



Trinity
Presbyterian
Church

“Serving God in the Heart of the City”

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:20 am

Service for the Lord's Day

Gathered in God's Name

GATHERING

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

Curry

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Hayes

“I Will Enter His Gates/This Is the Day”

Hayes

The Trinity Jazz Ensemble: Catherine Dimenstein, bass; Lynn Moser, piano;
Errol Dimenstein and Mack Sigmon, percussion

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

(from Psalm 25)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God
of my salvation.**

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

**The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
and he makes his covenant known to them.**

Merciful God, what shall we render to you? You have given us your
image in the love and grace of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Beyond our thankful hearts, grant us the faith and the courage to stamp
your image upon the world through our discipleship and mercy, that we
may truly declare whom we serve and why.

Amen

*PRAYERFUL PRAISE

HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

Insert

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison

Lord Jesus, as you were tested in your journey to the cross, so may we be tested as we confess our sins before you. Help us to be honest with ourselves in recognizing our transgressions, that in the earnestness of our confession we may receive the abundant grace of your love.

(Time for silent prayer and reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE #447**

“We Are Forgiven”

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalm 25: 6-12** (Pew Bible, OT, Pg. 502)

ANTHEM “Cleft for Me” Hayes
The Trinity Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE / SERMON INTRODUCTION

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 22: 15-22** (Pew Bible, NT, Pg. 24)

SERMON “The Third Choice” Dr. Mack Sigmon

***HYMN # 716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* *Unison*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giving Thanks to God

INVITATION TO MISSION Stewardship Minute for Mission

OFFERTORY "To God Be the Glory" Curry

*RESPONSE #647 "Give Thanks"
*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sent Into God's World

*HYMN #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Westminster Benediction”

Wells

SENDING MUSIC

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Hayes

*Special thanks to Debbie Hobbs (Lay Reader), The Trinity Choir (Anthem)
and The Trinity Jazz Ensemble (Gathering, Offertory, Sending) for helping with today's service.*

“In Christ Alone”

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KEEPING IN PRAYER

Prayer Concerns: Ron Acosta, Ron Allen, Tom Coyle, Joan Kingan, Rosalie Goll, Latre Lawson's sister Sylvia Lawson in Togo, Dr. Harriet Marsh, Anne McConnell, Janet Munson, Marilyn Nichols, Tom Roof, Colleen Shannon, Karen Sims, Jim Slagle, Randi Windsor

Prayer Focus: Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. Thank you for this family we call Trinity.

TODAY AT TRINITY

In Person Worship continues at 10:20 am. Online worship is available on our website trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

Fellowship Hall is open at 9:00 am. Come in before and after the service to visit.

Hearing the Worship Service A T-coil hearing loop is installed in the front half of the sanctuary and choir loft. Turn on the T-coil input in your hearing aid to pick up the sound system audio directly. There are headphones available at the Narthex desk too.

Science For The Church after worship in Fellowship Hall. 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. NAMI So. AZ has free resources for advocacy, education & support for those whose lives have been affected by mental illness. A Q and A time will follow the program.

Youth Classes

God's Trailblazers preschool - 4th grade We will be having Sunday School downstairs in **Rooms 6 and 8** following the children's message. Our VeggieTales video/story today is 'Esther: The Girl Who Became Queen'. We will talk about what we learned today, read the Bible story and do an activity.

Crusader's & Faith Encounters youth 5th grade and older are invited to pick up an activity packet and WORSHIP BAGS, and sit with their families during worship. Look for the Children in Worship display in the narthex.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

It's Stewardship Season Please pickup your introductory letter today and your complete Stewardship packet next Sunday at the Narthex desk. You may return your 2027 pledge card by mail or drop it in the offering plate. Dedication Sunday is November 8.

World Communion Special Offering is taken throughout the month of October. You may continue to make your donation online at trinitytucson.org or mail it in. This PCUSA offering is a special church wide offering that supports ministries focusing on racial & gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, ecumenical and interfaith relations.

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.

Just Coffee For Sale in Fellowship Hall before and after church each Sunday. The prices increased to \$15/bag. You may pay cash or check which benefits Café Justo.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Happening in October:

- ♦ Game Day Tuesdays - 9:30 am Fellowship Hall (Ryan's Bears day in the Library)
- ♦ Knitorious 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Trinity Ringers Thursdays - 5:30 pm upstairs Bell Room
- ♦ Trinity Choir Thursdays - 7:00 pm Sanctuary
- ♦ TPW Ryan's Bears Tuesday, October 20 - 9:30 am Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Birthday & Anniversary Party Sunday, October 25 - 11:45 am Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Committee Meetings & Session
 - ♦ Session Tuesday, October 20 - 6:00 pm Online
 - ♦ Christian Education Monday, October 26 - 6:00 pm Online

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

TPW "Quilt for a Cause" Saturday, October 24

Join Trinity Presbyterian Women at **11:00 am in Fellowship Hall** for a program and potluck salad luncheon. Husbands, brothers and friends are invited. Please bring your quilts to display and donate. Quilt for a Cause organizes the donation and marketing of hand-crafted quilts, quilt-related products and activities to raise funds for organizations in Arizona that provide treatment, support services and research for breast and gynecologic cancers.

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.

Baby Shower Sunday, November 1

Join us **after worship in Fellowship Hall** as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of another new baby. The Deacons will be hosting a shower for Emalie & Charles Scott. For gift ideas visit www.babylist.com/emalie-scott-baby

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 facebook.com/tptctucson & trinitytucson.org/watch-live. You can also watch on the BoxCast app on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

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!

Church officers are elected to

SERVE...

Please assist your Nominating Committee

*The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking the help of the congregation in discerning those whom God is calling to lead our church, through the Session and Board of Deacons.
You can help by doing three things:*

Review this list of important gifts that our Book of Order commends in all officers:

- One who loves Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior
- One who has strong faith
- One who comes to serve, not to be served
- One who shows dedicated discipleship
- One whose life demonstrates the Christian gospel

In addition, these gifts and abilities, noted in the Book of Order for elders, are commended by fellow elders at Trinity:

- A person of faith
- A person of dedication
- A person of good judgment
- A person who can nurture the faith of others
- A person who can equip others for service

And these gifts and abilities, noted in the Book of Order for deacons, are commended by fellow deacons at Trinity:

- One who can minister to the needy, sick, lonely, distressed
- A person of sympathy
- One who lives to serve
- One who can make a witness to Christ in words & deeds

Pray about what God is doing in the life of Trinity Church right now... Identify church members whom you admire and respect for these very qualities of faith, commitment, service and leadership.

Write down the names of those who you believe would make good church officers, and whom you would like to commend to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Your comment about the particular gifts they bring would also be most helpful.

Remember that not every name suggested will be nominated and not every name nominated will be elected. Please get permission from your candidates before submitting their names.

Elder: _____

Comments:

Deacon: _____

Comments:

Your name: _____

*You may mail this form to the church:
Nominating Committee, Trinity Presbyterian Church,
400 E. University Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705
or you may scan & email it to office@trinitytucson.org
with the subject line Nominating Committee.
Please submit your recommendations either way by Monday, November 2, 2026.*