



## FALL 2020 MINISTRY PLAN // ORANGE CITY CAMPUS

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Thank you, Trinity Church, for your flexibility as we navigate this season together. We are grateful for your patience as we’ve planned for the fall, and thankful for your grace and understanding that these plans may change along the way. Trinity has always been a church that is open to change and trying new ideas. For all of us in this season there has been a lot of change and already we’ve adapted to try new ideas and modify plans.

We are in this together! As a staff we are so grateful to be partners in ministry with each of you as we seek to encourage one another, seek the flourishing of our community, take part in God’s redemptive work in the world, and grow deeper in relationship with Jesus.

Trinity Church, you are salt and light in this world. We pray that you “be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2). Whether you worship with us online or in-person, we are so grateful for your presence at Trinity.

If you have any questions or feedback about the information in this PDF, please reach out! You can always email us at [trinityoc@gmail.com](mailto:trinityoc@gmail.com), call us at 712-737-4542, or reach out individually to ministry leaders.

Be light and love in this season, people of Trinity! We are in this together, and we are so grateful to take part in this ministry work with you.

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# Sunday Morning Worship

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## Service Times

Through the end of September, join us for worship at **9:00 & 10:30**. Both services will be livestreamed online, and the 9:00 service will be available on Facebook. (Our full consistory is meeting on September 14 to explore possible long-term options for our congregation in this season.)

## Masks

This fall, **masks** will be required at the Orange City campus while entering/exiting the building and in the sanctuary during singing and congregational speaking. We will provide disposable masks for those who come without one, but we do encourage you to bring your own reusable mask. Kids 0-3 years old are not required to wear a mask. (We will continue to look to the guidance of our state and local health professionals and partners as we discern best practices for our congregation in this season.)

## Video Venue

We invite families and individuals who prefer a **“mask optional” venue** to view a live feed of the service in the youth room during both the 9:30 and 10:50 services. We will do what we can to make this live-stream venue a hospitable and engaging place. Though masks are optional in the youth room, they are still required in and out of the building. (There will be classroom space in the video venue for young kids to play during the service.)

# Nursery

*(Questions? Reach out to Morgan Swier at [morgan.swier@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.swier@gmail.com))*

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On September 13 we are opening the nursery for kids ages 2-3. (There is no nursery for infants and 1-year-olds at this time. We encourage families with infants to worship in the Family Worship Venue.) **The nursery will be limited to 10 kids per service.**

## Pre-Registration

Please pre-register your kids at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](https://connectwithtrinity.com/signups) to keep registration numbers at 10 kids per service. (We encourage you to sign up for a different service if the one you would like is already full.) This pre-registration will allow for a no-touch experience at check-in.

## Sunday Morning Check-In

One parent will be allowed at drop-off and pick-up. (We ask that the same parent does both the drop-off and the pick-up.) We will have an entrance and an exit.

On Sunday morning, your check-in tags will be waiting for you at the nursery door.

We will do a health check at Check-In that includes a temperature check and a confirmation that your child is free from all listed symptoms (see below) before entering the nursery.

Kids will sanitize their hands before entering their classroom.

## Health/Safety Measures

- **Kids 0-3 years old are not required to wear a mask.**
- We will implement social distancing by reducing class sizes and avoiding mixing classes after drop-off. But understand that it is impossible to social distance preschoolers while they are in their classroom.
- The nursery will be closed briefly between services for cleaning.
- All toys and rooms will be thoroughly disinfected between hours.

## Symptoms

**Please stay home if you experience any of the following:** a temperature of 100 degrees or above (no fever reducing medications given in the last 72 hours) // signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection: cough, shortness of breath, sore throat // chills or shaking with chills // muscle pains or body aches // headaches // vomiting or diarrhea // loss of taste or smell // undiagnosed rash // congestion or runny nose // known close contact in the last 14 days with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID 19

# Children's Ministry

*(Questions? Reach out to Kristin Brouwer at kristinbrouwer15@gmail.com)*

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This year we are offering programming for kids 4 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on Sunday morning, and programming for our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday night. (We are offering in-person, online, and hybrid learning models.)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Wednesday Night** // Starting September 16, Kids Worship for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be offered on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15. (**Notice the time change.**) We are doing this to have a staggered start from middle school youth group.

