

• **What About My Children?**

Children are welcome at Trinity. Childcare is provided in the nursery for children under 5 years old. During Sunday's 9:30 service, children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Children meet in an adjacent room at 9:30 am, share in child-focused Liturgy of the Word, then join parents in church at the passing of the Peace. A greeter or usher can assist with directions to the nursery and Children's Chapel.

• **What About Christian Education?**

All children are welcome to participate in Christian Education sessions immediately following the 9:30 service. Please ask an usher or greeter to assist you with getting your child to his or her classroom. Adult forums, parenting sessions and other opportunities are available for adults to share and learn. Please refer to the bulletin for each Sunday's information.

• **What About Restrooms? Accessibility?**

Restrooms are located on both levels of the church. Upper level restrooms are handicap accessible. An elevator is available. Please ask for assistance if you help locating these facilities. Pick-up and drop-off areas are located near church entrances, and handicapped parking spaces are available in the church parking lot (just north of church).

• **Please Let Us Know Who You Are...**

We are glad you've joined us and encourage you to sign the guest book near our main entrance. If you haven't received a visitor packet, please request one from a greeter or usher. Visitor name tags are available. Please wear one if you like. We invite you to join us for fellowship, conversation and refreshments in the parish hall (upper level) immediately after the 9:30 service. We look forward to greeting you in person and are happy to answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Thank you for being with us today.

We invite you to join us in the future...

Sunday Worship

8:00 am and 9:30 am

Weekday Worship

Tuesday 6:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am, Friday 6:30 am



WELCOME TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Answers to Common Questions
about Worship at Trinity**

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WELCOME...

If you are new to Trinity or visiting, this brochure may help you participate in worship and fellowship. It is our community's privilege to have you join us. We pray you that your time at Trinity is a valuable experience, and that you are nourished in God's love.

• **How Do I Follow Today's Service?**

When you arrived, an usher or greeter should have provided you with a bulletin. It provides information to follow today's service. You may want to review the bulletin before the service begins.

• **The Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal**

You will see two books located in the pew rack in front of you.

The Hymnal is the blue book. Hymn numbers are listed in the bulletin and also on the two Hymn boards on either side of the church. Some hymns include an "S" designation before the number. These hymns are located in the front of the Hymnal.

The Book of Common Prayer is the red book. It contains the Episcopal Church's prayers for weekly services and church holidays. Each day's order of worship is included in the bulletin. Please refer to the bulletin for page numbers for today's prayers.

• **Liturgy of the Word**

The Liturgy of the Word includes scripture readings from the Holy Bible, a psalm, the sermon and prayers.

- Please refer to the bulletin for today's readings.
- Parishioners serve as readers. They deliver readings from the lectern, which is in front of the altar and to the right.
- The psalm is recited or sung between the first and second reading. It is included in the bulletin.
- The priest moves with the Gospel book to the center of the church for the reading of the Gospel. All parishioners turn toward the Gospel book for this reading. If you are in the front, you will have to turn around.
- Following the gospel, the priest returns to the altar and the sermon is delivered from the pulpit by a member of Trinity's clergy. On some Sundays, sermons are given by visiting clergy or other Trinity parishioners.

• **The Eucharist (Communion)**

During the Eucharist, the priest takes the bread and wine, gives thanks to God, breaks the bread, and shares the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

All who are baptized (adults or children) are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

- Ushers will guide you in moving to the communion rail. If you require assistance, an usher is ready to help.
- At the Communion rail, the bread will be given to you. You may consume it immediately or wait to have it "dipped" into the chalice, which is called intinction.
- When the wine comes to you, you may drink from the chalice (if you've already consumed the bread), or you may dip the bread in the wine yourself and consume it. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.
- If you are not baptized or prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest, and a priest will bless you.

Please note:

- If you are unable to walk up the steps to the altar rail please come forward at the end of the line and stand at the bottom of the stairs. The bread and wine will be brought to you. If you are unable to walk, the bread and wine can be brought to your pew. Please let an usher know if you need this assistance.

• **Sitting, Standing and Kneeling**

You may see some people around you making the sign of the cross, bowing, kneeling, etc. We strive to be respectful of people in their own spiritual practices, and encourage you to do what is most comfortable for you. There are a few practices which most share during the service.

- People stand during the Nicene Creed, the Gospel, the Prayers of the People and at the beginning of the Eucharist, as well as during songs, procession (entering) and recession (exiting).
- People usually kneel at the Confession, during the Eucharistic Prayer, and at the Communion rail. Please feel welcome to stand or sit if you are unable to kneel or enjoy another tradition.
- We stand to exchange the Peace, and encourage you to shake hands with people around you. Many say, "Peace", "Peace be with you", or "Peace of Christ"