## Welcome to Trinity Church!

**Welcome Rev. Eric Peterson - from Ben's Hope |** This morning we welcome Rev. Eric Peterson to lead us in worship! Eric serves as the on-site minister for Benjamin's Hope, a RCA ministry in Holland that ministers to and serves those with physical and intellectual disabilities. Welcome back to Trinity, Eric!

**Notes on our Worship Service...**
While we use projection for our songs and liturgy, we do not project the Scripture reading. **Pew Bibles** are located below the seat in front of you and page numbers are included in the Order of Worship. You'll also find a hymnal there too.

Do you need help hearing the service? We have a **T-loop** installed in our sanctuary. Please see the Sound Room Team if you need help connecting.

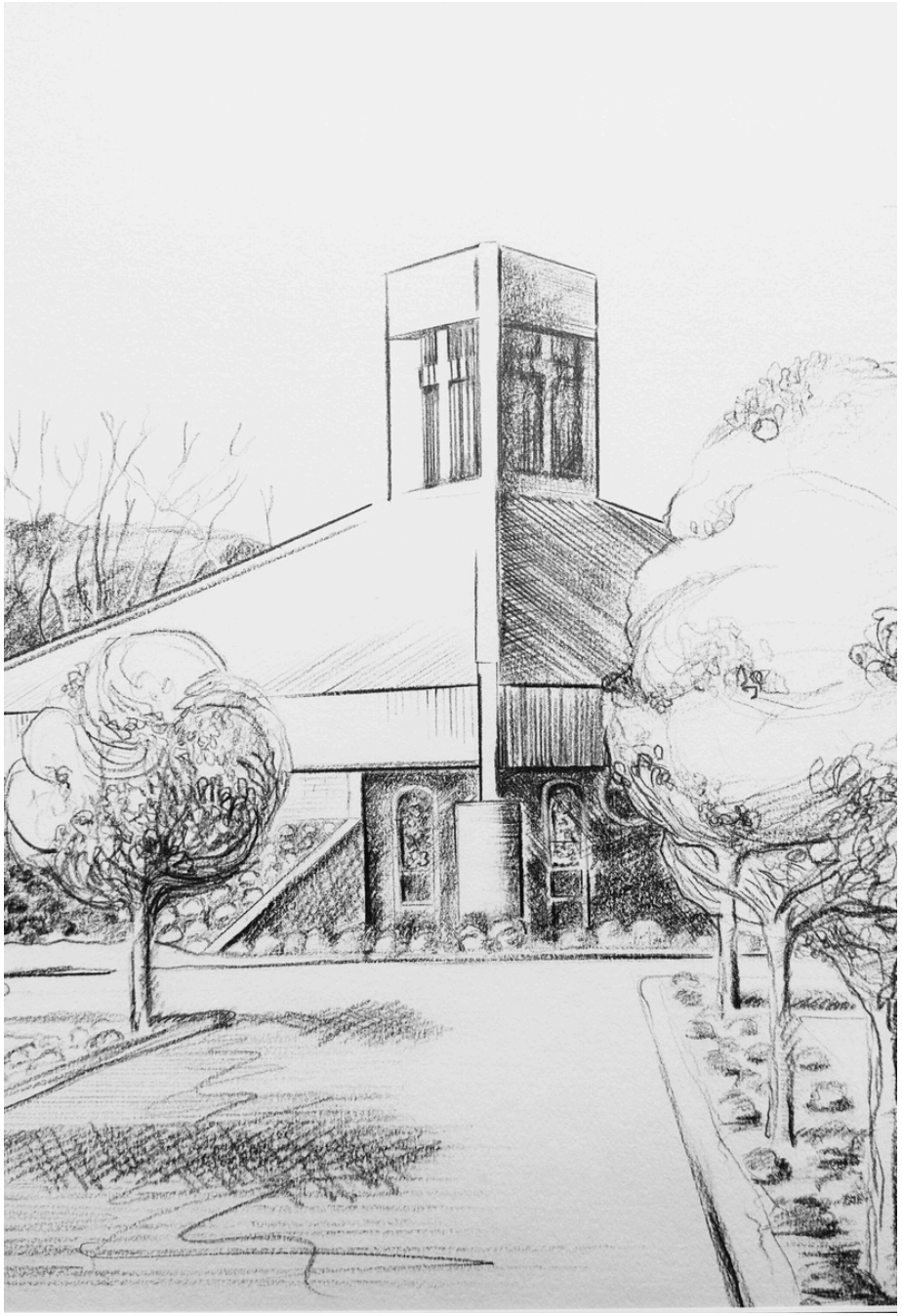
We have several members on-call to help care for your little ones in the **nursery**. Please see one of the Greeters before the service who can help.

