

“COME AND SEE...”

There is no more authentic invitation to offer someone led to explore Christian faith whether by their curiosity, or their desire, or just some nagging need to check things out for themselves. Perhaps Christianity is a faith you have known since childhood, maybe it is a faith you left behind over the years. Or maybe it is a faith that left you behind when it could no longer embrace your growing sense of the inclusiveness of God’s love, or your desire for a community where all people are welcome, where helping others is a reason to be, and questions about life are as important as answers. Maybe Christianity is something you have only known through others and it’s time to find out for yourself. Maybe you have welcomed children into your home, and you want them to share something of God with you.

Whatever your reasons for looking, the people of Trinity Church, the community of faith in God of Trinity Church, welcomes you to “Come and see...”

WE WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:00, 9:00, AND 11:00.

Our worship services range from:

- *Historically Traditional* at 8:00, to
- *Family Friendly* and welcoming for children and adults of all ages at 9:00, to
- *Classically Choral* at 11:00, filled with beautiful music and traditional hymns

We host a nursery for infants and small children at the 9:00 and 11:00 services, although you are always welcome to have your children with you during worship.

In the summer (after the school year ends), we combine our two later services into one gathering at 10:00.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN IN THE WORSHIP?

Trinity Church designs its service at 9:00 to be especially welcoming and comfortable for children. In this way families worship together and the generations support each other. Sermons include a message for all ages. Guitars, piano, and a children’s choir often support singing. Those children who have been baptized may receive Holy Communion with their parents.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL

Our worship centers on learning from Scripture and sharing Holy Communion. All Christians are welcome to participate fully in worship and to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

HOW DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD ON SUNDAYS?

First and foremost,

- In our worship, but also in our
- Children’s Sunday School - classes for all ages Pre-K through Senior High School meeting at about 9:45
- Adult Forum – a topical discussion group and / or Bible Study meeting at about 10:00

OKAY... SO WHO IS TRINITY CHURCH?

We come from many places and many walks of life to meet each week in our place of worship at the corner of Chester Road and College Avenue in Swarthmore. Our members come not only from Swarthmore and Swarthmore College but from many local communities: Morton, Rutledge, Wallingford, Folsom, Ridley Park, Upper Darby, Chester, Springfield, and Media to name some. We are laborers and lawyers, professors and pediatricians, educators and elders. In short, we are all who choose to take part. Many of us are children who lend lots of energy, creativity, and hopefulness to the community. We are not overtly formal in dress or demeanor. We enjoy being together, and we enjoy welcoming those who “come and see...”

Membership in God’s Church is recognized through Baptism. Members of Trinity Church are those who participate regularly together in worship, congregational life, and giving for the ongoing ministries of this

church community. The formalities of Episcopal membership and identity are conferred through the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation.

The gracious love of God, however, is free and available to all – anytime, anywhere☺ COME AND SEE!

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH TODAY

Rooted in history, alive in the present, struggling with life's questions, worshiping with joy and dignity, helping others: The Episcopal Church is the American offspring of the Church of England born in the European Reformation of the 16th century, but we have come a long, long way since then. Clergy and members share leadership. Women serve equally with men as ministers. Children and Youth are present and active in our worship and learning and social gatherings. Diversity is honored, whether of ideas, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, or physical ability. Our building is accessible and has an elevator.

A SPECIAL WORD TO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS

Many of our members have come to the Trinity community from the Roman Catholic Church. Historically, the denominations share much in common in worship and understanding, love of God and concern for the world. But the Episcopal Church has both male and female clergy, single and married clergy raising families, a democratic form of governance including clergy and non-clergy members alike, and a level of hospitality that welcomes all Christians to Holy Communion. The sacraments are all here ---Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Reconciliation (Confession), Unction (Healing Prayer), and Ordination--- but we do some of them a little differently, a little more inclusively. For some, these differences have made a difference, and they have found a home in the Episcopal Church.

STILL WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Well, you've made it this far, so please...

- Join us for worship some Sunday morning
- Let us know you are visiting; speak with our ushers or our clergy;
- Contact us by phone or e-mail; request a meeting with the clergy, if you like
- Explore our website at www.trinityswarthmore.org
- Learn more about the Episcopal Church at www.ecusa.anglican.org

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