



Servant Ministries

Serving Jesus Christ in and through the ministries of Trinity Church

Trinity Episcopal Church has many opportunities to serve. This brochure gives you an overview about what is involved in each ministry and how you might contribute as well as contact information for most ministries. If God has given you the gifts of time and talent to serve in one or more of these ministries, please let us know by phone or email: 215-646-0416 or contact Father Dave (rector@trinityambler.com) or Rev. Mary (mary@trinityambler.com).

Worship: "Ascribe to the Lord, the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts" Psalm 96:8

Acolytes and Crucifers. Open to anyone above grade three. Serve Christ by assisting at the altar as crucifer, torch bearer, or gospel book bearer. Training is provided. Contact Donnette Staas (donnette10@verizon.net).

Altar Guild. Preparing the altar is for many a real spiritual connection with our Lord. Open to men and women, members prepare the altar and church for Sunday or weekday liturgies. You'll be trained to work with a partner(s) and be scheduled about once per month. You don't have to iron! Contact Karen Reid (kcmom78@comcast.net).



**Altar Guild
prepares for
the Eucharist**

Healing Prayer Team. Teams of two pray with people in the chapels after they take communion. You would probably be scheduled about once per month, and you are always part of a team. Contact Terry Tschopp (tchubb69@verizon.net).

Readers and Intercissors. Assist in the leadership of worship at Trinity by reading the lessons or offering the prayers of the people. Coaching is provided. You would be scheduled about once every six weeks. Contact Nancy Dixon (macc.mom@verizon.net).

Adult Choir. It consists of over 30 amateur and professional singers that provide anthems and leads congregational music for the 10 a.m. Eucharist. If you can carry a tune, you are welcome to join us, and prior choir experience is not required. The Trinity Choir rehearses on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. service in the church. Contact Steve Schreiber (rns89@aol.com).

Youth Choir. The Youth Choir meets Sundays in the Church after the 10:00 Eucharist. Choir members sing once a month during the service and at the major holidays. If you're eight years or older, come out and join the group. You only need to like singing! Contact Steve Schreiber (rns89@aol.com).

Ushers. Women or men who serve in this ministry distribute bulletins at the 10 a.m. service, gather the offering, provide an approximate count for communion and see that the bread and wine for communion are brought forward with the alms, and assist the congregation in moving to the

altar rail at communion time. Ushers also let the young ones in Christian formation that it is about time to come to the service. Ushers are scheduled about once per month. Contact Clyde Basham (clbasham@aol.com).

Greeters. One of the most important ministries in any church is to make visitors and newcomers feel welcomed. The greeter's primary task is to welcome visitors as they arrive. Greeters serve about once every six weeks. Contact Jocelyn Tenney (jtenney3@verizon.net).

Parish Life: "Let love be mutual, do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."
Hebrews 13:1-2

Coffee Hour Hosts. Having a time of informal conversation so that long-time and new members can chat informally is invaluable to the life of congregation and a cup of coffee and a nibble or two makes it happen. Hosts make the coffee and hot water for tea, provide simple goodies, set the service table and clean up afterwards. Sign up in the narthex or contact Dan Citrone (dc13923@yahoo.com).

After Worship Hosts. One host is assigned to stick around after the service to greet newcomers and make them feel welcome here at Trinity. Contact Eddie Black (eddie_black_1@hotmail.com).

Funeral Hospitality. This team, when requested by the family, hosts funeral receptions. Contact Leigh Irvin (leigh.irvin@juno.com).

Kitchen Crew. If you would like to be on a list of folks who may be called to assist with cooking, set-up, or clean-up for special dinners and other food-related events, maybe you'd like to be on the kitchen crew. It's a lot of fun getting ready or cleaning up after a great occasion, and working together is a great way to build new friendships. Contact Dan Citrone (dc13923@yahoo.com).

Christian Formation: "Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise both for the present life and the life to come." *I Timothy 4:8-9*

Nursery Team. Teenagers ages 14 & above staff our nursery each week during the 10 a.m. service. We are very grateful to the ten teenagers who have assisted this year some of whom will be graduating from high school and going on to college. Communion is brought to the children & teens in the nursery during the service. The nursery is staffed every Sunday and on major holy days. Assistants usually serve one Sunday a month.

Godly Play Storytellers. Godly Play is for children ages 4 through 2nd grade. We have two Godly Play classes at Trinity. The first is for ages 4 through Kindergarten and the other for the 1st and 2nd grades. The Godly Play curriculum moves through the circle of the Church year using hands-on story telling

material. This is a very rewarding ministry, teaching our children and learning with them all the wonder biblical stories is a wonderful gift that you give to a child. If you are interested in being a storyteller, we will guide you in how to teach Godly Play. The only requirements are love for children, a couple of hours during the week before you would be scheduled to learn the story and gain your clearances.



