

Welcome to Trinity's latest updates on January 4, 2022.

For the video of this announcement please click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yu6E-c8SGN8>

Steve Bobick, the executive director of Parish Planning Council and Pastor Jen were together to share the latest updates and temporary changes coming to Trinity.

On behalf of the people of Trinity and its staff, we are very thankful that we were able to be together for Christmas Eve worship. Whether you joined us online, outside or in the sanctuary we celebrated the birth of Jesus together. Thank you for understanding and following the guidelines we had in place for Christmas Eve so that we could be together safely.

We are grateful for your Christmas Eve offerings and while the final numbers have yet to be tallied, we look like we will be close to meeting the 2021 budget.

At this point, the cases of COVID in Berks County are continuing to rise. County officials reinstated the local disaster emergency declaration on Dec. 30, 2021 to equip the County and its departments to respond quickly and effectively to resurgent COVID-19 issues.

In our best effort to keep Trinity and its community as safe as possible, we are putting into place some temporary changes. Please know, that these decisions will help us to put worship together as our top priority and that they are temporary for the month of January. The COVID task force and PPC will be meeting later this month to address the COVID case numbers and how we will safely gather in the future.

Here's what you need to know:

- Worship will continue Wednesdays at 7pm, Saturdays at 5pm and Sunday mornings at 8am and 10:45am. All services will include holy communion. These services will all be spoken. There will be music before and after, but sung liturgy and hymns will not be part of worship for now. Sunday worship and Wednesday evening will be available online.
- Sunday School, choir rehearsals and Fundocny will all be on break for the month of January.

- Any scheduled meetings and Bible studies will meet or continue to meet via Zoom.

We cannot say it enough. These changes are temporary for the month of January and we hope by making these changes we are able to continue in person worship through this pandemic.

We cannot thank you enough for your patience, flexibility and understanding in such challenging and unknown times. We thank God for your presence, prayers and support as we continue to live as the Body of Christ in an ever-changing world, showing care and love for our neighbors in all that we say and all that we do.

Please continue to pray for our church family, including the staff, PPC and COVID Task force as they navigate our future together.

Let us pray,

O Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untraveled, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.