

2022 Annual Report
Trinity Episcopal Church
Aurora, IL

February 13th, 2022
Review of Fiscal Year 2021

Opening Prayer

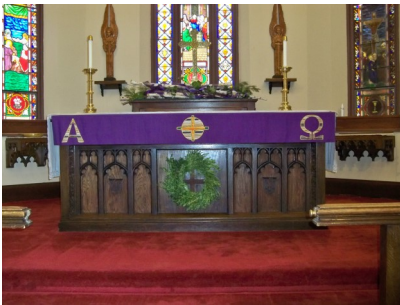
Let us pray.

Good Shepherd, you have called us each by name to follow you. We follow you here to this time, to this place known as Trinity Episcopal Church, in Aurora, Illinois. Through grace, you have called us to be part of you, the true vine. Through union with you we are in union with our brothers and sisters, for all the branches are part of the Vine and find their life in you.

In the Eucharist you call us to remain in you, to remain in a union of love. Your love for those who are yours is like the love of the Father for you. Apart from you we can do nothing. In you, with you, and through you we can bear much fruit.

There are a variety of tasks among the members of the Body – the Body which is always in the process of being built up. Together with you, the source of our unity with one another, each of us is called to carry out his or her own particular work. You, our cornerstone, have called us to be “living stones,” to continue building a spiritual temple for worship to the glory of the Father.

Today, humbly, we lay before you the results of our work this past year. We pray you will find them an acceptable gift. We ask for your continued guidance. **Amen.**



Membership in the Church

(A SUMMARY OF THE CANONS)

The National Canons address membership in the Church and the expectations the Church places on those members:

1. Members of the Church are those persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with water, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church. Adult members are those persons sixteen years of age and older.
2. All adult members of the Church are expected to be confirmed in the Church, or if they have been confirmed in another Christian Church by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession, to have been received into this Church.
3. All members are considered to be communicants of this Church who have received Holy Communion at least three times during the previous year in this Church.
4. All persons in this Church are expected to celebrate and keep the Lord's Day and participate in the Church's public worship.

Communicants in good standing are those who have:

- A. Attended corporate worship on a regular basis in their Church unless they have been prevented from doing so for good cause;
- B. Have been faithful in the giving of their time, talents, and treasure for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING
With 2021 Annual Reports
February 13, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Report of the Rector
6. Report of the Wardens
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports
9. New Business
10. Courtesy Resolutions
11. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

THE VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Marilou Clohessy

Jr. Warden: Ken Adam

Treasurer: R. Thomas Herget
Clerk: Robert L. Borchert, III

2021

Rob Borchert
Guy Stephens

2022

Karen Dolan
Cathie Patterson

2023

Trish Tousignant
Cecilia Seabrook

Due to the Covid-19, the Vestry determined to remain in place this next year. Mary Jacobsen had resigned and Cecilia Seabrook is filling that position.

Mission Program and Ministry Staff

Rector: The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz

Director of Music: Gregory Gyllsdorff, FAGO, ChM

Sexton: Gary Gorney

Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Alternates to EITHER Deanery Chapter OR Convention
Linda Barber, Gregory Gyllsdorff, Cathie Patterson; Gale Blogg Alternates)

Parish Standing Committees

FINANCE: R. Thomas Herget, Treasurer, (Chair) Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy and Bella Tousignant (Members at Large)

STEWARDSHIP: R. Thomas Herget, Richard Blogg

PHYSICAL OPERATIONS/PROPERTY: Ken Adam, Rob Borchert

LITURGY/WORSHIP: Fr. Luckritz, Greg Gyllsdorff

OUTREACH: Marilou Clohessy, Rob Borchert, Karen Dolan, Lisa Luckritz, Richard Blogg and Cathie Patterson

PERSONNEL/STAFF: Marilou Clohessy (Sr. Warden/Chair), The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz (Rector)

COMMUNICATIONS: Missy Athos, Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy, Tom Herget, Cathie Patterson

Parish Organizations

Jubilee: Linda Barber, Gale Blogg and Rob Borchert

St. Margaret's Guild: Linda Barber (President), Karen Dolan (Vice President), Chireen DeKing (Treasurer), Gale Blogg (Secretary)

Altar Guild: Lisa Luckritz, Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Rob Borchert.

Flowers: Linda Barber

Licensed Worship Leaders and Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Chalice Bearers: Rob Borchert, Dolores Palmquist, Gale Blogg, Linda Barber, Mary.

