



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY
PROMISE AND BRING YOU
BACK TO THIS PLACE.
FOR SURELY I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR
YOUR WELFARE AND NOT
FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE WITH HOPE.
+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11

September 20, 2024

Dear Beloved of Trinity Church,

May the peace of Christ enfold you.

As Autumn comes, it is a gift to reunite with our family of faith! At Breakfast on Sunday, September 8th, we said 'Welcome Home' and blessed backpacks. After a summer of Sabbath, families return to Church School - and Ice Cream Truck on the 22nd.

Every Sunday, as we gather around Christ's table, God welcomes us – all of us - home. We share in the sweetness of Sacraments – waters of baptism, nourishment of Holy Communion. We build bridges of connection and companionship. God offers us 'A Future With Hope.'

Last weekend powerfully illustrates our story. We bid a bittersweet farewell to a beloved saint - and then rejoiced mightily with new disciples God is gathering in.

As one parish family, we said both 'Goodbye' and 'Hello.' We said 'Goodbye' on Saturday to Jean-Maurice Calmels, leader in Trinity's mission and outreach ministries, in a jazz-inspired Celebration of Life and a bountiful meal.

The next morning, Sunday, we said 'Hello,' as we celebrated as 18 youth and adults were Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed their Faith - welcomed into the Episcopal Church by our Bishop Suffragan, the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens. Our historic Sanctuary, filled with people, prayer and song. God sends us saints – of delightfully different kinds! Trinity stands as a beacon of welcome and radical hospitality.

We look forward - with joy and a profound hope for our future. God's Spirit is abundant in our discipleship at Trinity Church. Here, we find belonging. Here, we find home.

At Trinity Episcopal Church, we find 'A Future With Hope.' We serve our neighbors in need. We raise the next generation in Christ's faith. We lean into caring for God's fragile Creation. We help build God's kingdom of compassion, dignity, and joy.

We invite you to join in a spirit of enthusiastic energy that surrounds us at Trinity Church! And we invite your generous Stewardship contributions of finance - and time and talent. Will you increase your pledge by 10%? As we reduce reliance on inherited funds, with joy we will support many ministries sharing God's love through Trinity Church.

Here, we find belonging – in a way we cannot find anywhere else. We invite you to increase your Stewardship; substantially, proportionally – please return the pledge card by October 25th, or make your pledge online - through 'Vanco.' Together, we invest in 'A Future With Hope.'

With tremendous gratitude for your generosity,

Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt, Rector