

# THE BEACON

November 18, 2020



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Services of Holy Communion are held on the upper lawn at the bell tower each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., weather permitting. Please keep in mind that the lawn may be wet if there's a heavy dew, so dress appropriately. In the event of inclement weather, please check your email, or our website, or the church office voice mail message for cancellation information.

Attendance at each service is now limited to **twenty-five people** in accordance with new Virginia Synod guidelines. Advance reservations are required for contact tracing purposes. Reservations may be made on the Holy Trinity website (with a separate reservation for each person in the household attending) or through the church office. Physical distancing and mask protocols are followed.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our November outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of November. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk. Donations may also be made through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Food Pantry fund.

## CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES

2021 Time and Talent and financial pledges will be consecrated during our worship services this Sunday, November 22. Thanks for the positive, generous spirit from those who have already responded. May we give prayerful consideration to our response for God's many blessings and make our commitments as soon as possible. ***Our mission and ministry spending plan cannot be finalized until pledges are returned. Every pledge is extremely important!*** Our mission "to care actively in the name of Jesus Christ" is made possible only through everyone's support.



## THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM Q & A

Dr. Michael Gillette will be available Sunday, November 22, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., via Zoom, to answer questions about his Third Sunday Program pandemic ethics presentation. The Zoom link will be emailed Sunday morning.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

Our special Thanksgiving offerings are designated for the broader mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church through our partnership with the Virginia Synod.

- **DID YOU KNOW** that grounded in the ancient message of Scripture and in the historic confessions of the Church, our Lutheran seminaries in this country have prepared men and women for ordained and lay ministry for over 190 years?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that enCircle (formerly Lutheran Family Services of Virginia) ministers to thousands of persons each year, many of whom are emotionally, physically, and sexually abused and in need of a helping hand?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that the GracelInside Virginia prison ministry provides chaplains who provide weekly worship services and pastoral care for thousands of prisoners in our state prisons and juvenile institutions?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that the mission of Virginia Lutheran Homes is to serve the needs of the aging by providing low cost housing in New Market and a continuing care retirement community and rehabilitation center in Roanoke?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that in the past year over 100,000 lives were touched with the Gospel in word and deed through the agencies and institutions supported by our Virginia Synod?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that we at Holy Trinity participate in these extended ministries through our benevolence offerings?

We are encouraged to be generous in our support of the far-reaching ministries of our church.

Thanksgiving offerings may be made using the special Thanksgiving offering envelope included in our envelope packets or through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

## INTERFAITH SERVICE OF UNITY AND REFLECTION

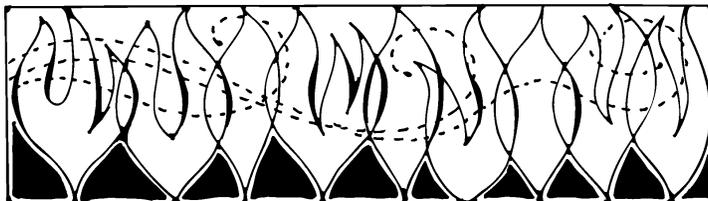
Thursday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

The Zoom link will be emailed Wednesday, November 25, and Thanksgiving morning.

*We look forward to worshipping with our neighbors from Agudath Sholom Synagogue, Church of the Covenant, First Christian Church, First Unitarian Church, the Muslim World Community, and Peakland Baptist Church.*

Monetary offerings will be received for Interfaith Outreach Association's Water Bill Assistance Fund. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and send to the church office.





# Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

Worship materials and the sermon will be distributed via email on Sunday morning.  
The materials and a recording of the service will be available on our website – [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org).  
A Sunday Church School Storytime YouTube link will be sent to parents of younger children.

*The Lessons: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46*

**8:30 A.M. - OUTDOOR SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(reservations required; physical distancing and mask protocols are followed)

**10:30 A.M. - OUTDOOR SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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**11:30 A.M. - VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** (via Zoom)

**2:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM Q & A** (via Zoom)

*Beacon Assistants (Tuesday, November 24): Wilma Beebe, Patricia Mickley, David Mickley, Bobbie Rodman*

**THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22 - 28**

**THURSDAY,** 9:30 A.M. - INTERFAITH SERVICE OF UNITY AND REFLECTION (via Zoom)

**IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

Hospitalized at VCU Medical Center is **Bruce Gerlich**. Cards may be sent to him c/o MCV/VCU Hospital, Bone Marrow Transplant Program, 1300 E. Marshall Street, North Hospital, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 980157, Richmond, VA 23298-0157. . . . Hospitalized and released to Heartland Rehabilitation Center is **Don Hesson**. Hospitalized and released is **Deb Serio**. . . . Our sympathy to **Cynthia** and **Gary Gwin** on the death of Gary's mother. . . . Congratulations to **Carol** and **Jim Stock** on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our participation is extremely important as we elect five members of Church Council, three trustees, and adopt a Spending Plan for 2021.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be conducted in a new way this year due to the pandemic. The Virginia Synod has approved the following procedure for us: 1) Church Council and trustee nominees will be publicized in the December 2 issue of **The Beacon**; 2) packets containing the proposed spending plan and ballots will be mailed to all confirmed members; 3) an Annual Meeting video with motions and reports will be available on YouTube; 4) several opportunities for questions will be held via Zoom or telephone, and small, in-person groups; and, 5) completed ballots will be due at the church by Noon on Sunday, December 13. Counting teams will tally the ballots that afternoon and the election results will be published in the December 16 issue of **The Beacon**.

Additional information will be mailed in early December.  
All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Please make every effort to participate.

**2021 ALTAR FLOWERS and CANDLE DEDICATIONS**

The 2021 Altar Flower and Candle Calendars are now available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. The cost of altar flowers is \$80 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers should be made to Holy Trinity. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact **Susan Barney** (907-1244 or [skwbarney@gmail.com](mailto:skwbarney@gmail.com)) with any altar flower questions you may have. The cost for candles is \$20 per week. **NOTE: December 20 and 27, 2020**, are still available for candle reservations. Call the church office if you would like to reserve one of those dates.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the following for serving on the 2020 Nominating Committee:

**Susan Manion**, chair; **Conrad Kauppi**, **Mitch Overstreet**, **Karen Pollok**, **Bobbie Rodman**, and **Rob Taylor**.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

We will again decorate our chancel and sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas. Poinsettias may be given in memory or honor of individuals. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Poinsettias may be picked up beginning December 27.

Please return no later than **Sunday, December 6**.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(please circle)

Payment of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (\$15.00 per plant)

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

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