Ushers: Richard Blogg, Marilou Clohessy, Gary and Inga Gorney

Counters: R. Thomas Herget, Marilou Clohessy, Rob Borchert

Choir: Mellissa Athos, John Heath, Gale Blogg, Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens, Janet Stephens, Matthew Stephens, Wendy Stewert, David Danckwort, Elsbeth Stanzil

Bell Choir: Greg Gyllsdorff, , Cathie Patterson, Lisa Luckritz, Cecelia Seabrook, Karen Dolan, Gale Blogg, David Danckwort

Lectors: Milissa Athos, Linda Barber, Karen Dolan, Greg Gyllsdorff, John Heath, Lisa Luckritz, Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens, Judy Stafanick, Marilou Clohessy, Wendy Stewart

Minutes - 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Lisa and Denzil Luckritz, Karen Dolan, Doug Tierney, John Heath, Judy Stafanick. Guy and Janet Stephens. Mary Ellen Herget, Dolores Palmquist, Tom Herget, Linda Barber, Dr. Baker. Marilou Clohessy, Cathie Patterson, Cecelia Seabrook, Wayne and Hannelore Mueller, Jean and Rob Borchert.

Call to order, Review of the membership Cannons and opening prayer.

Rob Borchert was appointed Clerk

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the meeting minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting

Report of the nominating committee: Guy Stephens and Rob Borchert were allowed and accepted additional three-year terms. Delegates to the Dioecian Convention and alternates to either the Deanery Chapter of Convention were named: Linda Barber, Greg Gyllsdorff, Cathie Patterson; Alternates; Gale Blogg and Pat Wilson. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept those presented.

Rector's Report. Fr. Denzil read the report as published in the Annual Report

Warden's Reports: Fr. Denzil read the Senior Warden's report as published in the Annual Report.

Clohessy reported that the Lord has lifted us up this last year! Adam had nothing to report. A mo-

tion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Rector and Warden's report as presented. Report from the Treasurer: Tom Herget reviewed and highlighted the reports presented in the Annual Report.

Finished 2020 with an excess of revenues over expenses of \$10,000 and with a checkbook balance of \$14,000 due to the receipt of the \$25,000 Payroll Protection Program Grant. Received a 2021 PPP Grant of \$23,000.

IDOM continued to pay rent for the whole year.

Mission Funds: Ended the year with \$14,000 in the Mission Funds, Extra income for outreach arrived after we had given the Christmas gifts to the selected families. Money in the All-Saints category is to go toward making the Church accessible for wheelchairs. The Memorial Funds are funds donated in memory of a deceased individual.

Funds under control of the Church. Inclusive of our Endowment, Memorial, St. Margaret's Guild, Amnesty and the Bracelet funds, these funds totaled \$1,024,000.

Herget reviewed the expenditures from the Memorial Fund this year and Thanked Father Dan Hanna for his estate's donation of \$150,000.

Reviewed our current Asset Allocations

Fr. Denzil praised the committee and the support of the Congregation.

Father Denzil read the Outreach, Communications, Community Service, Sandwich Board, St. Margaret's Guild Property and Other accomplishments reports as presented in the Annual Report.

Father Denzil read the Music Program Report prepared by Greg Gyllsdorff. Our organ is in trouble and will need to be attended to this year.

Fr. Denzil reviewed the Liturgy, Membership and Worship Status Report. Total Attendance was 8962 as compared to 5764 last year and 4950 in 2019. 123 people attended on Christmas. Average attendance on Sunday this year was 46 compared to 49 last year. Our Christian Education was bolstered by using people in "Lesser Feasts and Fasts" and "Holy Women, Holy Men" as topics in the weekday Homilies. We are learning a lot about the history of the Church. Many attendees expressed praise for the on-line worship; its excellence and accessibility.

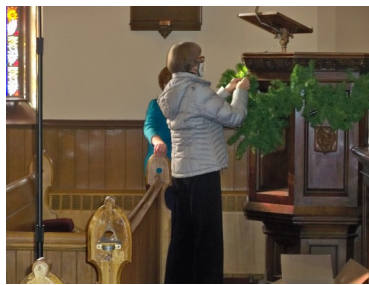
Borchert will send courtesy resolutions to our Bishops. A note of appreciation will be sent to the IDOM Church.

