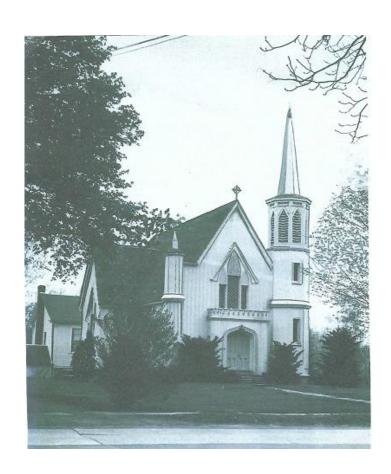
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH NICHOLS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT



CONSECRATED 1849

Trinity Yesterday



As early as 1815, Episcopal services were held in private homes in Nichols by clergy from surrounding parishes. On November 9, 1847, Trinity Episcopal Church was incorporated by the Ecclesiastical Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Encouraged and assisted in the formation of their church by the Rev. Gordon Coit, D.D., of St. John's Church, Bridgeport, a group of Nichols Farms' residents gathered in the home of James B. Curtiss to pen the Act of Incorporation.

The twelve families of the new church, no longer satisfied with meeting in different homes, began raising funds to build a church of their own. In December 1847 they chose a spot on a hill overlooking the surrounding farmland at the corner of Huntington Turnpike and Jerusalem Hill Road. While construction was underway, the Rev. Enoch Huntington, Trinity's first rector, held worship services in the homes of parishioners. In May 1849, Trinity Episcopal Church was consecrated.

The Peet Memorial Parish Hall was built in 1921. The present rectory and grounds surrounding it were given to Trinity Church in 1933 from the estate of George and Elizabeth Peet. The church was moved from its original location to its present one in 1942 to accommodate the newly built Parkway. The original Peet family residence became the rectory. The mission became a parish in 1958.

Trinity faced its greatest ordeal in 1969 when the original church was destroyed by fire. The church was rebuilt and Peet Memorial Parish Hall, which had been a separate building, was incorporated into the new structure. The present church, dedicated in November 1970, is in the traditional white New England style and has a seating capacity of 240.

The Phoenix is an early Christian symbol for the Resurrection and Renewal; Greek mythology recounted that a golden and scarlet-hued bird, more splendid than the eagle, rose anew from the ashes of its own conflagration every 500 years. This glorious figure, prominently placed in the choir loft, is the perfect symbol for the renewed spirit of Trinity Parish following our fire.



A memorial garden lies between the church and the rectory. The garden, established in 1996, enhances the beauty of our property and provides a peaceful spot for meditation and the interment of the ashes of deceased parishioners and their families.

In 1959, approximately 7.25 acres of undeveloped land to the north of the church was donated to Trinity by Samuel Cutting. The Town of Trumbull made an offer to Trinity to purchase this property to be maintained as open space. In 2007, the Parish accepted the offer and the proceeds from the sale were used to establish an endowment fund which yields an income stream for Trinity's general fund.

Trinity Episcopal Church November 13, 2022

Hymn at the Procession: All People That on Earth Do Dwell (H 377)

All Standing



The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. ii. 20.

Then shall the Minister, together with the People,

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

People, kneeling,

GOD spake these words and said; I am the Lord thy God Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keepthis law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keepthis law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keepthis law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neigh-bour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy law s in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thyneighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Collect Of The Day

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. *Malachi 4:1-2*

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

The Second Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**



Hymn at the Sequence: Holy, Holy, Holy (H 362) All Standing



The Gospel Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory be to thee, O lord.** And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?" And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Then the Minister and people shall say together the Nicene Creed:

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen*.

SERMON

The Rt. Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Offertory

Hymn at the Offertory: O Christ The Same All standing





Hymn at the Presentation: "Old Hundredth" verse 3 (H 380) All Standing

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hasttaught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men.; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace,

O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to com fort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent yetruly for your sins past; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries. And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us toeverlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To Him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, letus give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Amen.

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Confession *kneeling*.

ALMIGHTY God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, mostgrievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thyDivine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercyupon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ'ssake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthenyou in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

+ The Holy Eucharist **+**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

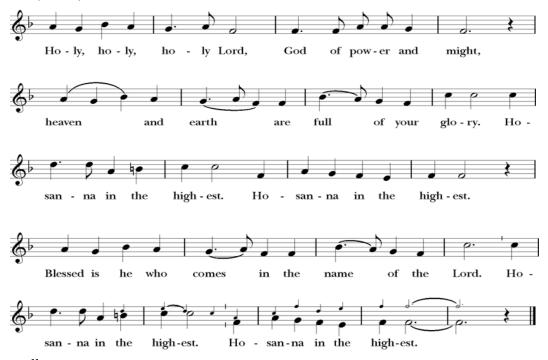
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Almighty, Everlasting God

For the precious death and merits of the Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; who are one with thee in thy Eternal Godhead.

