

TRINITY NEWS

March 2015

Trinity Reformed Church
North Plainfield, N.J. 07063

Rev. Scott R. Harris, Pastor
Ginger Smellie, Editor

Members & Friends,

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

This is, without question, the Great Offense of Jesus Christ—his exclusivity. It's okay to believe in God or a god in our society. But the fastest way to being looked down upon is to believe in a God that makes an exclusive claim to Truth!

To make sure we understand just how exclusive Jesus is as the only true God, what he is saying is that he alone is the means to heaven. No one comes to the one true God except through him. Offensive as the claim may be, we still have to deal with it. Either it is arrogant, or it is true.

Far from wishing ill toward those who do not believe, God does not want to lose a single human soul. In fact, those hellfires weren't even created for man. They were created for the devil and his demons (Matthew 25:41). Jesus isn't secretly hoping that you'll go there.

Jesus' heart of love is not diminished by the fact that some people will actually choose hell over surrendering to God. He weeps over it. He warns, urges, pleads, performs miracles. As they nail him to the timbers, he says, "Father, forgive them, for they know do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Because if they don't find forgiveness, it is going to be a mighty black day of reckoning. Jesus prays for them, prays they will find mercy.

Grace & Peace,
- Pastor Scott

In the month of January we had sermons on the following topics;

1/4/15 –Just King (Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12)

Most of us, at one time or another, have experienced the desire to share our side of the story. When that desire is denied, it can be a fairly painful experience; it gives us a feeling of oppression. On the other hand, when a fair and impartial authority allows both sides to speak their piece before executing judgment, the resulting relief can be extremely healing.

No matter what our side of the story is, God sees us all as equals. The poor and needy, the rich and overwhelmed, the oppressor and the oppressed are all offered the same grace. Praise God for sending us our just king to stand in our place! Because of him, we can all be one body and one family praising one God together. What an amazing way to share with us the perfect justice only God could execute!

1/11/15 –From and To (Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11)

How many times do we act like small children by sinning, apologizing, and going right back to committing the same sin again? Repentance is only half of the life-changing process. In Acts 19:1-7, we see the difference. Baptism is God's gift of his all-powerful Holy Spirit living within us. Without God being involved, we are still relying on human ability to live a life worthy of salvation. But when we are baptized in God's mighty Holy Spirit, we are able to turn *from* sin as well as *toward* God. This is what completes the transformation. With his Holy Spirit, we are filled with God's own power and ability to avoid sins.

1/18/15 –Church cancelled due to snow.

1/25/15 – Seen (1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51)

This sermon sought to show that our Savior knows us intimately, He sees us at our best and at our worst and loves us just the same! Therefore we do not have to be afraid of being fully seen by a holy God, but instead we can be so moved by gratitude that we spend our days seeking to see Jesus just as clearly as He sees us!



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on
Tuesday March 10th at 1:00pm
Barbara Hildebrant, Hostess
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JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet
On Monday March 9th at 7:30 p.m.
in the Library Lounge.
Tina Wich, Hostess

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- 1. Susan Goss
- 3. Donald Tingley



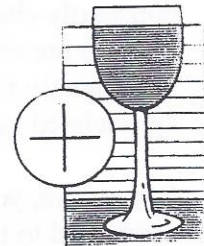
SPRING FORWARD !!!

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday,
March 8th. Set your clocks AHEAD one hour
on Saturday night.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday- Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday- Communion, 8:00 p.m.
Broek Chapel

Good Friday
Easter Sunday- Hallelujah!
Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2015

Communion, 8:00 p.m. Broek Chapel

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

March 4- The Language of Culture

March 11- Misguided Faith

March 18- No Bible Study

March 25- Living Water

April Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, March 15th



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January 21, 2015

The Rev. Scott Harris
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Dear Pastor Scott and Company,

Many thanks for your generous gift of \$2,000.00. Given the age of our facilities, we are constantly challenged by need for expensive replacements such as windows and roofing, plus we are engaged in improving overall energy efficiency. As a small congregation with mostly elderly parishioners, our resources are limited, and your gift is a most appreciated helping hand.

Even more, your gift is a source of encouragement, helping us to know that we are connected to the whole Church of Jesus Christ and that our needs are recognized with sympathy and met with loving concern by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your gift reminds of an episode recorded in Acts 11:27-30:

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

I am grateful to have been a member of Trinity and to have been so warmly embraced and lovingly encouraged by the consistory and congregation as I made the journey from parishioner (and *executive chef*, as Ginger Smellie once reported) to parish ministry. I feel specially blest that you continue to embrace me as a daughter of the congregation. I hold you in my heart and in my prayers.

May the God of amazing grace keep you safely enfolded, in love and peace and joy.





Blessings!



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MARCH

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 1. Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship | 2. Consistory 7:30 pm | 3. | 4. Bible Study 7:00 pm | 5. Choir 7:30 pm | 6. | 7.  |
| 8. | 9. Jacoba 7:30 pm | 10. Broek 1:00 pm | 11. Bible Study 7:00 pm | 12. Choir 7:30 pm | 13. | 14. |
| 15. *** Newsletter Deadline | 16. | 17.  St. Patrick's Day | 18. NO Bible Study | 19. Choir 7:30 pm | 20.  | 21. |
| 22. | 23. | 24. | 25. Bible Study 7:00 pm | 26. Choir 7:30 pm | 27. | 28. |
| 29.  | 30. | 31. | | | | |