Herget asked Fr. To prognosticate into the Future which led to a discussion of vaccinations and the plan for reopening of the Church, continuation of on-line services after reopening, work on the organ, making the Church more accessible and expanding Christian Education.

A closing Prayer was offered and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Borchert
Clerk



Rector's Report

Dear Friends,

Once again, we acknowledge continued challenges to Trinity in 2021 due to the pandemic. Every single member, their loved ones and families, the nation, and the world struggled. A Presidential election, economic uncertainty, and social unrest provoking a renewed movement for justice, brought us challenging, transformational, and defining times. Our response as a Christian community reveals our core values and character and will shape us for generations to come. Appropriately, this year's Annual Report reflects, in the pages that follow, how we adapted and shared those defining moments.

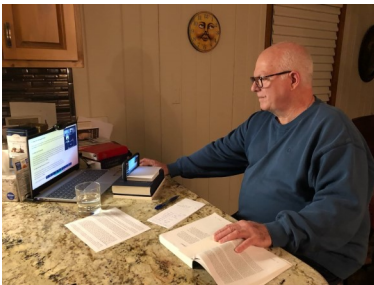
Your leaders, faithfully and with determination, worked to stay the course and to continue to strengthen Trinity's presence and ministry. As you will see, this year's journey has not been filled with distractions from our strategic goals, but instead has served to sharpen our focus, our call to be God's presence in our community.

We built upon the efforts of the previous year; the Sandwich Board reached even more of the hungry and needy; those overseeing our financial matters made sound decisions and were good stewards of resources; those who oversaw the building and grounds made improvements, and we returned to in-person worship with the necessary adjustments for safety in place; received a grant to assist the expansion of our online presence.

As I wrote last year, I feel this bears repeating: "It was indeed a year of challenges, but they were met by a profoundly strong community of faith. I'd say we are a "feisty" and healthy parish. Feisty, I believe is an apt description for a parish that perseveres and so faithfully witnesses its faith and purpose for being. As I walk down the center aisle of the nave these days and pass by those pews, I see our members praying once again, just as so many have before them. I hear the voices responding and music echoing from the recently repaired and freshly painted ceiling. When it is safe, we will return. And while this year has been so different from previous years, one thing remains the same: Like members before them who have faced defining moments, the people of Trinity continue to pursue and live into the call to be God's presence in the world and to be faithful to that call, finding paths, moving forward with intention, witnessing God's love. I'm inspired by you, and I think often of the foresight of those long-ago members who understood the "feisty," purposeful call to plant, build, and become Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora."

Trinity is small, but mighty in faith and works. I am blessed to walk this path with you. In Christ,

Denzil J. Luckritz, *Rector*



Liturgy and Membership Report and Worship Status

SERVICE YEAR	2021	2020	2019
Eucharist: Sunday	31	10	53
Weekday	5	14	61
Hospital - Private	12	9	63
Baptisms	1	0	1
Marriages	0	0	1
Burials	5	6	4
Morning Prayer	253	204	1
Evening Prayer	172	161	1
All Other	9	2*	10
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	7380	8962	5764
Average Sunday Attendance	41	46	49
SELECTED DAYS			
Lent I	39	39	40
Easter Vigil/Day	58	86	120
Pentecost	54	52	48
Advent I	69	54	56
Christmas	98	123	79

* Christmas Lessons & Carols
 Total Sunday Attendance = 2150

Membership Information 2021

Baptisms in 2021 – Thomas Candler

Marriages in 2021 – None

Confirmations and Receptions in 2021 – None

Official Transfers In 2021 – None

Official Transfers Out 2021 – None

Burials in 2021 – Patricia Wilson, John Kuney, Walter Speer, Jean Borchert, Steven Garrison

Senior Warden Report

Dear friends

This past year Father Denzil has often preached about the power of three in words – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemers, Sanctifier. But the three words that came to mind when I thought back over this year are – Lights! Camera! Action!

We had gotten VERY good at zooming our services but when we began in-person services in Spring, we knew that we needed to continue to do on-line services as well. We had gathered a large group of people through zoom – elderly, out of state, disabled. We couldn't leave them without Sunday services!

So, with the help of a grant, we purchased a camera, microphones and a computer. Rob showed a little known (but immense) talent of being a producer! At first we zoomed, recorded and posted our services on line right from our beautiful church. Yes, there were a few glitches, but it got better and better and better. Then the challenge of live-streaming on Facebook began and we were thrilled with the results!

