Trinity Church September 22, 2019 Fifteenth After Lentecost Family Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Life Marc Putnam

Prelude "On a Hill Far Away" Mengfei Xu

By Emma Diemer

Call to Worship Kiki Samba

Trust in the Lord, and do good.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength.

\*Opening Praise & Worship

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" pg. 52, vs. 1,2,3,6

**Connections** "He Is Jehovah"

**Morning Prayer** 

Welcome

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

Children's Sermon Kiki Samba

Offertory

\*Doxology

Anthem "I Give You My Heart"

By Morgan, Reuben/Larson

Scripture Lesson Galatians 3:1-14

Sermon "Abraham and Faith" Marc Putnam

\*Closing Worship

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" pg. 354, vs. 1, 3

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Mengfei Xu

By Benjamin Carr

#### \*Congregation to Stand

If you are visiting with us today, please pick up a Visitors Packet at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for being a part of our service!

We welcome you to join us again.

# Welcome to Trinity Church!

Greeters today:

Ray & Sherri Woodburn, Ruth Ann George, Nancy Coggins

#### **Announcements:**

What better way to start the morning than with good food and great fellowship at the "Last Thursday Men's Breakfast", Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Join us at Oakcrest Restaurant on Battleground Avenue. All are welcome!

Pioneer Club is going to the Zoo on this coming Saturday, September 28! Admission is \$11 for kids and \$15 for adults (if we have a group of 15 we will get a discount). Plan to join us – bring a friend! Pioneers will leave at 9 am return around 5pm.

Save the date! On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we are inviting friends in the community, and those who have moved from the community, to join us for homecoming and "celebration of church wide ministries." Preschool teachers and Scouts will participate in our morning worship followed by a covered dish lunch. Help spread the word, invite someone to join us Sunday, September 29!

Why Church Attendance is Declining. Trinity member Owen Allen has a new book out titled *Saving Christianity*. The book tells why church attendance is declining, and how to reverse the trend by living an Early Christian Lifestyle of hope, peace, and miracles. The book describes Owen's personal spiritual journey, as well as his Christian research in Italy, Israel, Greece, and Turkey. The book is available through Amazon.com, BarnesAndNoble.com, Alibris.com, and other online sources. Owen also has copies available that can be autographed. Contact him at: owen@jOwenAllen.com

Join us for an evening study on the essentials of Christian faith. We will use a number of sources including Allister McGrath's book "I Believe," Exploring the Apostles' Creed" as starting points for discussion. This study is for non-Christians asking faith questions and well as Christians looking for a foundation in these confusing times. McGrath's book is available online. Join us Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM.

"Seamless" by Angie Smith – Everything you need to piece together the people, places and promises of the Bible. Join us for this NEW Ladies Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am.

Trinity's preschool is selling **Attraction Guides** through September 27<sup>th</sup>, and they have added 28 new merchants, including Olive Garden, Chicken Salad Chicks, and Office Depot! Using a couple of coupons recoups your purchase price, and you will be helping the preschool ministry! See Anne Prudente if you would like to purchase one and help the preschool with this fundraiser – cost is \$25.

God is using people like you to transform lives - and entire communities - with the Gospel through the **Decision America Tour**. The Decision America Tour will stop in eight cities across North Carolina as Franklin Graham joins believers like you to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm,** hear Franklin Graham speak at **7pm at the White Oak Amphitheatre at Greensboro Coliseum Complex.** As always, continue to pray for our Nation.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes – It's that time again! Boxes are available now. Please take one today, fill it and be part of changing the life of a child. Thank you in advance for your help in providing a gift and opportunity to a child in need. Remember, each shoebox you fill is an opportunity to tell someone about Christ, a powerful evangelism tool! Return your filled shoebox to the office by Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Report: Because of hail damage and an insurance settlement, the shingled roof on the sanctuary has been replaced without cost to the church. Members have donated mowers and time to keep our grounds looking trim and neat to reduce landscaping expense. However, giving to our general fund has been slow this summer resulting in a \$28,700 shortfall in income versus expense. Please pray that God will supply the church's need, give as God blesses you, attend our weekly worship services, and invite someone to enjoy what God is doing through Trinity's ministries!

# **Lectionary Reading:**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Jeremiah 8:18-19:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

**September 29**th – Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

# **Nursery and Kidzone:**

# September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Nursery – Matt & Amy Brown Kidzone – Mimi Joyce and Ella McClellan

# September 29th

Nursery – Elizabeth McClellan, Elaine Putnam Kidzone – Elizabeth McClellan and Ella McClellan





#### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Early Worship in Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Preschool & Elementary Children

9:30 a.m. Bible Reading Class

9:30 a.m. Sonshine/Fellowship Class

9:30 a.m. Good Medicine Class

9:30 a.m. Family Focus Class

10:30 a.m. Family Worship in Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Slavic Church 5:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs

5:00 p.m. Adult Elective "I Believe"

#### Tuesday, September 24th

6:30 p.m. Elder Board Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 25th

7:30 a.m. Men's Morning Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday, September 26th

8:30 a.m. "Last Thursday" Breakfast at Oakcrest

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. Small Groups with Owen Allen in Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

# Saturday, September 28th

9:00 a.m. Pioneer Clubs to NC Zoo!

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10:30 a.m. Family Worship in Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Churchwide Celebration & Covered Dish Lunch

1:00 p.m. Slavic Church

5:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs

5:00 p.m. Adult Elective "I Believe"

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# Mission Moment

The following paragraphs are taken from the ISI newsletter and Greensboro support staffer Debbie Egan. ISI works with international students attending colleges and universities in Greensboro. I was interested in the role played by dinners hosted by ISI in bringing together the students. ISI is not only supported by your donations to the Trinity Mission Fund, but also by all in our church who provide for these meals. A special thanks to Debbie Clegg who organizes these efforts.

# Debbie Egan writes:

"This past year has flown by and God has been faithful. Thanks to several churches in town, two students from India and Japan were able to attend TRUE, a leadership conference at ISI offers each May. They experienced God's love and heard the gospel from international speakers. We have also had to say farewell to many students in May, which is always hard. Please pray for "K" from Japan who attended our dinners and TRUE. Please pray that God will continue to bring believers into her life even in Japan. She works for Planned Parenthood in Japan and could be influential to many Japanese young people! We met often and discussed spiritual things. Like many Japanese, "K" has not thought about God too much, but is open. Please also pray for "F" from Indonesia who has returned home. She was very involved with us while she was here getting her MBA. Please pray that God will bring believers into her life as well.

It is amazing how the Lord brings different students into our path. A few months ago, a former student emailed me and asked me to befriend a couple new to Greensboro. They moved from Memphis because of the wife's job but her husband is still a PhD student. Both are from two different closed countries and are very enthusiastic about attending our dinners. Please pray for this couple that God will speak into their lives through the Body of Christ."



