Epiphany

'They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord." -Isaiah 60:6

AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

Prelude The First Nowell

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WITH JOY, WE CELEBRATE GOD'S AMAZING LOVE

Call To Worship

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Prayer of Adoration The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

*Processional Hymn 56 (vs. 3-6) The First Nowell

Call to Confession

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Assurance of God's Mercy
Thanks be to God!

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

WE LISTEN FOR THE FATHER'S MESSAGE OF LOVE

Anthem Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow arr. Gilpin

Prayer for IlluminationThe Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord. Page 1 N. T.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Meditation The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

*Hymn of Response 62 Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

*Profession of Faith (unison) The Nicene Creed The Rev. Dr. Faulkner I believe in one God: the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God: begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made; who for us and our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S CLAIM ON OUR LIVES

Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Offertory

A Simple Christmas Youth Bells arr. Krug

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table Words of Institution Prayer of Setting Aside for Holy Use Communion of the People of God The Rev. Mr. Gruver The Rev. Dr. Faulkner The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

A Christmas Hallelujah

(words are located at end of service)

Brian Kain, soloist arr. Cloverton

(on the final *Hallelujah*, the congregation will join in singing the refrain 3 times)

Prayer after Communion (unison)

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Your goodness to us is beyond our highest hopes and our greatest dreams!
You give us every good gift that we have and then above all other gifts, you have given us *yourself* in Christ Jesus. Holy and gracious One, we thank you for again manifesting Your presence among us in this joyous Feast.

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As we leave this place allow us to continue to feast on your *joyful* presence so all our lives might be filled with the everlasting light of Christ. This we ask, Almighty Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns into the ages of ages. Amen.

HAVING TASTED THE GOODNESS OF THE SAVIOR, WE LEAVE READY TO SERVE

*Hymn 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*Charge and Pastoral Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

(The congregation will please be seated.)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*Those who are able may stand.

A Christmas Hallelujah

(words by of Lance Stafford, Layne Stafford, Kirby LeMoine, and Josh Svorinic)

I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah
(refrain) Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah
(refrain) Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find Him in a manger bed
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah
(refrain) Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three
Came many miles and journeyed long for You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah
(refrain) Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
(refrain) Hallelujah

TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP

An Inviting Community Serving Christ For Life Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver, Parish Associate
The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus
Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session
Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music
Brian Kain, Music Associate

In Memoriam: *Diana D. Ergood*United with Trinity, November 9, 1980; died December 19, 2022

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Heather Kern, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty and George Flynn, Elissa Goss, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

Friends and Family: Katie Howard (Jen Dukelow's niece), Melinda Lovern (friend of Carolyn Kramer), Billy Seifert (Henderson family friend), Marie Pinolini (Trudie Levins' sister), Stephen Theroulde (friend of Bill and Karen Kain), Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), Jeff Mailahn (Cindy and Al Mailahn's son), Eileen McSparran (Kathy Eddleman's sister-in-law), Linda and Brian Kent (Gail Van Dyke's sister-in-law), Laurie Duffin (Gail and Bruce Van Dyke's friend), Al Tremoglie (Veronica Oster's father), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Anna Sharp (friend of Melanie Faulkner), Susan F. Heilshorn (Janet Cohen's sister-in-law), Derrick Maruski (Jenny Leitinger's brother), Norma Oram (Nancy Applegate's mother), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Mel Haines(Marguerite Houck's friend), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), Kathy Nahill (Jillian Watson's friend), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), Ilene Kreafle (Wilson family friend), Jan (George Sanders' friend), Terri Skill (Steve Skill's wife), Richard D'Eustachio (Carol D'Eustachio's husband).

Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military: Cory Allen, Connor Barnes, Aaron Bill, Tyler Parsons and Connor Strobel. We thank them all for their service to our country.

We extend our sympathies to the Ergood and Brown families on the death of Foster Ergood's wife, Diana Ergood.

We are wishing Rev. Sarah Craven congratulations on the birth of her baby boy! Fitzwilliam Cortland Craven arrived on New Year's Eve weighing in at six pounds seven ounces. And congratulations to new grandparents Hersch and Linda Craven.

<u>Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the Narthex. Along with Bulletins!</u>

Pastoral Care – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Dr. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

Please silence all electronic equipment during the worship service.

Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register. Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

Visit our website at www.trinpres.org for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes. You can email Pam Dougherty at pam.dougherty@trinpres.org **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

Sunday Church School Schedule Community Room (Family Church TODAY), Grades 1-6

Room #1 Nursery Care

Room #6 Twos and Threes (must be 2 1/2 yrs. old by

Oct. 1, 2022) - through Kindergarten

Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

Trinity Planned Giving Seminar <u>TODAY</u> at 11:00 am in the Community Room

Please join Trinity member, Andrew Mackerer, for a seminar on ways to ensure your legacy and intentions are followed. Andrew is an attorney with a focus on Estate Law.



The seminar will focus on planned giving for Trinity as set forth in a will, living trust, or through beneficiary designations. In addition, various lifetime giving techniques will be discussed that can minimize your taxes and the effect on you while maximizing the benefit to Trinity. Andrew will discuss techniques and ways to arrange your Estate plans to ensure Trinity receives support, to ensure your wishes are carried out, and to simplify matters for your family. This can be accomplished through sound advice from financial advisors, attorneys and tax practitioners.

Forward in Faith

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues.

This is a friendly reminder that we are in the midst of our Stewardship campaign and your pledge is **critical** to maintain Trinity's programs, mission and staff. To date, we have achieved 86% of our financial goal and have Received 173 pledges against our goal of 235.



Thank you if you have already submitted your pledge. If you have not pledged, we encourage you to return your 2023 pledge card this week by mailing it to the Church office. If you do not have your pledge card, a card can be obtained through the Church office or from the Church pews. Pledges can also be made online through EasyTithe.