We are asking those who can wear **masks** to wear them into and out of the building. Kids will be socially distanced and there will be no large group singing, so masks are welcome but not required during programming.

**Sunday Morning** // Our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given sermon notes and other material to help them engage with the Sunday morning sermon and worship. (In this season there will be no 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade programming on Sunday.)

## 4 Years Old – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Sunday Morning** // Starting September 13, Kids Worship for kids 4 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be offered on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 service.

We ask that **masks** be worn when kids are dismissed to Kids Worship from the sanctuary. Kids will be socially distanced and there will be no large group singing, so masks are welcome but not required during programming.

**Wednesday Night** // In this season there will be no 4 year old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade programming on Wednesday.

## Online Kids Worship

Just like she did this summer, Kristin will continue to upload Kids Worship videos to YouTube on Friday/Saturday. We invite your child to engage with this content on Sunday, Wednesday, or anytime during the week!

# Youth Ministry

*(Questions? Reach out to Ben Vos at [ben.d.vos@gmail.com](mailto:ben.d.vos@gmail.com))*

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**September 9** // Youth Group Kick-Off Event from 6:30-7:30pm (for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders/parents)

**September 16** // Youth Group begins

## Health/Safety Measures

- We will require **masks** for all in-person youth group participants.
- We will use hand sanitizer and practice physical distancing while in the building.
- We will create content for in-person youth group AND for those joining us online (online content will be distributed on our website and through the Middle School/High School Parent's Facebook page).

## Middle School Youth Group

Starting on September 16, our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet on Wednesday nights from **6:30-7:30pm**.

NEW: We are starting a middle school youth group at the Hospers campus. This group will also meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm.

## High School Youth Group

Starting on September 16, our 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet on Wednesday nights from **8:00-9:00pm**.

## No Sunday Morning Youth Programming

There will be no 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school this fall. We encourage both middle school and high school students to use the Sunday school hour to volunteer in various ways at Trinity (ex: nursery, kids Sunday School leader, front door greeter), and as always we encourage our students to attend one of the Sunday morning worship services with their family.

# Adult Discipleship

(Questions? Reach out to Michelle Christy at [michellechristy.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:michellechristy.trinity@gmail.com))

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## Spiritual Practices / Triads

We are launching our fall sermon series, Resilient Faith, in the book of Ephesians on September 13. Along with this series, we invite you to explore and engage spiritual practices in community. Every week we will recommend a spiritual practice. We encourage you to engage the spiritual practice and gather together weekly with two other people in a triad. We envision this triad will be a place to authentically share and encourage one another as you practice the presence of God and one another. **To participate, sign up at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](https://connectwithtrinity.com/signups).** At registration you can let us know the way in which you will be participating – individually, forming a triad of your choosing, being placed in a triad, or through your Life Group. Weekly emails will explain spiritual practices, ideas on how to engage the practices, and question prompts for your triad. (Please note: everyone needs to sign up individually, including each member of your triad. This ensures the receipt of the weekly email with practices.) **Please sign up at your earliest convenience or by Sept. 8 if you would like Trinity to place you in a triad.**

## Life Groups

Life Groups will continue in a hybrid format with some groups meeting in person and some meeting online. We encourage Life Groups to engage the weekly spiritual practices, whether you form a triad with those outside your Life Group or break your group into triads or groups of four.

During this season of COVID, our regular fall practice of Life Group sign ups for those not currently in a group is a bit abbreviated. Feel free to sign up online for a Life Group and Michelle will contact you. At this time, definite placement is unknown, but we will do our best.

## Room Reservations

If your triad or Life Group would like to meet at Trinity, please contact Jamie Prescott ([trinityoc@gmail.com](mailto:trinityoc@gmail.com)) to reserve a room and ensure that the building will be open and available. We ask that groups larger than 10 please wear a mask in the facility.