Our on-line congregation continues to grow and help support Trinity. We now have members from many states! And locally, when weather, illness or covid concerns strike – we can still be nourished, supported and spiritually fulfilled. Our homes become cozy, safe and sacred places.

So, while these three words – masks, hand washing and social distancing have been drummed into our heads, Trinity can offer these three words instead – peace, joy and love.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilou Clohessy
Senior Warden



2021 budget vs actual and 2022 budget

TEC Operating Account \$000			
Revenues	2021 Expected	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Pledgers, Givers	67	79	76
Investment Income	41	55	62
Grant	0	29	0
IDOM	7	7	7
Memorial Fund	50	16	24
Talented Tenth		6	6
Other	5	9	7
Total	170	195	182
Expenses			
Buildings & Grounds	32	32	37
Clergy	95	96	104
Diocese	11	11	11
Other Salary	28	22	23
Other	8	19	9
Total	174	180	184
Net Income	-4	15	-2

Pledgers, givers: some new people, some unexpected large contributions, some unexpected other contributions

Grants: Payroll Protection Program second draw and Diocese Grant for electronics

Several bills (insurance, pension, health, Rector Housing IRA) due in 2021 were paid in 2020. These have been restored to 2022 budget

New actual expenses: electronics equipment for church services, pest removal, extra organ tuning, inreach flowers delivered to parishioners, carpeting in basement (\$3,000)

12/31/2021 checking account balance \$19,222

Mission Funds

Mission Funds 2021	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Income	Expense	Balance
All Saints	4,668	737	(500)	5,905
Altar Guild	(208)	2,087	870	1,010
Music	1,624	36,308	35,622	2,310
Endowment Transfer Fund	20	975	-	995
Sandwich Board	113	4,205	4,318	-
Memorial Funds	5,437	2,825	1,475	6,787
One to Grow On	70		250	(180)
Outreach	1,334	1,775	2,730	379
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,260	6,132	1,844	5,548
Other	108	146	32	224
Total	14,426	55,190	46,640	22,979

Music includes Concert Series, Choir/licenses, Bell Choir, Stipends and Organ Maintenance

Altar Guild includes proceeds from Bracelet Fund

Outreach includes AID, Back to School, Christmas Gift, Gift Cards and Food Baskets

Other includes Fundraisers, Grants, bank fees, Amnesty and United Thank Offering

Rector's Fund includes funds dedicated to memory of Jean Borchert

All Saints is for the ramp near the organ



Report on Funds Under the Control of the Church; FY 2021

Type of Fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Interest/Earnings	Change in Market Value	Withdrawals/ Distributions	Ending Balance
Endowment	799,757	955	54,940	108,063	77,180	886,535
Memorial	220,283	16,000	8,150	5,081	41,667	207,847
St. Margaret's	1,073	0	0	0	100	973
Amnesty	1,490	900	0	0	250	2,140
Bracelet	1,401	0	0	0	1,401	0
Total	1,024,004	17,855	63,090	113,144	120,598	1,097,495

Components of 42M Memorial Fund Withdrawals
 17 to fund new organ console
 25 subsidy to operating account

Allocation of Endowment & Memorial Fund Assets 31 December 2021

	% of investments	policy maximum
Government fixed-income	5%	20%
Non-Gov. fixed income	20%	45%
Common stocks	46%	50%
Real assets	27%	25%
Cash & short-term	2%	5%
	100%	



Outreach Report

Trinity has once again given generously for our outreach donations. In keeping with safety guidelines, monetary donations as well as providing specific items were received. The summer donations for AID (Association for Individual Development) included \$332.70 as well as a car load of laundry detergents, body washes, socks, etc.. We also continued to provide holiday support for children attending Beaupre Elementary, a local School. Donations included gifts for 20 children, \$75.00 gift cards from Meijer for each of their families, and holiday "goodie bags". Both of these organizations have expressed heartfelt appreciation for the support you have given to their children and clients. What a blessing you have been to them. And what a blessing for us to be part of this loving community. **Your Outreach Committee - Karen Dolan**

