questions? Please call Ruth Myers.

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Honor of Ruth Myers by Randi Windsor

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

3 Greg Keidel	10 Christine Toering
5 Lily Chacon	10 Cameron Toering

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

15 Bart & Heather Lind
17 Ed & Daphne Madson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Cheyenne Williams	19 Jennifer Lohse
4 Emelia Maycher	23 Karen James
7 Debbie Hobbs	24 Kuman Tenge
11 Derry Dean	25 Latre Lawson
15 Gage Williams	26 Doug Holland
17 Glenn Moyer	27 Maggie McConnell
18 Koffi Seddo	



MISSION & CONGRAGATIONAL NEWS

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Tuesday & Thursday**
12:00 to 3:00 pm in basement of the Sanctuary
building. Thank you for all your donations.

Food Pantry Numbers In September 554 people in 225 families received 256 emergency food boxes, while 93 of those families returned for a pantry visit. There were 308 walk-ins an average of 38/day.



Christian Education suggests the following videos taken from the AZ Presbyteries Big Event.

August's Big Event on Christian Nationalism was a robust dialogue on how churches are to engage faithfully in public ethics and public theology. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Caleb Campbell who wrote the book "Disarming Leviathan: Loving Your Christian Nationalist Neighbor". Here is a link to the video of the keynote: https://churchofthemaster-my.sharepoint.com/personal/steve_leverton_cotmmesa_org/_layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fsteve%5Fleverton%5Fcotmmesa%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FCaleb%2Emp4&referrer=StreamWebApp%2EWeb&referrerScenario=AddressBarCopied%2Eview%2E68cfc969%2D3163%2D4f73%2Dae02%2Dbca3d1e0feba&ga=1. In addition to Caleb's keynote, the pastors discussion panel is found here: https://churchofthemaster-my.sharepoint.com/personal/steve_leverton_cotmmesa_org/_layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fsteve%5Fleverton%5Fcotmmesa%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FTown%20Hall%2Emp4&referrer=StreamWebApp%2EWeb&referrerScenario=AddressBarCopied%2Eview%2Edd146754%2D9fee%2D4fc7%2D9c88%2D130bc48458b7&ga=1.



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- ⇒ We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am at trinitytucson.org/watch-live, facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch on the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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Monday, October 26, 2026

Please submit articles to the
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