



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!

The Rev. Diane Ford

Sermon Teaser: Sermon teaser: This Sunday we will retell the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from death. Lazarus does not emerge fully free on his own—others are called to help unbind him. Where might we still feel bound? And where might we be called to help loosen what holds another in place? As we gather for worship, we open ourselves to the life God is calling forth in us—even now.

Sermon Scripture: John 11:1-44 Raising of Lazarus



Thursday Evenings: Join us this evening from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fireside Room for potluck, and conversations on topics of faith. All are welcome!

Discussion topics for this evening (3/19/26):

7. “Forgiveness & Repair”

Scripture: Matthew 6:12–15

Prompts:

- What’s the difference between forgiving and forgetting?
- How do we handle relationships where reconciliation isn’t possible?
- What’s one place we’re invited to soften?
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8. “The Cross as Self-Giving Love (Not Self-Harm)”

Scripture: Philippians 2:5–11

Prompts:

- How do we distinguish healthy self-giving from burnout?
- Where do we see Christ-shaped love in ordinary life?
- What does it mean to “take up our cross” in a life-affirming way?
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9. “Practicing Compassion”

Scripture: Luke 10:29–37 (Good Samaritan)

Prompts:

- What makes compassion emotionally risky?
- Where do we hold back from helping others?
- How can we practice “micro-compassions” daily?

Holy Week at Trinity

Palm & Passion Sunday A Journey of Praise and Reflection Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Our Palm & Passion Sunday worship will begin with joy, movement, and story as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The service opens with the telling of that story, as our children help distribute palm branches to the congregation. Then the celebration begins. With music and storytelling woven together, a lively procession will form from within the sanctuary, and like a Congo line worshipers of all ages are invited to join the procession as it winds its way through the sanctuary and side hallway, growing into a joyful, communal expression of praise. As we sing and move together, the story of that first Palm Sunday will unfold in brief narrated moments, helping us enter more deeply into the scene—crowds gathering, songs rising, and Jesus arriving in humility.

As the procession concludes and we return to our seats, the tone of worship will gradually shift. The celebration of palms will lead us toward the deeper story of the Passion, reminding us that this day holds both joy and solemnity as we begin Holy Week. Come ready to move, to sing, and to enter the story together.

From the Table to the Tomb Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

A special evening of movement, music, symbolism and prayer. Beginning in the back of the sanctuary, worshipers will pass through eight stations correlated with events of the night of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion, and burial. The first station is communion. Worshippers will be invited up to communion four persons at a time and then proceed to the next stations at their own pace.

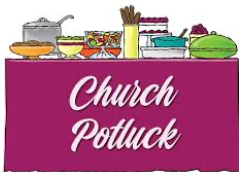
The second station after communion will include water representing the washing of the feet. The third station will be a garden setting representing Gethsemane. The fourth station will represent Peter denying Jesus. The fifth station will represent Jesus' interaction with Pilate. The sixth station will represent the crown of thorns. The seventh station will represent the cross and the eighth station will represent the tomb. Each station will have scripture, a prayer, symbolism, and a "witness" who will read parts of the story.



Join us as we celebrate the lives of two beloved church members

Darrell Yeaney - Saturday, March 21 at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Betty Gangware - Saturday, March 28, at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.



Annual Deacon's Parish Potluck, Sunday, March 29. All are invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy delicious food and terrific fellowship. You will also be able to visit with your deacon or meet your new one. See you there!

Sweet Pea Quilting Group: Please note upcoming revised meeting dates: March 14, and April 4, 11, and 25.



Congratulations to Trinity's own Jerry Thormann, a Northern California PGA Hall of Famer, recognized for his 50 years of service to the organization in 2026.

Submitted by Emily Duffus



Presbytery Unity Candle:

This week we pray for Westview Presbyterian Church, Watsonville, and the Rev. Dan Hoffman.

Librarian's Corner

Our Library is open to the public Sundays after worship and Thursdays 10 – noon.

This week we celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday. There is a Trinity Library here in Santa Cruz and one in Dublin Ireland. The one in Ireland is famous for the Book of Kells, a 9th Century Gospel manuscript. Our Library is famous for its Thursday library league celebrations.

Saint Joseph's Day is celebrated on March 19th, the very day the library is open. So feasting is in order during the library literary league meet-up. The Sicilian Tradition on that day is to set up St. Joseph tables covered with fruits and vegetable dishes, and share that food with the congregation, the community and all comers.