If you wish to **give online** rather than in the offering plate, please go to trinityrc.org/give/ or scan the QR code to the right to make your offering.

For our youngest members in the service, please visit our **Children's Worship Center** located in the sanctuary. Here your child will find helpful resources to engage them in worship, including children's bibles, books on faith, and coloring pages connected to our service. On the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month, children from Kindergarten age through 5th grade can join us for Children's Story Time.

*Interested to know more about Trinity Church? We'd love to learn more about you! See the Welcome Desk for more information about how to connect.*

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Trinity Reformed Church

# 11 October 2026
## 20th Sunday After Pentecost

# Order of Worship

## Gathering

*Prelude*

*Tolling of the Bell*

Gathering Song: *We Have Come into His House*

*Call to Worship

## Approaching

*Song of Praise: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*

*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

*God's Greeting + Mutual Greeting

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: *Now I Belong to Jesus #503:1,3*

*Children's Story Time Dismissal*

## Listening

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50 (p.1518)

Sermon: Jesus, Parables and Ears to Hear

## Sending

*Song of Response: *Wonderful Words of Life*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: *The Love of God #67:1,3*

*Benediction

*Sending Song: *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace*

*Postlude*

*Please join us in the Cafe for conversation and connection!*

*Rev. Eric Peterson, Preacher & Liturgist*
*Doug & Lavonne Vande Wege, Song Leaders*
*Deb Koopmans, Organist*
*Kevin Brower + Steve Lundy, Sound + Tech*

** Please rise in body or spirit*

# Trinity News + Updates

**Second Sunday Brunch - Oct 11 |** Please join us for brunch following our worship service today - it'll be a potluck of egg and French toast dishes.

**Annual Congregational Meeting |** Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25th immediately following worship for this very important meeting - please make every effort to attend. Thank you!

- **Consistory Nominations |** The following Trinity members have been nominated for the office of elder: Tim Alicki and Gregg Harper and for the office of deacon: Cindy Alicki, John Houting, Tim Kroll and Steve Lundy.
- **Congregational Meeting Questions |** If you have questions and/or comments, you are encouraged to place those in the designated box on the Welcome Desk ahead of the meeting. Due to time constraints, very few questions from the floor will be taken at the meeting.

**Trinity Talks...About the Budget - Oct 18 |** The agenda and proposed budget is now available. On Sunday, October 18, we encourage you to bring your questions and comments to the Trinity Talks. Our hope is to answer and address any questions or concerns regarding the budget prior to the vote at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Oct 25.

**Children's Story Time Today |** On the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month, all children Kindergarten age through 5th grade are welcome to join Mrs. Lori for Children's Story Time!

**THANK YOU for the donations for the mini-food drive!** Together we supplied Community Action House with: 288 servings of noodles, 130 servings of sauce, 40 servings of rice, 23 serving of cereal and 14 servings of beans!

**Fall Food & A Flick - Wednesdays Oct 7-Nov 11 |** Join us as we journey through Ray Vander Laan's Fire on the Mountain study. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, video & lesson to begin at 6:00pm. Get signed up at the Welcome Desk!

**Connections Deadline - Oct 22 |** The deadline for the November issue of the Connections Newsletter is Thursday, October 22. If you have anything you'd like to share, please submit a copy to the church office or email samantha@trinityrc.org with the information. ***Please note that anonymous submissions will not be accepted.***

**Staff Update |** Pastor Amanda is off today for Canadian Thanksgiving.

*For more details see the latest issue of Connections or visit trinityrc.org*