

Trinity Church  
January 1, 2017  
Combined Worship 10:30 a.m.

Happy New Year!

Greeting

There is one body and one Spirit- just as you were called to one hope  
when you were called-  
**One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all!**

Opening Worship

"Shout to the Lord"  
"The Church's One Foundation" p.277 vs. 1,2,4

Morning Prayer

Welcome

Stephen Starnes

**If you are seated on or near an aisle, please take out the red attendance  
register, sign it, and pass it on. Thank you!**

Announcements

Dr. Marc Putnam

Offertory

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"  
Mary Anne Scherff & Iris O'Daniel

Offertory Prayer

Wayne George

Scripture Lesson

John 12:23-26

Sermon

"2017 and a Good Funeral" Dr. Marc Putnam

Congregational Consecration\*

*Leader:* Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, other are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both.

In some ways we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary therefore, to go to Christ and pray:

*Congregation:* **Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.**

*Leader:* Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

*Congregation:* **Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully in your hands: Put me to doing, put me to suffering, Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.**

*Leader:* God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

*Congregation:* **O blessed Jesus, I come to you, sinful, miserable, and powerless, unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants. I do here with all my power, accept you as my Lord and head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide. I renounce my own will, and take you for my law.**

**Now let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

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Connections

"Change My Heart O God"

Communion

Anthem

"Meditation for Communion"  
arr. by Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

Closing

"One Pure and Holy Passion"

Benediction

\*Selections from "Wesley's Covenant Service,  
"The Book of Worship of the United Methodist Church, 1992

**\*Congregation stands**

Elder Board 2017

Elder of Administration – Nolan McDowell

Elder of Lay Ministry – Matt Brown

Elder of Membership – Eddy Summers

Elder of Finance – Ben C. Smith

Elder of Christian Formation - Mike Hudnall

Elder of Communication – Ben Atkinson

Elder of Missions – Fred Salzman

Elder of Outreach – Terry Underwood

Elder of Trustee – Don McClellan

Elder of Worship – Doug Snyder

Announcements:

Thank you to those who picked up an **Advent Box!** Your change will be used to kick off our Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. **If you have not returned your advent box, please do so by next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for giving to our **Memorial/Honor Tree** this Christmas! Before you leave today, **please pick up your ornament to take home and keep.**

Every living being and every living church has a **PULSE**. It is an indication of health. The Evangelical Covenant Church has developed a **PULSE** survey for Covenant churches like Trinity Church. The purpose of **PULSE** is to help us confront our current reality with truth and grace, so that we can take the next step in becoming a healthy missional church. By "healthy" we mean pursuing Christ. By "missional" we mean pursuing Christ's priorities in the world.

The **PULSE** survey will available on-line Sunday, January 8 through Sunday, January 22. The survey is approximately 50 questions and should take about 30 minutes to complete. Our leadership team is also working on ways to assist those in our congregation without computer access who would like to participate in the survey. More details will follow on Sunday, January 8.

The results of the survey will be made available to the congregation and used by our leadership teams in strategic planning as we follow the Holy Spirit together in 2017.



**Trinity Church will honor the memory and ministry of former associate pastor, David Bowden on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 worship service.** Following the worship service, there will be a reception in the Christian Life Center. At the reception, Pastor Marc will announce the naming of the Gym for David. Please plan to join us and **invite anyone that knew David to attend.**

Start the New Year with **Mary Martha - Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** in the MPR. Covered dish lunch. Great fellowship, delicious food, beautiful devotions

**Golden Heirs** will meet **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.** \$4.00 per person to help cover the meat. Bring side dishes. Speaker will be Dr. Owen Allen Hope to see you there!

Trinity's **Mission trip to Nicaragua** will be **June 21-28, 2017.** Approximate cost will be \$1,400 per person. Please pray about joining this trip to see what God is doing in Esteli.

Save the Date: **CBCC Blood Drive at Trinity on Monday, January 23 from 4-8 p.m.** in the CLC. Childcare provided if needed. Sign-up in Atrium or Narthex by January 18. Give the gift of life!! Contact Karen Tripp 336 312 1024 for more information.

**Start saving those tabs! Pioneers Club will start collecting tabs from now until our Mission Week in April.** Start saving the tabs from soda cans, soup cans, cat food cans, etc. The Pioneers take the collected tabs and receive money for them and then they give the money to the Mission Fund. Start collecting – green buckets will be out soon to place them in.

# What's Happening

## Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship  
1:00 p.m. Slavic Church

## Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Office Closed – New Year Holiday

## Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 a.m. Senior Fitness at A.C.T.

## Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

\* **Bulletin announcements due by Noon.**

## Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. Senior Fitness at A.C.T.  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Ignite Worship  
9:15 a.m. Bible Reading Class  
9:15 a.m. Sonshine/Fellowship Class  
9:15 a.m. Good Medicine Class  
9:30 a.m. Family Focus Class 111  
10:30 a.m. Family Worship  
1:00 p.m. Slavic Church  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group  
5:00 p.m. Pioneers Club

**Next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> we will resume our normal schedule with worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am, Sunday school at 9:15 am. Youth Group and Pioneers Club will resume next Sunday at 5:00 pm.**

### Each Sunday: 3 yrs. – grade 3

9:30 – 10:15am Sunday school, Bible stories, crafts, and learning activities  
10:30 – 11:00am Worship experience in sanctuary with parents  
11:00 – 11:15am KidZone: children dismissed for life lessons from the Bible  
11:15 – 11:35am Snacks and guided recreational activities



#### Our Nursery Workers:

January 1<sup>st</sup> - Mary Grace Thomas, Gracie Battaille  
January 8<sup>th</sup> – Rabiātu Williams, Mimi Joyce

**Website:** [TrinityChurchgso.org](http://TrinityChurchgso.org)

**Facebook:** Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church



# Welcome

### Today's Greeters:

Bill & Shirley Everage  
Vernon & Norma Swofford



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*Rev. Dr. Marcus B. Putnam*

*10:30 a.m. Family Worship*