

# Trinity Episcopal



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Parish Profile

# Who

## Is Trinity Episcopal ?

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Trinity Episcopal is a vibrant community in downtown Toledo, Ohio. It is a parish offering progressive, inclusive, and creative worship and ministry, where **all** are welcome and wanted, and the Holy Spirit is visible in our words and actions. Our Christian community moves to an ancient rhythm with a modern beat. Worship, fellowship, prayer, ministry, and service create a sacred rhythm that is always made new, leading us into God's future. Whether you're a regular churchgoer or just someone trying to figure out who this guy Jesus is, you're welcome here.

We believe that following Jesus Christ is a transformational, lifelong journey. We are called to live out Jesus' message of love, justice, and compassion—to be true followers, not simply fans. We are called to love as Christ loved us because love is the most powerful force for change and healing in the world.

We don't pretend to have all the answers but welcome and value questions. We value relationships with God and one another



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# History

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Trinity Episcopal Church, the first Episcopal parish in Toledo, began in early 1837 when Toledo was a newly incorporated city of around 2,000 people. Early services were held in private homes, a courtroom, and a schoolhouse. In 1844, Trinity paid one dollar to acquire the property at the corner of Adams and St. Clair Streets from the American Land Company. In 1845, the first building was completed, a simple white clapboard structure in the style of a New England church, and Trinity Episcopal Church has stood in the heart of downtown Toledo ever since.

Trinity was chartered in February of 1842, and later that year members elected the first vestry. From 1842 to 1848, thirteen priests were called, but only six came and only one stayed for more than a year. But in March of 1848, the Rev. Henry Walbridge accepted the job of rector and remained at Trinity for the next twenty years.

To meet the needs of the growing congregation, the current modified Gothic stone building was built in 1863-1866. It is one of the oldest structures in continuous use in downtown Toledo, and it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

# Our Mission

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We will practice radical hospitality.  
We will be engaged in the life of our city.  
We will stand with those in need: the poor, the sick, the friendless, the marginalized.  
We will actively invite all to experience and celebrate God's living presence.

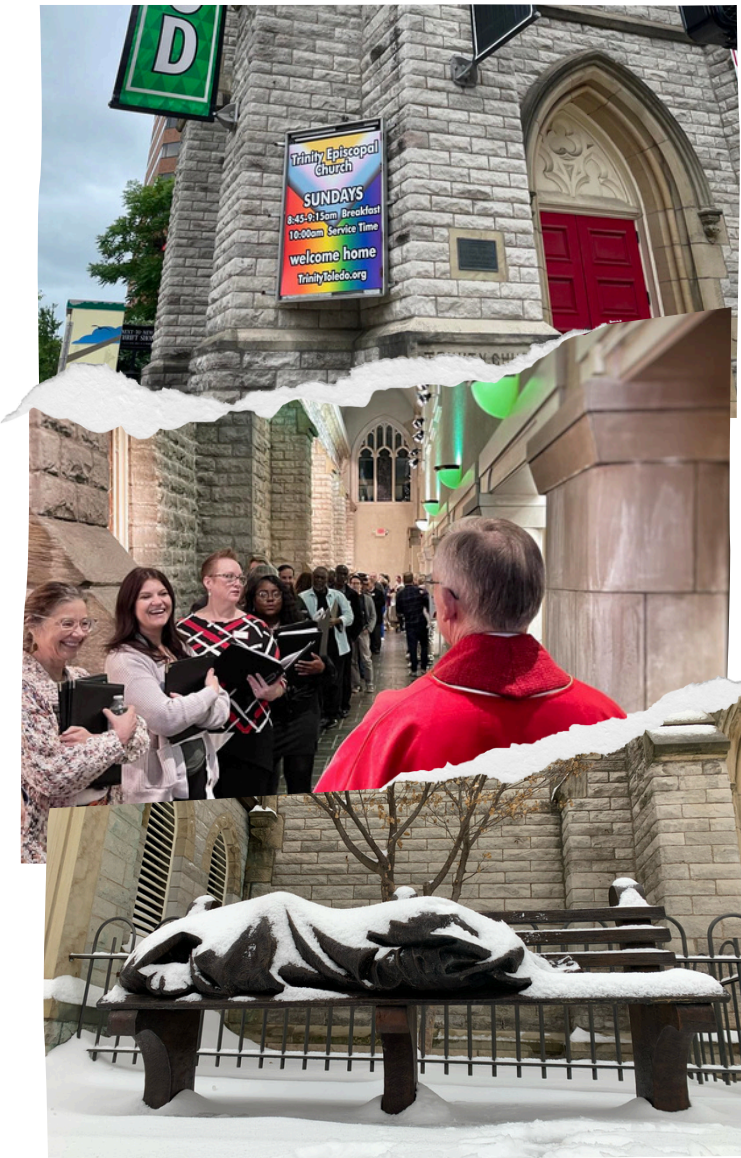
We will journey together toward a Christ-centered life, pursuing personal ministries that connect us to God, to one another, and to the world around us.

# Our Vision

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We crafted a vision centered around the ministry we believe God is guiding us towards, setting January 2030 as our target. This vision unfolds as a narrative set in 2030. Following the initial draft presented to the Trinity community on June 6, 2021, the vision team facilitated three feedback sessions. Based on the feedback received, comments and suggestions were incorporated into a final version of the 2030 vision, which was subsequently presented to and approved by our vestry.

