



Happening this Sunday

Wakey wakey, rise and shine!

How do you respond to being woken up?

Whether it's your alarm, or a nudge from someone — our first reaction is often irritation. We were comfortable, warm, tucked-in. But when we stay asleep too long, we miss things.

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we explore *the Guest who wakes us up* — you will be surprised how deeply important this theme is.

And at both the 8.00am and 9.30am services, our choir presents the Christmas cantata, *A Thrill of Hope* — always a high moment in our enjoyment of our choir.

See you here or online!



If you're planning to join us this week, these are the preachers and services you can look forward to:

8.00am Church – Christmas Cantata

– John Wessels

Please note the adjusted starting time. There will be NO Communion.

9.30am Church – Christmas Cantata (also live-streamed)

– John Wessels

9.30am Chapel – Connect Service

– Brett Mordaunt

11.30am Church – Kopanang Service

– Revival

6.30pm Church – Home Service

– Brett Mordaunt

After all our services there will be someone available to pray with you.

All our services are family friendly. All are welcome. Who are you inviting?

**Find our Sunday 30 November 9.30am Cantata Service livestream
here**

All our livestreams remain available on YouTube as videos after our services. You can access them at any time using the link.

New Sermon Series – Unexpected Guests

30 November to 25 December 2025

...making room for the holy in ordinary places

The Christmas story isn't predictable or neat; it's God consistently breaking into our routines, using everyday people—like Mary and Joseph. It's a powerful reminder that we're all invited to make room for something divine inside us, letting it take shape and show up in the world.

The series is structured around the idea of God as an Unexpected Guest who interrupts our lives through a series of encounters—from the Guest who wakes us, to the Guest who speaks, challenges, costs, comes as a child, and finally becomes the Host who welcomes us home.

Each week of Advent invites us into a movement of grace:

- Week 1, 30 November – The Guest Who Wakes Us: From sleep to awakening — as hope stirs where we thought nothing new could grow, and God's quiet presence interrupts our comfort.
- Week 2, 7 December – The Guest Who Speaks from the Wilderness: From noise to listening — as peace begins to form in the still, and where we finally stop striving and start to hear.
- Week 3, 14 December – The Guest Who Challenges Our Expectations: From certainty to surprise — as joy breaks in, not because everything makes sense, but because grace turns our expectations inside out.
- Week 4, 21 December – The Guest Who Costs Us Everything: From anticipation to surrender — as love takes on weight and risk, asking us to carry the promise even when no one else understands.
- Christmas Eve – The Guest Who Comes as a Child: The moment of arrival. Wonder takes over as we realise the Creator of the universe shows up as someone small enough to hold.
- Christmas Day – The Guest Who Becomes the Host: The final invitation. The Child we welcomed is now the Host who gathers us together and sets the table of grace.

You can find a downloadable sermon-based curriculum booklet, as well as sermon audios and videos as they become available, on the series page on our website.

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 30 November

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11–14

Matthew 24:36–44

Next Sunday – 7 December

Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1–10

Psalms 72:1–7; 18–19

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12



Upcoming Events

These are the stories of God's work in and through our Trinity community.

Home Groups



Would you like to find a
Home Group?

Connect with us.
We'll help you find one

Sunday 30 November

Would you like to find a home group? Would you like to journey with a group of people who will invite you in, hold you accountable, share coffee and life with you, support you, and provide a space for you to grow?

This Sunday after the services there will be a table where you can chat to

someone to help you find a group that works for you.

An invitation...



A Safe Space to unburden, be heard, and receive support

Care Conversations

We offer a free once-off conversation or up to 6 sessions

Schedule a session or contact the Care Centre:

- ☎ 011 782 0367
- ✉ pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za
- 🌐 www.trinitylinden.org.za/prayer-care-counselling

