

## Our Vision

As a Church family, we seek to be a community of miraculous expectation. We resolve to ...

- ❖ Celebrate in the spirit of fellowship as we reach out to one another and to warmly welcome all who enter the sacred spaces of Trinity Church.
- ❖ Nurture and care for the less fortunate members of our Church family whether they be sick, lonely, home-bound or in distress.
- ❖ Reach out to those less fortunate both locally and internationally through our Mission ministries.
- ❖ Encourage every member of our congregation to be a steward of faith by using the gifts God has given us.
- ❖ Offer a wide array of Christian education for all ages as each one of us seeks to embark upon our own spiritual journey.
- ❖ Strengthen and grow our ministries to youth
- ❖ Improve building accessibility/safety for all our sacred places.
- ❖ Provide our community the opportunity to participate in traditional and “not so traditional” worship services.

## Contact Information

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## Welcome to Trinity Church

Trinity Church has been a sacred place of worship since 1784. We welcome you and hope you find *Christ, Community and Compassion* within these historic walls. Trinity is one of 185 parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut.

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you receive a blessing from the service. If you are making your home in this or a nearby community, we invite you to return to Trinity for worship and fellowship and ultimately to make this your church home and family.

We look forward to greeting you personally.

## Worship

The singing, praying, communion and hearing the Word are how we express thanks and praise to God. Worship is our opportunity to be supported and strengthened so that we can go out into the world in service to others. Regular worship services are as follows:

Wednesday	12:10 AM Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist RiteII
	10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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## *Who We Are*

Trinity Church is a welcoming, inclusive church. Worshipers from all backgrounds and every Christian tradition can find a spiritual home at Trinity.

As Episcopalians, our worship is characterized by our use of the Book of Common Prayer. We celebrate the sacraments, especially the major sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, in obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

## *What We Believe*

We believe that God has given us all that we have. As we grow in our faith we also grow in our grateful desire to share our abundance as an expression of our faith. We use the gifts and material resources God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do. There are people in need here in Branford, nearby in New Haven and far away in Guatemala. All are God's family and we are privileged to reach out through many ministries giving in service, justice, and compassion. Just as we are fed and strengthened when we worship with the Trinity community, we feed other people's hearts and minds with our love and compassion.

Trinity ministries change lives, one child, one adult, one family at a time. Further information may be found on Stewardship and Missions pages on Trinity's website.

## *Getting To Know Each Other*

At the end of every 10:00AM service, we invite everyone to join us for Coffee Hour. We welcome the opportunity to meet you, introduce ourselves and respond to your questions and needs.

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## *Children and Youth Programs*

All children are welcomed at Trinity and they participate in all aspects of our church life. During the 10:00 AM worship we offer child care and Christian education.

- **Nursery care** is available for infants, toddlers and pre-school children every Sunday.
- **Godly Play** is offered to children from pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the academic school year (September – June). The children are grouped by age: preschool, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade children are in one room; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children are together in another room. Godly Play begins at 9:45 AM and children are dismissed in time to join their family for the Eucharist. To learn more about the Godly Play curriculum, please visit [www.trinitybranford.org](http://www.trinitybranford.org).
- **Sunday school classes for middle school youth** (grades 6 – 8) are offered during the academic school year (September – June). Drawing from Scripture, with an occasional dabbling in popular music and film, classes explore the meaning of Christian faith in the context of family life, school, and our complex and often confusing world.
- **High School Youth** are engaged in community service projects, learn about Christian spirituality, and get to know each other better in a safe and fun environment. Participation in High School Youth Group meetings and events may lead to **Confirmation**, if that is the choice of the teen.
- **Baptism.** Parents should speak with clergy or call the Parish office.
- **Worship participation.** Hand bell choir is open to older school children and middle school youth. Acolyte training is provided to youth who express a wish to actively participate in worship.

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