Communication Committee Report

Trinity continues to keep its Congregation engaged and connected. This year it did so continuing to keep its website (www.trinityaurora.org) up to date and engaging. The website can be viewed on a mobile phone. Each week the service bulletin and the Sunday Collect are updated on the website. We post the video of our Sunday Services on Trinity's Facebook and on Zoom Tom Herget once again held a Trivia Night. We sent out booklets and sent out a packet with an Ash Wednesday service bulletin and a packet with ashes in side. For Easter we sent out lilies or a flower arrangement. Rose Cantu made palm crosses for Good Friday. We sent out weekly emails inviting people to service with the service booklet attached . We published 4 newsletters and the annual report. The electronic parish records are being reviewed and edited by Cathie Patterson

Community Service Report

Due to the Pandemic there were no Community workers in 2021. The program was suspended by the Court. We are still an approved site and wait anxiously for the resumption of this valuable program.

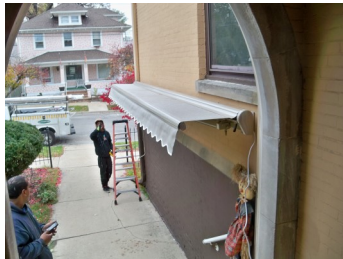
The Sandwich Board, LTD

This was the second year of the Sandwich Board being a licensed not for profit agency. It served an average of 130 nutritious and balanced lunches each week. It received a \$1,000 grant from the Episcopal Charities which was used to purchase a retractable awning. The excess cost of \$3,499 was raised by gifts from donations from our participating Churches. Several new volunteers joined our loyal crew. David Arch, our Board Chairman continued to offer tremendous support and guidance. It was a good year.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.



Talented Tenth Day Care

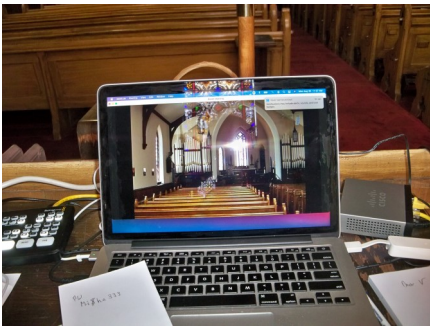


Retractable Awning for



Property Report

- Major Building and Grounds activities.
 - Our grounds continued to be beautified by Maria Ulloa with help from our Sexton, Gary Gorney.
 - Gary also continued to touch up our external paint over the summer. This seems to be an ongoing project.
 - We completed the replacement of our Organ Console with a newer, electronic model. The Result exceeds all expectation. It is like we have a new organ!
 - A crack in the new door by the ramp had a crack in it that was repaired and stained.
 - Our Boiler was upgraded and the intermittent failure to run problem was solved. We continue a multi-year planned upgrade of our heating system. Many old-timers will remember Father Burden reciting the Hillbilly Prayer with a rusted out pipe in his hand. Hopefully the heating system upgrade/de will eliminate that problem
 - The basement bathrooms were renovated with new toilets, vanities and paint jobs.
 - Carpet was installed throughout the basement.
 - The Talented Tenth Program continued to prepare the basement to provide day care for 30 children ages 4 through 17.



Other Accomplishments

- Preparation of Annual Report for the February 13, 2022 Annual Meeting.
- The Sandwich Board received two grants; one from our Diocese and one from Episcopal Charities.
- Trinity's trivia night was a Zooming success! Thank you Tom Herget.
- Trinity expanded its on-line presence for its services with video streaming equipment purchased through a Diocesan Grant and Jean Borchert's memorial funds
- Due to the generosity of a group of Trinity's congregation a new Trinity blue Vestment was purchased.
- Father Luckritz presided at 425 weekday services of Morning and Evening Prayer. We applied for and received a second Payroll Protection Program Grant that eased our reliance on the Memorial Fund.
- The Bell choir performed once.
- We delivered Easter lilies to our members
- Cathie Patterson continues to review our digitalized records of baptisms, deaths, marriages and Confirmation.
- Our on-line giving income was \$18,537 for the year. Awesome!

Annual Report 2021

Music Department

2021 was challenging. Whilst we are all aware of the challenges we faced as individuals, families and as a church community, it might be good to remember the things we have learned.

Music is vital to us as a spiritual community. Music can reach our hearts and minds in a way that mere words cannot.



Seeing and being with the members and friends of Trinity's community gives us joy and a feeling of oneness. Worshipping together, even virtually, strengthens our faith.

We are grateful for the members of the Adult Choir and the Trinity Ringers and are grateful for the message they bring us.