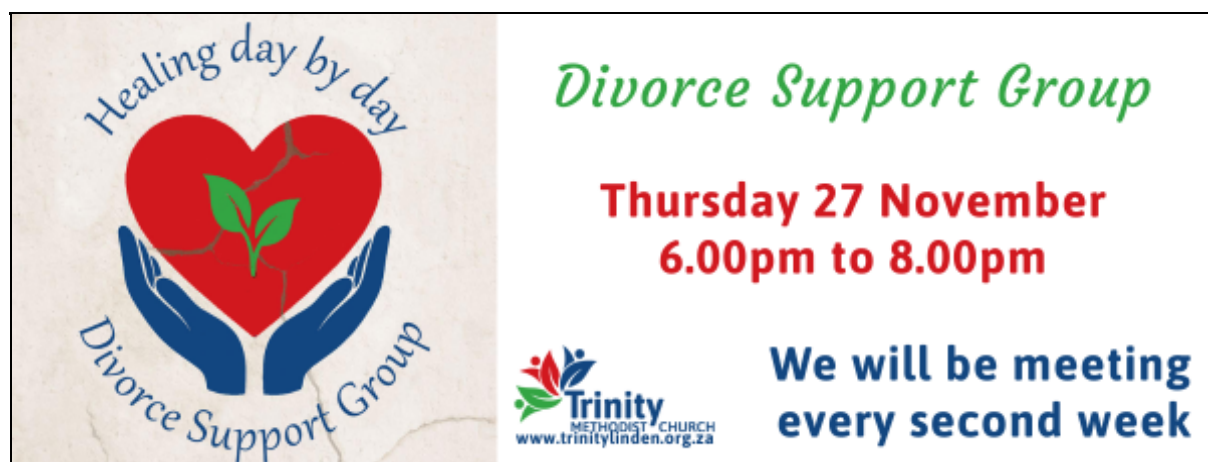
Trinity METHODIST CHURCH
Care & Counselling Centre

The end of the year and Christmas season can be a challenging time. It may help to meet with someone for a supportive chat and prayer over this time.

Connect with the Care Conversations ministry to hear how support through conversation is offered at Trinity.

Email To Connect With Pastoral Care

Divorce Support Group



Healing day by day

Divorce Support Group

Thursday 27 November
6.00pm to 8.00pm

We will be meeting every second week

Trinity METHODIST CHURCH
www.trinitylinden.org.za

Whether you are newly separated, still in the middle of a painful process, or have been divorced for years but feel the need for support, you are warmly invited. Come just as you are, with your questions, your hurts, and your

hopes.

Let's journey together, finding strength in God's love and in the community God provides.

Thursday 27 November | 6:00pm to 8:00pm

We will be meeting every second week.

For more information, please contact Lorraine on 083-292-1401 or Kerry on 083-794-3133.

All are welcome. You do not have to attend Trinity to join us. Who will you be inviting?

Christmas Musical (Cantata)



The Fusion Choir - Led By Neil Bennett - Presents

A Thrill of Hope
A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney

Sunday 30 November
8.00am & 9.30am

 Trinity
METHODIST CHURCH

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(Please note the later start time, and there will be NO Communion on this Sunday)

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Thriving Mental Health Support Group



Our Thriving Mental Health Support Group meets for the last time for the year, and the theme continues from last time – Healthy Boundaries.

Sunday 30 November | 3.00pm to 5.00pm

All are welcome. You do not have to attend Trinity to join us. Who will you be inviting?

The Place of Hope, Orange Farm

Family Christmas Party



As Christmas approaches, it brings with it a wave of joy and a unique opportunity to extend warmth and kindness to the people from The Place

of Hope, Orange Farm.

This event holds a special place in our hearts at Trinity as we embody the true spirit of Christmas – giving and sharing.

This year we plan to do it differently. We would love for the whole family to benefit from the gift of a food hamper donated by the generous donors at Trinity.

Due to the cost of clothing and toys we decided to change our giving this year and focus on feeding the families. We hope to raise enough funds to cover the cost of 80 food hampers at R250.00 per hamper. The more we raise, the more families we can feed during the festive season.

Saturday 6 December | 8.00am to 1.00pm

Depart from Trinity at 8.00am (arrive at Orange Farm 9.00am)

Depart from Orange Farm at 12.00pm (arrive at Trinity at 1.00pm)

How you can get involved?

