

Session Announcement re: the Trinity Psalter Hymnal Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Over the past year we have been considering and discussing what to do about the aging songbooks in our pew racks (the red Trinity Hymnals and the yellow With Heart and Voice folders) that are showing significant signs of wear and tear. After much prayer and research, we have decided to replace our current songbooks with two new versions.

First, we are removing the Trinity Hymnals (TH) from the pew racks and replacing them with the Trinity Psalter Hymnal (TPH). The TPH combines the best of the reformed tradition of singing the psalms (it has at least one rendition of each of the 150 psalms) with the best hymnody of the Presbyterian tradition, including recovering some ancient hymns and introducing some new ones. In one book we will have most of our favorite hymns from the Trinity Hymnal, all the psalms we could want (no more inserts in the bulletin!), and a few dozen new songs, including some of our favorites from With Heart and Voice.

The second change will come in a few months, and that will be a revision of With Heart and Voice to include new formatting and binding, the removal of duplicate songs, and the addition of old and new hymns that are not found in the Psalter Hymnal. Though we don't have a date for this change yet, we hope to provide another update soon. When you come to church this Sunday, the only songbooks in the rack will be the burgundy Trinity Psalter Hymnal.

In preparation for that change, we point you to a couple of resources:

- The most recent edition of the Saltshaker (our church newsletter) is devoted to explaining these changes, and it should arrive in your mailboxes later this week, or you can read it on website here: www.covenantreformed.net/resources.

- To learn more about the Trinity Psalter Hymnal or purchase one yourself, go to the website: www.trinitypsalterhymnal.org. Under the “Where to Buy” tab there are links to a wonderfully helpful Mobile App for the Psalter Hymnal.

We believe these changes in our songbooks will enhance our singing, enrich our worship, and be a great benefit to the spiritual wellbeing and growth of our members. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.