Let's go "Forward in Faith" and secure the future of our Church.

EasyTithe, our online giving option, allows you to make your offering electronically. This option makes giving more convenient for you (no more checks to write) and ensures consistency in your giving which helps the church manage its cash flow requirements better. EasyTithe can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. The setup process is very straightforward and can be accomplished in just a couple of minutes. To sign up, go to Trinity's home page and click on "Online Giving" or go directly to www.easytithe.com/trinpres.

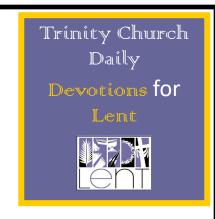
An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you're set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444.

We encourage all members to establish automatic recurring gifts using *EasyTithe*.

<u>2023 Pledge Boxes</u> are now available for pick up. Please visit the tables outside of the Church Office where you can find your box alphabetically by last name. Due to high postage fees, they will not be mailed out. Please help conserve costs and materials by picking up your box and consider delivering one to a friend who might not be able to make it to church to pick theirs up! <u>If you don't need envelope boxes in the future please sign the sheet next to the boxes.</u> If you have already let me know you don't need boxes, you don't need to sign again. Thank you, Debby Talbott

Lenten Devotional

Trinity will publish a Lenten Devotional with reflections from our own congregation. You may remember from devotionals of the last few years that we are seeking submissions much in the style of These Days, Daily Guideposts, or another devotional with which you may be familiar. Submission to the devotional should include:



- 1. A verse or verses of scripture that comforts, challenges and/or teaches you.
- 2. A short discussion of how this scripture has been important to you (about 250 words).
- 3. A short prayer (2 or 3 sentences are fine).
- 4. Your name.

Since the devotionals need to be printed to be ready for distribution beginning the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the date due for submission has been established as **Sunday**, **January 29th**.

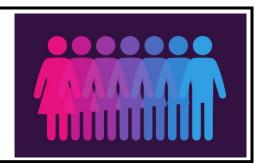
Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com. Also please put Lenten Devotional in the subject line of the email. All members of the Trinity community, both youth and adult, are invited to participate in this church wide publication. If you have any questions, please contact: Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.

<u>Cancer and Conversation</u> Trinity's <u>Cancer and Conversation</u> is a group that offers comfort, support and camaraderie to Trinity members with that dreaded disease. Our greater goal, however, is to be a mission at Trinity, a mission that hopes to both help and educate our greater Trinity membership.

Want to turn your cancer into a worthwhile mission? Please join us **TODAY in the Hospitality Room at 10:40 AM.** Grab a coffee in the Fellowship Hall and join us for a time of reflection, support and mission work as we share our experiences and also work on upcoming projects.

Please join Adult Ministries as they sponsor an Adult Education Class:

Gender Expression and Identity Presented by Dr. Rebecca G. Boswell, Psychologist Penn Medicine. Sunday, February 5, 2023 11:00am-12:30 pm Witherspoon Center



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, January 8 Epiphany

9:30 am Worship Service/ Communion

9:30 am Childcare Nursery

PreK- Grade 6 Family Church in the Community Room

10:40 am Cancer & Conversation – Hospitality Room 11:00 am Planned Giving Seminar – Community Room

7:00 pm Sr. Highs– Witherspoon Center

Monday, January 9

10:30 am Library Committee 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 am Care 'n Share Shop

Wednesday, January 11

9:30 am Miriam Circle– Anteroom

6:15 pm Commissioning—Witherspoon Center

7:00 pm Cub Scouts—Community Room

Thursday, January 12

10:00 am Mission Thursday– Witherspoon Center

10:00 am Care 'n Share Shop

12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group—Witherspoon Center

4:30-5:00 pm Cherub Choir 5:00-5:30 pm Carol Choir 5:30-6:00 pm TEAM Choir 6:00-6:30 pm TEAM Bells

8:00 pm AA Groups—Witherspoon Center

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Church School (PreK-6th Grade)

10:50 am Youth Choir Rehearsal

11:30 am Youth Bells 7:00 pm Sr. Highs

Trinity Presbyterian Church Vision and Values An Inviting Community Following Christ for Life

At Trinity we:

- believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to reach out to others in order to serve God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. It is this truth that governs all that we do and all that we are.
- worship as a community of faith gathering in the Triune God's presence to further our knowledge of Scripture, participate in the Sacraments and gain inspiration for our lives. Music is part of our worship in that it enhances the spoken words of worship in an uplifting multigenerational manner. We offer our musical gifts to the Lord.
- affirm that members of all ages contribute to the rich tapestry of our witness, interests and talents. We encourage others to join us. Through fellowship all members are supported on a communal and personal level as our church family gathers for many purposes.
- acknowledge the blessings the Triune God has bestowed upon us and we respond by offering our time, talents and treasure as a dynamic sacrifice in gratitude to the loving and caring God.
- recognize the importance of life long learning to further our knowledge of God and better grow in our relationship with God, our families and our Community.
- experience the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ and go from our worshipping fellowship into the world to serve others.

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You are cordially invited to spend the Christmas Season with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!

Sunday, November 27 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Handbell and Ukulele music

Friday, December 2 - 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the Tri County Symphonic Band

Sunday, December 4 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music followed by Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale

Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm

Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 11 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Adult Choir

Sunday, December 18 - 9:30am

Christmas Worship with handbell music & Trinity Band Nativity Walk

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm Family Worship Service & Pageant **7:00 pm** Candlelight Communion Service with Pre-service music, choir and brass

Sunday, December 25 - 9:30am Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, January 1 - 9:30am Sunday Communion Worship Service

Sunday, January 8 - 9:30am Epiphany Sunday
Communion, Choir & Handbells