We will celebrate this Thursday! You are invited and there will be Irish Snacks, decorations and Guinness Non-Alcoholic beers in honor of Saint Patrick, along with Sicilian snacks in honor of Saint Joseph. You won't want to miss this!
Warm Regards Larry the Librarian



Page from the Book of Kells



March

5 Pegatha Hughes
6 Russ Hobbs
Mabel Serigstad
7 Kent Imai
17 Patti Lawton
29 Michael Christie



March 17 Chuck and Nancy Cobery ('89)

Community Events



On **Friday, March 27**, *Bread and Roses* will co-host a Roundtable Discussion on “Spirituality and Resistance” at the Villa Maria del Mar Retreat Center at 6:00 p.m. Address: 21918 E. Cliff Dr. scbreadandroses.org. Bread and Roses draws from the charism of the Catholic Worker Movement, and uses an international model which integrates proactive peacemaking, direct service to the poor, and spirituality. If interested, please check out their website and ask Ron Weaver or Pastor Diane who plan to attend.




The Accessible Egg Hunt is part of a partnership between Urban Works and SPIN Santa Cruz (Special Parents Information Network), and is hosted by the Valley Women’s Club of the San Lorenzo through the generosity of our community. The event is free to attend, and advance registration is encouraged. For questions please contact: Rev. Capt. Ryan Althaus (runningmango@msn.com)

FREE!
Accessible
EGG HUNT!
Every Bunny Can Play!

Sunday
March 29
2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Highlands County Park
8500 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond

A Calm & Inclusive Celebration
Created for children with mobility, vision, and sensory challenges—and their families. A calm, welcoming space where every child can join the fun.

Three Adaptive Egg Hunts

-  **Wheelchair-Accessible Egg Hunt**
-  **Beeper Egg Hunt**
-  **Sensory-Friendly Egg Hunt**

Siblings welcome!



Even More Fun!

Storytime • Sensory Play
Photos with the Bunny
Sensory-friendly prizes

Accessibility

Accessible parking
Flat, easy paths
No amplified music

Limited capacity!

Reserve Your Spot

RSVP via QR code
or link below.
Walk-ins welcome
as space allows.

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valleywomensclub.org



Singing is Being:
Vocal Quartets and Piano

Music by Robert Schumann, Leonard Bernstein
& Ivan Rosenblum

Performed by Jordan Best, Liz Neff, Jorge Torrez,
Josh Porter, Daniel Goldsmith & Ivan Rosenblum

March 28th at 7:30 p.m.
at Trinity Presbyterian Church
420 Melrose Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Tickets: General Admission \$40, Student \$20
Online: <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/ivan-rosenblum>
Or pay Ivan directly via PayPal: irpiano@yahoo.com
Cash at the door

Opportunities to Serve

Quilt Much? Sweet Pea is the place to be! Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join the Sweet Pea team! They meet in the Youth Room (enter door on Melrose Ave) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. every other Saturday. Their finished creations are donated to hospitals and shelters. Contact janedevette@aol.com for more information.

AFC Dinners, Every 2nd & 3rd Wednesday. Looking to contribute to your community through cooking or small donations? Contact Debbie Bates at debates44@aol.com to see what can be provided. The Association of Faith Communities (AFC) is a coalition of congregations serving Santa Cruz County.

Urban Works. Urban Works embraces art and recreation to break through faith, social, and economic barriers, to create community for adults with disabilities and their support networks. Watch the bulletin board outside the church office for updates, and see Diane if you are interested in volunteering.

Regularly Occurring Events at Trinity

Sundays at Trinity

- ❖ Sunday Worship: 10:30 am in the Sanctuary & streaming live on YouTube and FB.
- ❖ Coffee Hour: Immediately following our Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Morning Lectionary School: Sundays, 9:00 am, Fireside Room
- ❖ Trinity Library is open during coffee hour.
- ❖ Nooners Class: 12:00 pm in the Fireside Room and on Zoom.
- ❖ Board of Deacons: 3rd Sundays (none in July), 12:00 pm, Youth Room

Mondays at Trinity

- ❖ Book Club: (Every 3rd Monday) 10:00 am-11:00 am, Fireside Room
- ❖ Monday Night Lectionary Study: (weekly) 5:00 pm-6:15 pm, Fireside Room

Tuesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Administration Committee: (1st Tuesday, in “odd” months), 4:30 pm, Fireside Room

- ❖ Worship and Christian Education (WCE): 1st Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Fireside room.

- ❖ Session

Wednesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Association of Faith Communities (AFC) Board Mtg.: 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Fireside Room.
- ❖ Faith Community Shelter: 4pm - Overnight, Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Shower the People: 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Parking Lot.
- ❖ Urban Works Board Mtg.: 1st Wednesdays, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Fireside Room.

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Library Corner: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, socialize in the library.
- ❖ Trinity Happy Hour: Third Thursday of the Month. No meeting in March.

Saturdays at Trinity

- ❖ Sweet Pea Quilting: Every other Saturday from 9:30 am – 3:45 pm, Youth Room