- Donate food items. These items can be handed in at the tables after the services during November or leave them at the Office marked OFCP
- Monetary donations of any amount – payable at the table after the services or you could EFT to Trinity with the reference of OFCP (Orange Farm Christmas Party)
- Volunteer to partake on the day of the Christmas Party. You can sign up to volunteer at the tables after the services.

Each day is a gift, a chance to reflect on God's goodness, and share that joy with others.

All are welcome! You do not have to attend Trinity to join us. Who will you invite?

Join us on Sunday 7 December

On Sunday 7 December we will be having an afternoon and evening of fun and joy and kids and Christmas spirit.

We kick off with a family picnic, with Father Christmas, and an evening market.

Sunday 7 December | 4.30pm



We will end off the evening with a family carols service and a special nativity play put on by our Children's Ministry.

Sunday 7 December | 6.30pm

All are welcome. You do not have to attend Trinity to join us for the festivities. Who will you be inviting?

Christmas Evening Market



There will be NO market after our morning services this Sunday, but there will be an evening Christmas market together with our festivities next week.

Sunday 7 December | from 4.00pm

If you would like to have a table, please connect with our reception at 011 888 1740 or by email.

Lessons & Carols



You are invited to join us for our traditional Lessons and Carols service.

Sunday 21 December | 7.30am & 9.30am

This is a very special traditional telling of the nativity story through Bible readings and the singing of carols.

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular attender of Trinity to join us!
See you there!*

Christmas Eve



You are invited to join us for our festive Christmas Eve service.

Wednesday 24 December | 6.00pm

This is a very special family service, filled with kids and joy and singing and light!

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular attender of Trinity to join us!
See you there!*

Christmas Day Services



You are invited to join us for our special Christmas Day service.

Thursday 25 December | 8.00am & 9.30am

This is a very festive family service with a special children's address.

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular attender of Trinity to join us!
See you there!*

Kopanang Service

Our last Kopanang service will be on Sunday 7 December, and we will reopen on Sunday 18 January.



At Trinity we celebrate our young people.

This is where you are invited to join us this weekend:

GroovyCrew | Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7



You are invited to join our kids on Fridays!

Friday 28 November | 5.30pm to 7.30pm

There will be an end-of-term Christmas party! Please bring a packet of chips or sweets to share.

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth meets again, and this term Grade 7s are welcome! This week our theme is 'WWJS about Care'.

Friday 28 November | 8.00pm to 10.00pm

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?



Sparkling Kids Club | Sunday Morning Kids – Age 2 to 13



Join us on **Sunday morning 30 November at 9.30am.**

The theme for this term is 'Fruit of the Spirit', and this week we are talking about 'Goodness and Gentleness'.

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

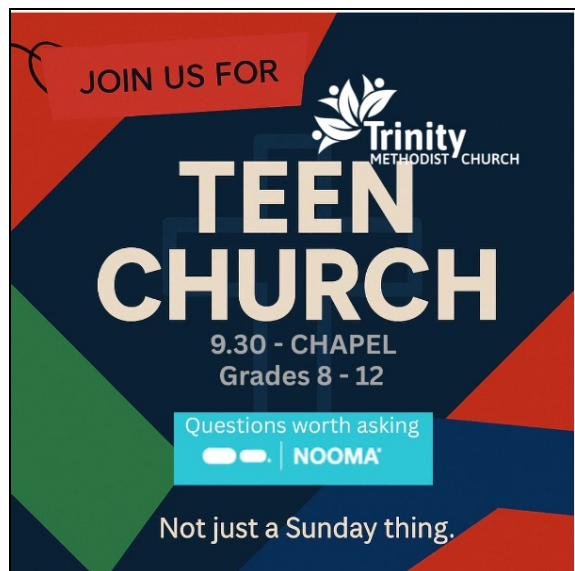
Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 30 November at 9.30am** for Teen church!

Our video is called 'Today', and the

theme is 'Living Fully'.

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13



Join us on **Sunday morning 30 November at 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.

