22nd Sunday after Pentecost



810 Fairfax Street Stephens City, VA Sunday Worship, 9:30AM (540) 869-4019 November 9, 2025



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Would you like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? Consider donating **chancel flowers** for a Sunday service.

Flower donations are a beautiful way to:

- Honor or remember someone special
- Celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or milestone
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Communion Assistant: Carole Pfister.

Next Weeks; Greeter: Nan Righter. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Susan Scheulen.

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PRELUDE *Prelude* A. Reinhard (1800's)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please Stand

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son \pm and the Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795 Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

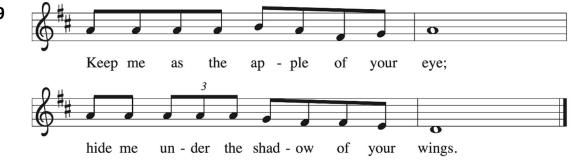
A reading from Job.

- ²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
- ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.







- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed [|] to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from [|] lying lips.
 - ² Let my vindication come forth | from your presence; let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
 - ³ Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night, melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.

- ⁴ I have not regarded what ¹ others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent. R
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your ^I well-worn path; and my feet ^I do not slip.
- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me; incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness,
- O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who ¹ rise against them.
 - ⁸ Keep me as the apple [|] of your eye; hide me under the shadow [|] of your wings,
 - ⁹ from the wicked [|] who assault me, from my deadly enemies [|] who surround me. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

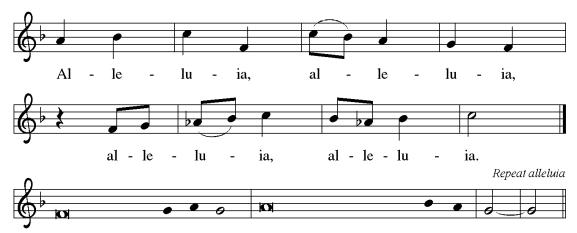
¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 124)



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

REV. LARRY CLOSTER

Please stand



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body Barb, Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Dakota (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, we give thanks that you care for all those who find themselves in crisis. Grant wisdom and peace of mind to our federal workers who have received no pay for over a month and for the millions of others experiencing food insecurity due to a lack of funding for needed food assistance programs. Move those in our government to work together to quickly restore government workers and restore needed government food assistance. Here us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially*). Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

Arr. M. Thompson Trinity Chime Choir

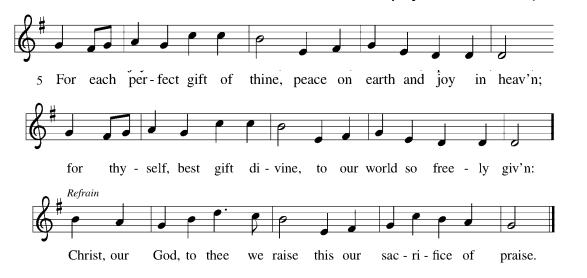
Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share

Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

For the Beauty of the Earth

(ELW 879)



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

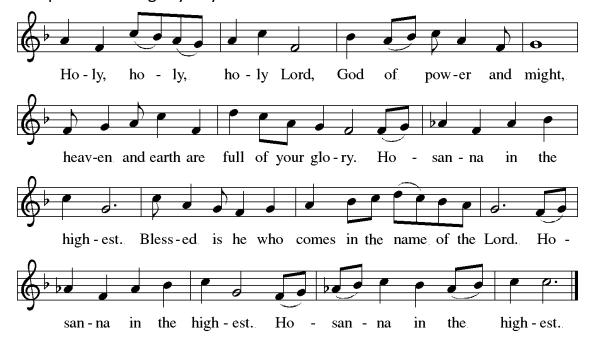
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**.

LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen**.