<https://www.trinitytoledo.org/2030-vision/>





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# Worship

Worship at Trinity is a joyful and blessed experience where all are welcome and wanted. Our in-person worship, Trinity@316, takes place weekly on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Trinity@Home offers a live version of our service through streaming via Facebook and YouTube. Streamed services are available for viewing throughout the week via Trinity's Facebook page.

Worship is an inclusive opportunity for ministry. All are welcome in this space. Worship team members—Altar Guild, eucharistic ministers, lectors, intercessors, greeters, ushers, and sound technicians—collaborate to make our in-person Sunday services at Trinity@316 truly special. Many individuals contribute their gifts, including retirees Father Robert Gahler, who is always ready to serve, and Deacon Rev. Meribah Mansfield.

Children and families are warmly welcomed with open arms and hearts. Trinity provides a soft space in the sanctuary where families can sit together and participate in the service and a staffed children's room outside the sanctuary. Families are truly embraced and included in our community.



# Community

Trinity's commitment to community is as evident in our words as it is our actions. Always striving to represent a progressive, inclusive, and creative faith in the community. Trinity's presence in the downtown Toledo, Ohio, community is evident through our partnerships with local organizations, agencies, and neighbors.

Our relationships have been bountiful because of our commitment to growing the Kingdom of Heaven to be the hands, feet, and heart of God's love. Toledo Streets Newspapers, Moms Demand Action, Food for Thought Mobile Pantry, Lucas County Health Department, Toledo Pride, CareSource, Jobs and Family Services, Solace Health & Wellness, Alcoholics Anonymous, Leadership Toledo, Actors Collaborative Toledo, and Girls on the Run are some of the wonderful community partners with whom we have relationships.



# Music & The Arts

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## Music In Worship

We believe that God can be found anywhere in music. and genre does not dictate what is holy. Living into being “both-and” people, we cover many musical genres during worship services, including, but not limited to: classical, Broadway, LEVAS, The Hymnal 1982, Christian Contemporary music, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, and more.

## Choir: A life of their own

Our musicians are deeply woven into the fabric of our community. The choir, a vibrant and cherished part of Trinity, includes members aged 12 to 70. Under exceptional leadership, Trinity's music celebrates worship, embraces diverse musical talents, and honors the legacy of generations of musicians who came before. As a progressive, inclusive, and creative community in downtown Toledo, Trinity has fostered and nourished music and song as integral components of our worship and ministry.

"Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" ~ Ephesians 5:19





# Financials & Budget

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| <b>Endowment Funds</b><br>and Special Interest Funds | <b>\$10,739,901.00</b> |
| <b>Operating Budget</b> (Income,<br>Expenses)        | <b>\$790,614.00</b>    |

## Annual Budget Process :

- ◆ — ◆ **July/August**  
Staff invited to review areas of expenditures and provide requests
- ◆ — ◆ **September**  
Creation of Initial Draft for review by Finance Committee
- ◆ — ◆ **October**  
Initial Draft Budget Presented to Vestry
- ◆ — ◆ **November**  
Annual Pledge Drive outcomes calculated into draft Budget for final review
- ◆ — ◆ **December**  
Vestry approves operating Budget
- ◆ — ◆ **January**  
Annual Meeting and Parish Budget Presentation

# Parish Statistics

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## 2023 Worship Statistics

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| <b>Baptisms</b>                           | <b>6</b>            |
| <b>Burials</b>                            | <b>3</b>            |
| <b>Weddings/Blessings</b>                 | <b>1</b>            |
| <b>New Members</b>                        | <b>27</b>           |
| <b>Other Services (in person/at home)</b> |                     |
| <b>Palm Sunday</b>                        | <b>115/65</b>       |
| <b>Easter</b>                             | <b>196/93</b>       |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>                      | <b>202/71</b>       |
| <b>Weekly in Person Attendance</b>        | <b>96/average</b>   |
| <b>Weekly TRINITY@HOME Views</b>          | <b>74/average</b>   |
| <b>Parish Families</b>                    | <b>297</b>          |
| <b>Pledge &amp; Plate</b>                 | <b>\$201,000.00</b> |

# Staff

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**Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate, Interim  
Rector**



**Rev. Meribah Mansfield, Deacon**



**Heather Myer, Director of Operations**



**Chelsie Cree, Director of Music and the Arts**



**George Benson, Director of Community Engagement**



**Grace Mauk, Assistant Director of Music and the Arts**

# Vestry

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**Donna Steppe, Sr. Warden**



**Karen Keune, Clerk**



**Jeffrey Albright, Jr. Warden**



**Becky Koskinen**



**Dennis Degnan**



**Kyle Grefe**



**Jamie Paul**



**Kimberly Kefalas-Siu**



**Gary Franklin**

# Trinity's Future

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**As we look to the future we would like to highlight the priorities desired for our future rector as expressed by our parish family**

## **Top Priorities for our Future Rector**

Inclusive

Welcoming

Energetic

Present

Transparent

Financial and Administrative Competence

With A Dedication to:

Music and the Arts

Social Justice and Community Advocacy

Modernization and Creativity

Progressive Values