All are welcome. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Email Our Children and Young Families Pastor

Email Our Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Thursday 27 November – Divorce Support Group
- * Friday 28 November – Last GroovyCrew Kids for the year
- * Sunday 30 November – Advent Sunday
- * Sunday 30 November – Sermon Series [Unexpected Guests](#)
- * Sunday 30 November – NO Market Sunday
- * Sunday 30 November – Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- * Friday 5 December – Last Thrive Youth for the year
- * Saturday 6 December – Orange Farm Family Christmas Party
- * Tuesday 16 December – Day of Reconciliation
- * Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve
- * Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day
- * Friday 26 December – Family Day
- * Thursday 1 December – New Years Day
- * Tuesday 6 January – Epiphany
- * Sunday 25 January – Covenant Sunday
- * Sunday 1 February – Vision Sunday
- * Monday 2 February – Annual Society Meeting (ASM)

All Trinity services and events are open to all. Who are you inviting?

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden this Advent and Christmas?

*** Sunday 30 November – First Sunday in Advent**

8.00am: Christmas Musical (Cantata)

9.30am: Christmas Musical (Cantata)

9.30am: Connect Service

11.30am: Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

*** Sunday 7 December – Second Sunday in Advent**

7.30am: Traditional Service with Communion

9.30am: Fusion Service

9.30am: Connect Service

11.30am: Last Kopanang Service

4.00pm to 6.00pm: Family Picnic, Market & Father Christmas

6.30pm: Family Carols Service and Kids' Nativity Play

*** Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday in Advent**

7.30am: Traditional Service with Communion

9.30am: Fusion Service with Communion

9.30am: Connect Service with Communion

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service with Communion

*** Sunday 21 December – Fourth Sunday in Advent**

7.30am: Lessons & Carols

9.30am: Lessons & Carols (no Communion)

9.30am: Connect Service

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

*** Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve**

6.00pm: Christmas Eve Family Service

*** Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day**

8.00am: Christmas Service with Children's Address

9.30am: Christmas Service with Children's Address

*** Sunday 28 December**

7.30am: Traditional Service

9.30am: Fusion Service

9.30am: Connect Service

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

New Sermon Series

*** Sunday 4 January**

7.30am: Traditional Service with Communion

9.30am: Fusion Service

9.30am: Connect Service

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

All Trinity services and events are open to all. Who are you inviting?

We are praying for...

We are praying for the commitments made by world leaders at the G20 summit this passed weekend.

In summary the Johannesburg G20 Declaration emphasises *solidarity, equality, and sustainability*, with a strong focus on the Global South. Leaders committed to supporting debt sustainability for low- and middle-income nations and reforming international financial institutions to better reflect development needs. They pledged to triple renewable energy capacity, scale up climate finance, and facilitate just energy transitions, including clean cooking access through “Mission 300” to electrify millions in Africa. The declaration highlights critical minerals, promoting transparent supply chains and local beneficiation to drive industrialisation. Food security is addressed via “Ubuntu”-oriented, resilient agriculture strategies. To reduce disaster risk, leaders backed early-warning systems and anticipatory financing. The document also stresses digital transformation and AI governance, and calls for peaceful, rules-based conflict resolution, reaffirming support for international law and multilateral cooperation.

You can access the full commitment here: [G20 South Africa Summit: Leaders' Declaration, 22 and 23 November 2025 – DIRCO](#)

The following are good focus points for your prayer:

- Pray that nations commit to disaster resilience, building early-warning systems that protect the most vulnerable.
- Ask for mercy and justice for heavily indebted countries, that debt relief would free them to invest in their people.
- Pray for a fair and just energy transition, and that climate finance would flow to those who suffer most from environmental change.
- Lift up efforts to reform global financial institutions, ensure food security, and harness technology wisely.
- Finally, pray for peace, fair governance, and global cooperation rooted in respect and mutual dignity.

We're praying for...



...women and children to be treasured - not targeted



Financial Update

This is the update that was handed out in printed format at our services last Sunday.

FINANCIAL UPDATE TO MEMBERS – NOVEMBER 2025

This year the Finance & Stewardship Portfolio have experienced some problems with our financial bookkeeping but in the last few months we have thankfully managed to “steady the ship” and plan for Trinity’s monthly management accounts be fully up to date during November.