For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

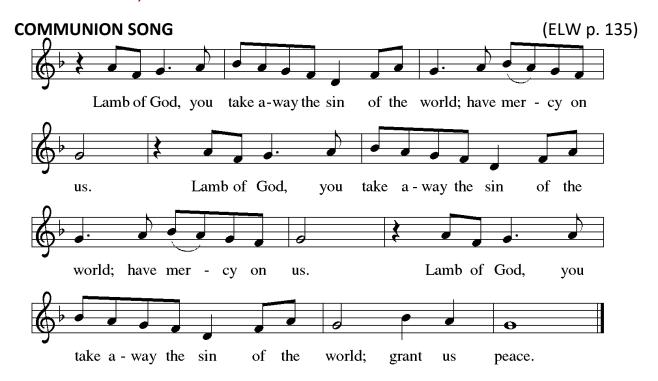
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

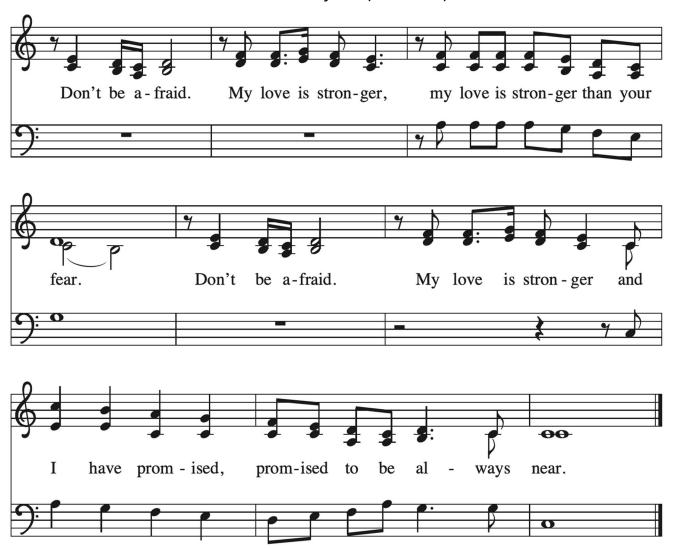
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.



SONGS DURING COMMUNION *Don't Be Afraid* (ACS 1027)



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952 Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Text and music © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

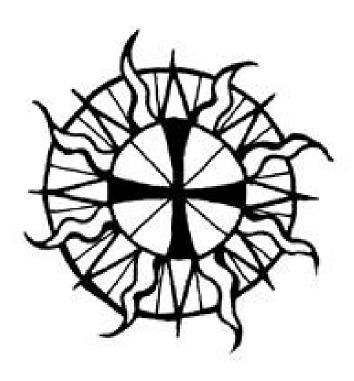
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.





Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community 11eWS

Please stay for coffee hour today & help celebrate



5-Dan Painter 6-Mark Landes 10-Fadua Houser 11-Martha Cooley

IN THE KNOW Upcoming Events & Reminders

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY Here's what's happening at a glance:

- Monday, November 10
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 2:30 pm | piano, Room 203 & violin, Sanctuary
- m Tuesday, November 11 –
- Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM | Room 204
- LCW (Lutheran Church Women) @ 11:30AM | Room 205
- Congregational Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall
- m Wednesday, November 12 –
- Thursday, November 13 Choir Rehearsal @ 5:45 PM | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Friday, November 14 –
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Room 205
- CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm | Room 203

Saturday, November 15 – CMSP Music Together @ 9am | Room 203

- Angel tree will go up this weekend!



- Sunday, November 16 Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday Servants** November is here, please consider making fall services special! contact Christine Cornwell or Sign up via newsletter link.
- Reprayer Team Table
 Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact Lorrie Closter
 540-840-8401, to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession.
- Hospital Visitation

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted.

To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Pastor Closter** or **Martha Cooley**.

- Ghoir Rehearsals Normal Thursday Rehearsals will resume September 4th @ 5:45 PM 🎜
- Chime Choir Sundays after service | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director music@trinitychurchvirginia.org
- Food Pantry Item of the Month: Pancake mix | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton-kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com





Thank you, Trinity family!

What a beautiful All Saints Day Luncheon we shared together. From the bratwurst and sauerkraut to the homemade German sides you all lovingly brought — the food was amazing, but the fellowship was even better. These moments of gathering, laughing, remembering, and breaking bread together remind us that community is one of the greatest gifts God gives us.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, set up, served, stayed to clean up, and simply showed up.

Your presence *matters*. Your love shows.