## Men's/Women's Retreats

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### Women's Canoe Trip (Boundary Waters)

Women, we are looking to find time in September (which is coming up soon!) to head up to beautiful Grand Marais, Minnesota for a canoe trip a paddle/portage experience with a guide and planned itinerary. **If you'd like to learn more or are interested in joining us, sign up [online](#) by September 6 and Kristin Brouwer will reach out with more information.** The trip dates are flexible between September 15-20. We can pick a time frame that works best for the group.

### Men's Canoe Trip (Boundary Waters)

Join us for 4 days/3 nights of canoeing, portaging, camping and solitude in the Boundary Waters at Mink Lake Camp near Grand Marais, MN. We plan to leave Wednesday, Sept. 23 and return Sunday, Sept. 27. The \$325 trip cost covers the canoes, camping gear, and food at Mink Lake Camp/on the canoe trip. (Financial assistance is available by request.) **Sign up [online](#) at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](http://connectwithtrinity.com/signups). Registration closes on Sept. 6.** If you have questions, please contact Patrick Giannantonio at 712-541-0668 or [hwpatrx@aol.com](mailto:hwpatrx@aol.com).

### Men's Gravel/Mountain Biking Trip

Join us on a trip up to Mink Lake Camp (near Grand Marais, MN) with our mission partner Coldwater Foundation where we will ride some of the finest, most scenic roads & trails in the country. We plan to leave Thursday, Sept. 24 and return Sunday, Sept. 27. Trip cost is \$150. **Sign up online at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](http://connectwithtrinity.com/signups). Registration closes on Sept. 6.** If you have any questions, please contact Marlon Haverdink at 712-454-0328 or [marlon@nwciova.edu](mailto:marlon@nwciova.edu).

## Ministry Opportunities

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### Gifts/Passions (Find a Place to Serve)

Something comes alive in us when we find a place to serve with our unique gifts and passions. We encourage you to **take 3 minutes to fill out our [gifts/passions survey](#)** at [connectwithtrinity.com/serve](http://connectwithtrinity.com/serve) so we can help you get connected in a ministry area that you are passionate about. How is God calling you to serve in this season?

### Wheelchair Ministry

Trinity is partnering with Hope Haven to help build the padded parts of wheelchairs that are sent to children and adults in need all over the world. **Sign up at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](http://connectwithtrinity.com/signups) for more information or to serve with this ministry.** If you would like to sponsor a wheelchair, visit [www.hopehaven.org/wheelchair-sponsorship](http://www.hopehaven.org/wheelchair-sponsorship).

### Mobile Food Pantry

Food insecurity is a challenge for many families in our community and we want to meet people where they are at and offer them support on a monthly basis. There are two ways for the congregation to become involved with Trinity's new mobile food bank. **First, we need donations.** We know that to turn this into a long-term, thriving ministry we will need ongoing support. To donate, select 'Local Needs' on our online giving platform or write a check with "mobile food pantry" in the memo. This month, we are asking for **donations of pinto beans** (1 lb.), **black beans** (1 lb.), and/or a bag of **white rice**. Donations can be left outside of Kristin Brouwer's office, near the Kids Ministry Area. We are also looking for volunteers to package boxes. Sign up to **volunteer at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](http://connectwithtrinity.com/signups).**

### Missionary Connections

Our Missionary Care Team is working to help individuals and families connect more closely with the mission partners we support. Sign up or learn more at [connectwithtrinity.com/signups](http://connectwithtrinity.com/signups).

### Youth Ministry / Kids Ministry Volunteers

We are still looking for **8 volunteers** to help with our Kids Ministry and **4-5 volunteers** to help with Youth Group. If you'd like to get connected with our Kids Ministry, reach out to Kristin Brouwer at [kristinbrouwer15@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbrouwer15@gmail.com). If you'd like to get connected with our Youth Ministry, reach out to Ben Vos at [ben.d.vos@gmail.com](mailto:ben.d.vos@gmail.com) or 712-395-2473.