At the Annual Society Meeting in February, members agreed to a budgeted surplus of R22 487 which included income from sacrificial giving of R6 250 000 and R650 000 from special donations.

We embarked on a special drive in the first quarter of the year, including a sermon series based on John Wesley’s Sermon 50 on “The Use of Money” where, as a congregation, we were encouraged to “Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can, Grow all you can”. Part of the drive was to encourage members to give electronically and/or switch to scheduled payments or stop orders as this can be managed by each person anonymously and is also recognised as an act of worship. We were not dissuaded from giving in collection bags at services as many see this as an act of worship, and private.

Our target was to grow the number of members who regularly give electronically to 400 people. Unfortunately, we have not reached

that target in the year, with about 320 people per month giving in this way. The good news is that through the drive electronic giving has increased this year and the monthly income from this is R400 000–R500 000. The portfolio and leadership of Trinity would like to thank each person who has sacrificially given in the year. Your giving is helping to build God's Kingdom in Johannesburg, supporting multiple outreach projects, and helping us as a community to be 'One Heart, Many Voices' in God's Kingdom.

Of course, you will see that to "balance the books" where R6.25 million is required for the year, an average of R520 000 per month is needed and we encourage any members who have not yet taken up the call to give regularly and sacrificially to prayerfully consider it in the last two months of the year.

Trinity is affected by rising prices and inflation, as we all are. If you already give sacrificially, please prayerfully consider whether you may be able to increase this in 2026.

November/December is also a time of receiving blessings for many people, both in the Season of Christmas where we are blessed in the knowledge of God made flesh, but also many people receive bonuses for good and faithful work in the year. If this is the case for you, would you consider a special bequest, using that money to facilitate Trinity to continue its activities and outreach programmes that touch the lives of hundreds of people.

If you would like any further information or insight into Trinity's finances or activities please contact Brett Mordaunt or Rob Theunissen who will gladly furnish whatever information you require.

We Need YOU On Our Team in 2026!

As people who worship God, we are also called to serve God and our community, in ways that honour God.

One of the ways you can do this, is to volunteer in one of Trinity's many active ministries. There is something for anyone and everyone, no matter what your gifts or passions or life-season or the amount of time you are able to give.

In the next few weeks our ministries will be assessing their people needs for 2026, and we will be sharing those ministry 'vacancies'. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you into serving his people next year.

Ways to Serve Our Community

Pastoral Care:

Do you feel called to serve on any of the following teams for the year of 2026? – it would be good for us to know that now already, so that we can slot you in. There are many different ways to serve within each area of ministry.

- Praying with and for others
- Care for our Seniors
- Hospital visiting team
- Helping run the Divorce Care programme
- Food pantry
- Serving on the Cancer Care team
- Helping us to run a Marriage Enrichment weekend

We would love to have you join one of these teams.

Please email me below to sign up or to find out more. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Email To Volunteer In Pastoral Care

Reach Out Portfolio needs you in 2026:

The Reach Out portfolio is sadly losing three of its members at the end of this year. They are all members who have served the portfolio faithfully for 8 to 10 years. We celebrate all that they have given of themselves in this time (a proper thank you will still take place 😊).

But that does mean that the portfolio desperately needs new members. We will structure it in a way in 2026 that allows for various levels of involvement. Please give thought to whether this may be where you would like to serve in 2026.

Options:

1. Serve on the portfolio (planning and decision-making engine) – we need a new secretary and financials person.
2. Serve on a working group linked to one of the Reach Out ministries and get involved in a 'hands on' way with the ministry.

In 2026 the ministries we will focus on are:

1. Orange Farm – building the youth ministry and a Table Talk evangelism event as well as ongoing support.
2. Zandspruit – a disciple-making event as well as looking for ways to support this growing church in this area.
3. Tshepo – a focus on connecting with the Lesedi aftercare facility.
4. Uzima – determining ways of offering helpful support to this community headed by Carol Dyantji.

These are really exciting ways of serving the broader community in and through Trinity.

Please email Angela to find out more.