THEREFORE, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus (S125)



Kneeling, all say

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen*.

ALL glory be to Thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou, of Thy tender mercy, didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; Who made there a full, per-fect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, He took Bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper, He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them, and they in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*.

COMMUNION

Hymn: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place (H517)



Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



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Together all say

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works

as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

Service Music (S280) Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis All Standing

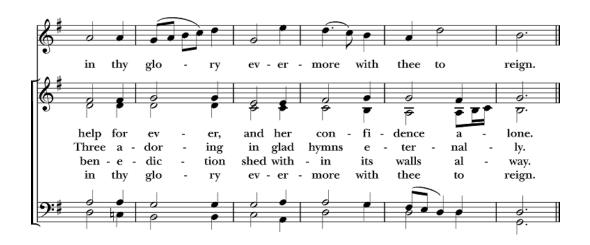


The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Hymn at the Closing: Christ is Made The Sure Foundation (H518) *All Standing*





Voluntary - TeDeum (Charpentier) Organ and Trumpet

The altar flowers this morning are given in celebration of Gayle & Manny Silva's anniversary by Lois Dudla, in loving memory of Georgie Bridge with love from her family, and in celebration of Trinity's 175th and thanksgiving of Bishop Mello's ministry.



♦ Participating in this morning's Liturgy ♦

Altar Guild Sharon Buzzeo and Beth Allan

Crucifers Drew and Conner Alibrandi

Banner Bearer Zachary Stapleton

Bishop's Chaplain The Rev. Diane Peterson

Celebrant The Rt. Reverend Jeffrey Mello

Choir Patti Kay, Douglas Serafin, Dick Worth

Epistoler Robert Pitzschler

Eucharist Ministers Simon Howes and Sam Sutter

Flutist Douglas Serafin

Former Rectors The Rev. Ellen Kennedy

The Rev. Paul Carling

The Rev. Alan Murchie

Gospeller The Rev. Lee Forshaw

Oblationers The Moyer Family

Organist & Choirmaster Herb Lazration

Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Torch Bearers Jasmine and Jaxon Williams

Trumpeter Jamey Allan

Ushers Joe Buzzeo, Christian Medina

♦ Coming Up at Trinity **♦**

Sunday, November 27 at 9am: Greening of the Church after worship Lunch to be served, wear comfortable clothes!

Sunday, December 18 at 9am: Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve: 3pm Family Service, 5pm Traditional Worship

Christmas Day: 9am Holy Eucharist

Trinity Today



During the last several years, Trinity has continued to grow and to serve the needs of the community. With over 200 members, we support several recovery groups, four food pantries in Trumbull, Stratford, and Bridgeport, assist with St. John's community suppers in Bridgeport, are active participants in the Greater Bridgeport Ministry Network, the Trumbull Interfaith Council, and Covenant to Care. Parishioners serve as acolytes, on the Altar Guild, and in the Choir as well as Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Worship Leaders, and Lay Readers.

Recently, with funds raised from individual donations as well as the 175th Anniversary Capital Campaign, we have been able to accomplish several capital projects to include: new kitchen and lavatory facilities, repair of the tower clock, obtaining pewend torches, painting of the interior of the church, parish hall, and classrooms, new lighting fixtures in the parish hall and the upper and lower hallways, new window treatments, updated air-conditioning in the parish hall and dehumidifiers in the lounge and classrooms, and the establishment of a capital reserve fund.



Trinity Tomorrow

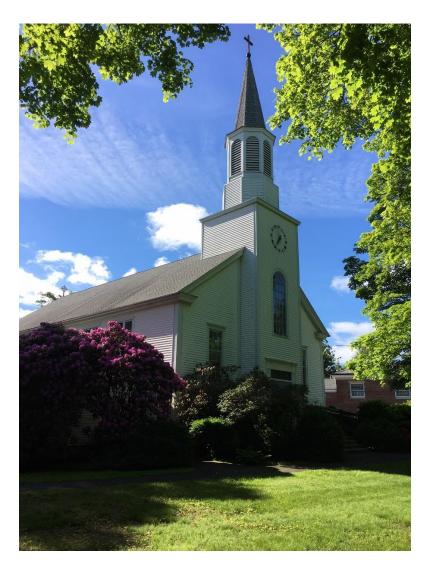


With advancement in technology and other factors, the world is changing fast. What will Trinity look like in the next ten years? Will we become a "distributive church" — one who meets people where they are: in pubs, parks, and pizza parlors!? We are currently considering the ideas of community lunches, a labyrinth adjacent to the Memorial Garden, a Little Free Pantry and/or a Little Free Library, outdoor services, a concert series, exploring new ways to use our campus to include the barn, and in developing ecumenical activities with neighboring congregations.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim by word and deed, the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out to all in His name. Our desire is that others may come to Faith in Him, drawn by the example of our lives.

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