

Dear Trinitarian:

January 6, 2022

Below are some updates and announcements concerning worship and programming at Trinity during the month of January, and also about our upcoming Annual Meeting.

WORSHIP & PROGRAMMING

With the current significant uptick in COVID cases and its numerous variants, the staff and I have made some decisions about gathering — both for worship and faith formation — for the month of January. Our goal is to find a way for the community to continue to worship together, to remain relationally connected, and to be physically safe in this current climate of heightened vulnerability. So, for the month of January:

- All Sunday worship will be one combined at 9:30 am in the main sanctuary (January 9, 16, 23, and 30)
- Seating will be every other pew
- We will cease congregational singing (though we may continue to enjoy small numbers of choir members singing a hymn while masked up at the lectern) and Eric will focus on instrumental music
- We strongly encourage parishioners use more serious masks (N95s) while in the building, and Trinity will have those kinds of masks available starting January 16th (you can find them by the front doors)
- The services will continue to be live streamed on Facebook Live (if you need assistance signing in to view worship on-line, please contact the office)
- Nursery care will be available
- We will continue to suspend coffee hour
- There will be a pause on faith formation programming (children & youth as well as Adult Forum) during the month of January, and if conditions improve all programming will resume Sunday, February 6, 2022.

This plan was reviewed by the Trinity Vestry at a special meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, and will be reevaluated toward the end of January. Thank you all for your patience and prayers. These are crazy, unpredictable times in which we are living. The Trinity staff, clergy, and Vestry are doing their level best to protect the congregation, make sound and considered decisions, and stay connected to one another and to our God — whose love and care for us cannot be quantified or contained.

EPIPHANY AT HOME

During the season of Epiphany, we invite you to experience the light Christ brings us in the darkness through the simple practice of lighting candles. At meal time or during any other sacred moments throughout your week, light a candle with those in your household and remember not only the presence of God, but also the presence of your Trinity Family even when we are distanced from one another. On Sunday February 6th, we will bring our candles to church for a blessing as we celebrate Candlemas together.

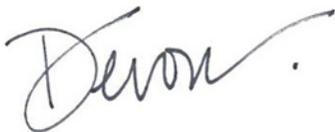
ANNUAL MEETING/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

Trinity's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 30 after the 9:30 am service. At this point, we are assuming an in-person Annual Meeting in the main sanctuary, in addition to providing Zoom access (we'll use Facebook Live for the service, then switch to Zoom for our meeting so parishioners at home can participate). Should COVID conditions worsen between now and then, we will go entirely on-line for this meeting. Stay tuned.

Annual Meeting won't be a meeting to miss! There will be a LOT happening on January 30th. At this meeting we will celebrate reaching our very courageous and ambitious stewardship goal in 2021, and also thank the Stewardship Team and the many people ("askers") who conducted one-to-one conversations with pledgers. We will receive the 2022 budget from the Trinity Vestry, with time for questions and discussion. And, our esteemed senior warden, Sam Wiant, will walk us through the report submitted to the Vestry this past week that summarizes the findings from our recent capital campaign feasibility study. Trinity had an astonishing high rate of participation in the study (THANK YOU!) and the results are very clearly (and statistically) parsed out in the report, along with comments made during the personal interviews.

I plan to release the Executive Summary of the report next week to the parish. Then, we will go through the entire report at the Annual Meeting, carefully and methodically, with time allotted for discussion and engagement. After the Annual Meeting, copies of the full 33-page report will be available at the Trinity Office, and any parishioner is welcome to read it. The report includes recommendations and the report at the Annual Meeting will include plans and strategy for responding to those recommendations.

This letter comes to you with much affection and many prayers. We are Trinity Strong and it continues to be my honor to serve you as your rector — through thick and thin, pandemic and, well, not pandemic.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot at the end.

Devon Anderson