[Email To Volunteer For ReachOut](#)

Worship:

We would like to call for musicians to join our various music ministries:

Contemporary worship

Calling:

- Guitarists (acoustic/electric, lead and backing)
- Drummers
- Bassists
- Pianists
- Vocalists (lead and backing)
- Sound engineers
- Projectionist and AV volunteers

Traditional and Fusion Service:

- Choristers, singers, vocalists of all levels
- Any other instruments

Kopanang service:

- Choristers, singers, vocalists of all levels

To join our team, please contact Brett at 011 888 1740, or email using the button below:

[Email To Volunteer For Worship](#)

Our **Soup Kitchen** is in need of volunteers.

If you are able to commit to an occasional Saturday morning from 7.30am for about an hour or so, we would love to have you on the team!

You don't have to commit to a regular assignment, just ask Nomphele when she needs someone and try it out.

For more information, or to put your name down, contact Nomphele at the office at 011 888 1740 or by email.

A Place to Sit and Stay Awhile

As our church family grows, we'd love to make our shared spaces even more welcoming!

We're looking to add a few **wingback chairs** for the foyer, a **couch** for reception, a few **matching chairs** for the chapel, and some **extra trestle tables** for our busy ministry life.

We so appreciate everyone's generosity, but we **can't accept furniture directly** as we don't have storage or transport capacity.

If you'd like to help, a **donation towards this project** would be the best way to bless the space.

Please use the reference "**Chairs**" when giving.

Thank you for helping us make room for everyone — and for the love that fills every seat!

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The Charge

On Sundays, at the end of our services, we pray the following together as a community:

*"Loving God,
we go from this time of worship
into a fractured world,
to be bridge builders in society.
Although we are many voices,
help us deepen our community life together here;
partnering with Your healing ways in the world.
Amen"*

WA Diaries



We have a limited number of WA diaries available to sell.

The cost is R50, and they will be available on Sundays after the morning services, or from our office during the week.

Connect With Our Office Via Email



Nomphelo is erasing 2025 from the huge wall calendar white board in our office, and updating it with 2026.

Anybody who believes we only work on Sundays is invited to come and see our busy ministry schedule!

Carah has spent weeks making sure it all balances and there are no major clashes.



Men's Retreat



Last weekend Trinity held a men's retreat at Emmarentia Dam.

There was lots of fun, fellowship, and food! There were also moments of deep connection with nature, with each other, and with God.



Place of Hope, Orange Farm

Our Table Talk team went to visit Place of Hope, Orange Farm, last week, as part of their preparation for hosting Table Talk there in 2026. Place of Hope has been a Trinity partnership for many years.

They were blown away about the initiatives there. They have an enormous and productive chicken coop, and amazing vegetable gardens.



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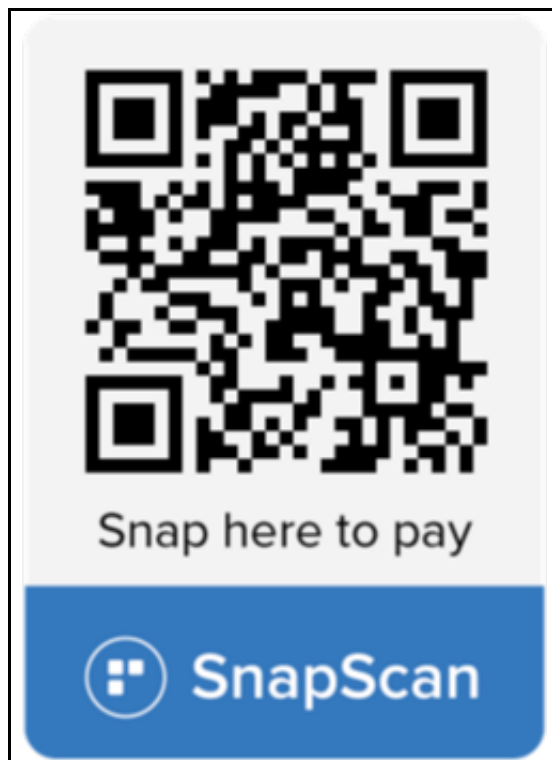
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