**Godly Play Storyteller
& Assistants**

Godly Play Doorkeeper. To the Godly Play Story Teller, you are the anchor in the room. You welcome the children, help settle them for their story, and during the story time help to keep the story focused for each child. When we do a craft, your help is also needed. We have a schedule for the whole year and you can pick the days to suit your time.

Faith Foundations is a lectionary-based program building bridges between church and life for students in grades 3, 4 and 5.

Living Compass invites students in grades 6 and up to think about their life holistically, as they begin to tie their health and wellness to their faith, using faith as a living compass, which guides their daily decisions, in heart soul, strength and mind - all of it. All teachers and doorkeepers must submit clearances before they can take on an official role.

Information is available by contacting Kristin Woods regarding the required clearances and for all Nursery & Christian Formation volunteers. (k4waskowicz@mac.com).

Youth Group is open to kids grades 6 and up for a variety of fun activities, learning experiences, and service to the church and the community. Youth group meets on Sunday evening during the program year and often coordinates activities with the group at St. Matthew's, Maple Glen. Contact Father Dave directly (rector@trinityambler.com).

EFM Education for Ministry is a four-year theological study designed by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. A small group meets weekly to dig deeper into the Christian faith, study the Bible, Church history and theological ideas and to reflect on connecting faith with life experiences. Trinity's EFM meets Thursday mornings. If you are interested in participating, you should contact Father Dave directly (rector@trinityambler.com).

Pastoral Care: “In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7:12

Daughters of the King. The Daughters of the King is organized as a religious order of women who make a lifetime vows of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Our crosses are worn as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. The group meets monthly on Saturday mornings for prayer, friendship and support. Daughters pray daily for those in need of prayer from our community and the community at large and they deliver welcome baskets to our visitors. Contact Lynda Basham (clbasham@aol.com).

Eucharistic Visitors. In the very first churches, the sacrament was taken immediately from the service to those who could not be at worship. We continue that tradition and after some training, these ministers take the sacrament from the altar, even before the final hymn, to our sick and homebound members. Eucharistic Visitors are appointed by the Rector. Contact Father Dave (rector@trinityambler.com).

Mission and Outreach: “Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:34-35

Community Cupboard. Drivers are needed to carry the food donated at Trinity on Sunday mornings to the Food Cupboard in downtown Ambler during weekday business hours.

ECS Christmas Gifts. Presently Father Dave coordinates the parish’s involvement with this annual program of providing gifts to children in need in Philadelphia through Episcopal Community Services. But he would LOVE some help. A coordinator gets a list of names of kids and their likes, puts each name on a tag that is then hung on a Christmas tree in the Narthex. Parishioners take those tags, purchase the gift and return the gifts with the tags attached. The gifts are brought to the altar and blessed, and the coordinator then arranges for them to be delivered to ECS. Contact Father Dave directly (rector@trinityambler.com).

ECS Spring Cleaning Drive. Each spring ECS solicits our help in collecting basic house cleaning supplies for some of their related agencies. Simple things such as sponges, multi-purpose cleaner, dishwashing soap, and rubber gloves are collected and delivered to ECS.

GCI Backpack Drive. In the summer, we collect essential materials for backpacks: washable colored markers, glue sticks, safety scissors, #2 pencils, blue and red pens, 2 pocket folders, spiral notepads, filler paper (wide rule/college rule), construction paper, graph paper, ruler, protractor, 10 digit calculator for our friends at Grace Church and the Incarnation.

Real Men Cook. Men gather once a month to prepare frozen meals to be delivered to homebound persons served by Aid for Friends, an organization that depends on the volunteer help from churches and synagogues, to people in Montgomery County and Philadelphia. A weekday driver delivers the meals to the ECS distribution location. Contact Bill Davis (davis.bill327@gmail.com).

Interfaith Housing Alliance. Members of Trinity have an opportunity three weeks a year (usually in April) to serve as overnight hosts, to provide meals, and to provide transportation, for folks living at Trinity or a buddy church. Contact Ellen McCaffrey (ellenmmcc@gmail.com).

Property and Grounds: “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it” *Psalm 24:1*

Grounds Workers. Several times a year workers assemble to weed, mulch, rake, and clean up the grounds. There are occasional special projects like regrading and seeding that require many hands to make light work.

Property Committee. This group plans for the care and maintenance of the church, the rectory, the sexton’s cottage. People who have knowledge of building issues can provide an invaluable service to the congregation. Contact Ellen McCaffrey for all property-related volunteer opportunities (ellenmmcc@gmail.com).



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