We are blessed to have technology that helps us to worship together via Zoom and Facebook. We are thankful for the new equipment in the church that permits us to broadcast our worship to the community outside of our doors.

Working with Fr. Denzil, we present some of the best worship online. We are richly blessed to have soloists, Mellissa Athos, Guy Stephens, Matthew Stephens, Cathie Patterson, and others to enrich our worship. Together with special musicians for Christmas and Easter, we have dynamic worship experiences.

We are fortunate to have online services of daily Morning and Evening Prayer, Tuesday through Friday. Singing seasonal Canticles and remembering the people who bore strong witness to God's message, during these two offices enhances our lives, and our relationship with God and one another.

We are blessed that when the pandemic became a reality for us, that Fr. Denzil, the staff, and people of Trinity came together to think outside the box. Developing the formats for worship, trying out new technology, and planning music together continues to be a rewarding experience each week.

The people from Fabry, Inc., Fr. Denzil and I spent a good deal of time working on the organ project. Together with many generous people we were able to procure the Moller console from the former First Presbyterian Church in Rockford. Now, we have a new console for our organ. It is truly amazing. More importantly, **it works**—pedals and everything! It is a great joy to play, and there is a great deal of versatility infused in its layout. The original pipework was retained, and we were able to use the three 32' bass stops from Rockford. The new console is a great blessing to our worship.



While the pandemic has taken its toll on us in many ways, it has also opened us up to new adventures and possibilities. We must always remember to count our blessings. The silver lining is there if you only remember to look for it.

—Gregory Gyllsdorff, MFA, FAGO, CHM

Trinity Amnesty Center 2021

Beginning Balance 01/01/2021		\$1,489.78
RECEIPTS:		
Donations	\$900.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$900.00	
DISBURSEMENTS		
Donation (Altar Guild)	\$100.00	
Donation (TEC)	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$250.00	
Ending Balance 12/31/2021		\$2,139.78

As you can see from the above statement there was some activity. We did some petitions for relatives, employment authorization and Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). I am still not giving up hope that some Immigration Laws will be changed, especially for DACA.

I was very grateful to be able to give a sermon of the 4th of July. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Margaret's Guild, 2021

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2021		\$1,072.88
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Christmas Gift to Fr. Luckritz	\$100.00	
Ending Balance 12/31/2021		\$ 972.88

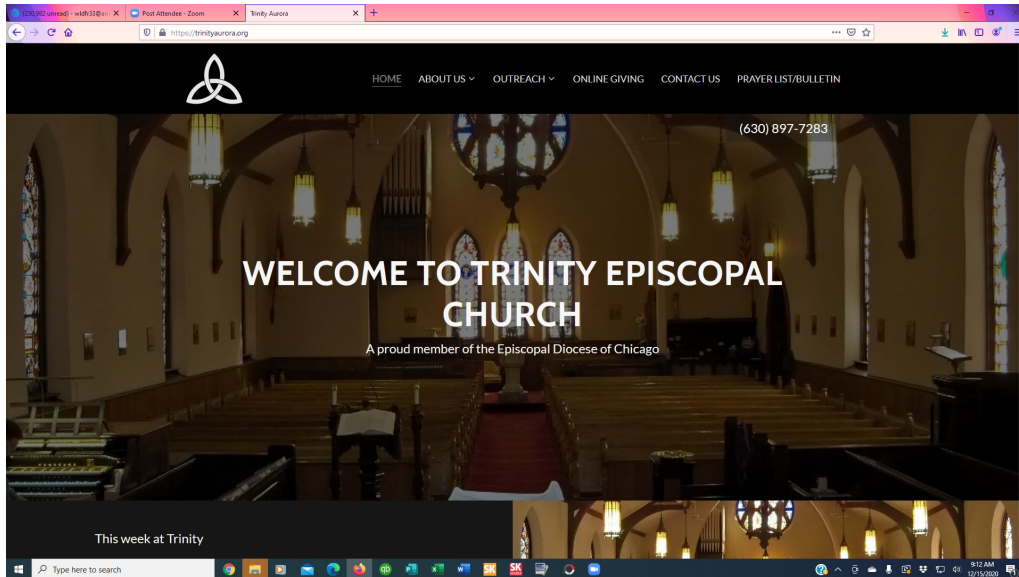
Hoping to be able to meet in 2022

Linda Barber

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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