Here are a few snapshots of the afternoon — food, friendship, and joy shared in the Parish Hall. ♥ − Trinity's Social Outreach Ministry Team

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the LCW (Lutheran Church Women):

Women of Trinity Christmas Lunch

Calling all women of Trinity! The LCW would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the church to come to a Christmas luncheon for a time of fellowship and delicious food! The date is **Saturday**, **December 13th** at **12:30 pm** at **Regions 117** located at **180 Bald Eagle Drive**, **Lake Frederick**, **VA**. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP to Deb Wickboldt** by calling 614-477-2430 or sending an email to debwickboldt@gmail.com by **Saturday**, **December 6th**. We're looking forward to seeing you there!!

Lake Frederick Trilogy Holiday Craft Fair

If you'd like to get a start on your holiday shopping, consider coming to the craft fair at Lake Frederick! There will be handmade pottery, hand sewn purses, totes, quilts,

etc., items from some of the woodworkers, wreaths and much, much more available from the 30+ vendors! There are so many talented people who live at Lake Frederick, you're sure to find something! The craft fair is open to the public and it will be held on **Saturday, November 22nd from 9 am until 4 pm**. Just head to Regions 117 restaurant and then go into the Event Center. Happy shopping!! If you have any questions or need additional information, please see **Deb Wickboldt**.

<u> Holiday Food Box Program – Community Outreach:</u>

From the **Social Ministry & Outreach Team**

As many of you know, our long-running **Holiday Food Box Program**—a 15-year community partnership among several local churches—provides full holiday meal boxes for families in serious need. Most recipients are connected through **Frederick County Public Schools**, along with a few **elderly veterans** in our area.

This Thanksgiving, the need has grown to 90 families.

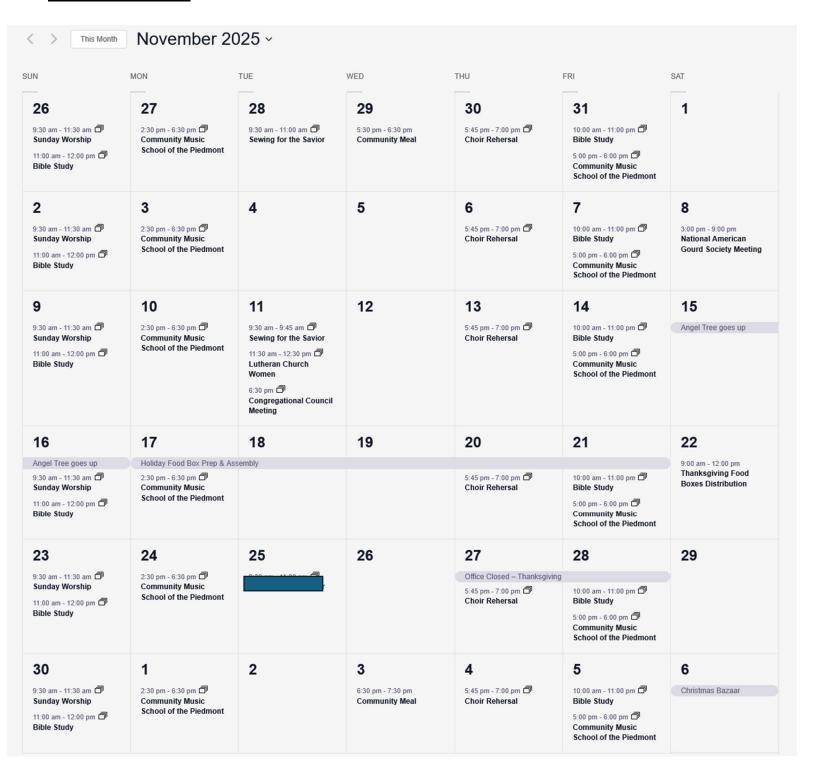
We are still collecting the following standard, single-use sized items:

- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, yams)
- Turkey gravy, cranberry sauce
- Boxed stuffing, instant rice, noodles, dessert mixes

Even a small donation—or connecting us with a local business willing to help—can make a big difference for this program and the families we serve.

Please bring donations to the **church office by November 17th**, or contact **Kim 540-664-8088** for more information. kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE



Stay in the Loop!

Want to receive our weekly Trinity Times Newsletter by email?

Fill out a welcome card (basket in the Narthex) with your name and email, and we'll add you to the list.

Prefer print? Pick up a copy next to the name tag table in the Narthex, or call the office to request a mailed version:

