



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz

October 30, 2025

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This Sunday: In celebration of All Saints Day, people are invited to bring photos or small mementos of departed family, friends, and mentors for a Remembrance Table during morning worship in the Trinity sanctuary and at the retreat.

Sermon Teaser: O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!

***Scripture this Sunday**

Rev. Kathleen will be preaching:

November 2

Psalm 149:1-4

Ephesians 1:15-23

Dates to Remember

Please go to our webpage calendar for more.

October 30: Bible Study with Pastor, Thursday, 1 p.m. (ends Nov. 7)

November 1-2: All Church Retreat at Redwood Glen Camp

December 14: Cantata Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

December 21: Longest Night Service of Hope, 5:00 p.m.

We are headed into a special weekend!

- ❖ Halloween Night
- ❖ Daylight Savings Time ends ("fall back" an hour Saturday night)
- ❖ All Saints Day is celebrated on Sunday (bring an object or photo)
- ❖ The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (communion) is served Sunday
- ❖ Worship in the sanctuary will be led by the Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes and Music Director Nicki Kerns
- ❖ Several members and Pastor Diane will be at the All-Church Retreat

Day of the Dead / Dia de Muertos

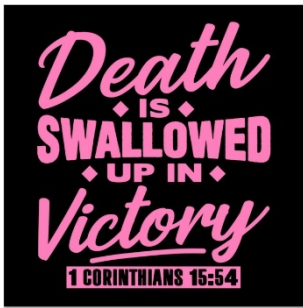
Saturday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 2 is Día de Muertos — the Day of the Dead. This beloved Mexican and Latin American holiday celebrates the lives of those who have died. Families and friends gather to remember loved ones with colorful altars (“ofrendas”) adorned with flowers, photos, candles, and favorite foods. Cemeteries fill with music and laughter, homes with the aroma of shared meals, and hearts with gratitude for the “communion of saints.”

Here’s an engaging article to learn more: [A Beginner’s Guide to Day of the Dead](#)



Photo: A home altar. Photo by Christine Chitnis, A Beginner’s Guide to Day of the Dead

All Saints Day



The Oct. 25 practical workshop on the tasks we need to tend to before we die segues beautifully into All Saints Day, which we will celebrate this Sunday, November 2.

All Saints Day celebrates the Christian proclamation about death – it has been “swallowed up in victory!”

This is the victory that was won in the death and resurrection of Christ – “*Christus Victor!*” For the first thousand years of the church, it was the emphasis when speaking of the cross.

Hebrews 12:1-2 describes a “great cloud of witnesses,” referring to those who have gone before and are examples to believers. On All Saints Day we **remember and honor loved ones** who have died, and at the communion table we acknowledge the unity we have with all souls.

Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord! (Rom. 14:7)

“Last Things” Workshop

It was a great day!



On October 25 we hosted the workshop, “The Last Things We Talk About,” and what a wonderful morning it was!

Equipped with experience and information, Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright provided a **practical, broad, and encouraging** day for us. We had 22 registered, and a few more came. If you missed this, we highly recommend the book!

Many thanks to the crews who set up and tore down the Fellowship Hall or provided salads, and to Diana Dean for inspiring the idea of offering support for the later chapters of our lives. **What’s next?**

Top left: Speaker Rev. Dr. Elizabeth (Libby) Boatwright; Middle: Participants from Trinity and the surrounding community; Bottom Left: Welcome table with Rev. Ben Meyers (Hospice Chaplain).

Announcements

Online Church Service

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube or our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

A Big Thank You

Trinity Presbyterian Deacons have been blessed with the generosity of our church members, friends, and community, and have recently dispersed funds to support these organizations in need, that provide services and opportunities to the underserved in our local and global community:

Santa Cruz Veterans Hall \$500.00

El Salvador Community Building Project \$500.00

El Salvador Water Well Project \$500.00

Urban Works Disabilities Retreat \$2,000.00

The Mission Committee

Is pleased to report that the special offering on World Communion Sunday has resulted in gifts of over \$2300. Thank you to those who contributed to the Peace and Global Witness programs. If you would like to add to this fund, it's not too late; just mark your check or the offering envelope for Peace and Global Witness.

Trinity's Mission Committee will award 25 per cent of the total contributions to a local organization whose mission is aligned with the purpose of the offering. If you wish to nominate a local organization, please contact Chuck Cobery, the committee chair.

Third Monday Book Club, November 17

Hi Bookies! We will be reading "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawson in November. We will take December off, but the book for January will be "The Great Divide" by Cristina Henriquez.

Presbytery's Unity Candle:

This week we pray for the community, ministries, and leadership of the Presbyterian Church of San Marten, Rev. Trevor Van Laar.

Your Announcement Here! Want your announcement in the weekly bulletin or newsletter? Be sure to email trinitysc@sbcglobal.net by Tuesday 10am of that week's publication. Please note: Due to limited space in the bulletin, your item may not appear there; however, it will be included in the newsletter.

Library Corner

Visit our Library!

New to Trinity and our Library? This cozy gem is through a door in the Fellowship Hall. Check it out (pun intended). Open to the public: Sundays after worship; Thursdays 10am - 12pm.

This Sunday is the Trinity Retreat so the library will not be open after church. We will maintain regular hours this Thursday the 29th. That is also the last workday of Betty, the office administrator. She has been a great help to this librarian during her tenure here. There is even a rumor that the library league will host a small soiree in her honor this Thursday during our regular hours, 10 a.m. to noon. Speaking of rumors, it is rumored there will be a celebration for the founding of the Hazel Nutt Library this November with multiple Hazelnut pasties. It will be the library's 77th year of operation. More on time, date, and details of that event in future Librarian's Corners.

Warm Regards, Larry the Librarian.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8	Daryl Altiere	24	Erin Sams
	Joanne Clever	26	Nancy Cobery
20	Jeanne Baker	27	Jenny Yeane
	Ari Palmer	29	Darrel Yeane
	Ron Weaver		
22	Jill Francis		
	Dan Rutan		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Charlie & Gwen May
30 Jenny Yeane & Ti Lamb

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Quilts? Sweet Pea is the place to be! November 8 & 22

Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join Sweet Peas! They meet in the Youth Room (enter door on Melrose Ave) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. every other Saturday and donate to hospitals and shelters.

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.*

Donating Used Electronics

The Welcoming Network seeks computers and phones for our neighbors. Donated laptops (PCs up to 10 years old, MacBooks up to 15), iPhones (4G/5G), Androids, iPads, and tablets will be erased, refurbished, and given to those in need. Non-reusable items will be recycled at Grey Bears. If you are able to donate any of these items, contact Karen Wichelmann at (831) 588-9240.

Urban Works Updates

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.



Urban Works Camping Trip

Our final camping trip of the year was nothing short of magic. Thirty-two community members shared the experience of a lifetime at Yosemite National Park - an



opportunity many wouldn't otherwise have access to. We visited three of Yosemite's most iconic sites: Yosemite Falls, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point at golden hour, where snow on the surface made the moment truly unforgettable. We hiked under rich forest canopies with dancing orange fall leaves floating down around us and the sounds of laughter, joy, and awe echoing through our group. We saw waterfalls cascading down massive steep cliff faces,

sunset colors lighting up the face of Half-Dome, red hawks and fawns meandering through the valleys, and even got to hike in the snow at our last stop! Evenings were filled with stories, s'mores, song circles, community games, pumpkin painting, feeding friendly goats and pigs on the farm, and shared healthy meals. Many participants came as strangers, and all left as friends.

We couldn't have asked for a better group of campers to accompany us, and we can't thank our partners and donors enough for making this possible. A big thank you to the Board of Deacons at Trinity Presbyterian Church for their generous donation towards this trip and a big thank you to Trinity for letting us use their kitchen to prepare 200 meals before the trip and for providing a safe welcoming place for campers to meet for carpool and leave their vehicles. We couldn't have done this without our partners at Shared Adventures, who sponsored transportation for this trip. They made this excursion truly accessible for everyone by renting a specialized van with a wheelchair lift so that participants in motorized chairs could join. And a big thank you to Camp Krem for opening their doors to us and providing us with truly accessible amenities & cabins on their beautiful property. It was an adventurous weekend of joy, connection, and lasting memories in one of the most awe-inspiring places on earth and we can't wait to do it all again.



Regularly Occurring Events at Trinity

See more on our church Google Calendar via our website

Friendly Reminder: If your committee or group needs to change its time/location, please remember to notify the office. Thank you!

Sundays at Trinity

- ❖ Morning Lectionary School: Sunday, 9 a.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Choir rehearsals: Sunday, 9 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary
- ❖ Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and streaming live on YouTube and Facebook
- ❖ Coffee Hour: Immediately following our Sunday service in the Magnolia Courtyard or, in inclement weather, the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Trinity Library is open during coffee hour.
- ❖ Nooners Class: 12 p.m. in the Fireside Room and on Zoom.
- ❖ Board of Deacons: 3rd Sundays (none in July), 12 p.m. Youth Room

Mondays at Trinity

- ❖ Book Club (Every 3rd Monday) 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Monday Night Lectionary Study (weekly) 5 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Fireside Room

Tuesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Administration Comm. (1st Tuesday, in “odd” months), 4:30 p.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Session (every 2nd Tuesday) 5:30-7 p.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Worship Christian Education (WCE) (3rd Tuesday), 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room

Wednesdays at Trinity

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

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Librarian Corner, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., socialize in the library
- ❖ Bible Study with Pastor, 1-2:15 p.m., Youth Room
- ❖ Happy Hour (every 3rd Thursday), 4 p.m. Johnny’s Harborside