

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Today (January 8)
 Greeter Pauline Fretz
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 Eucharistic Assts. Joe Hollis, Carole Pfisterer
 Acolyte/Crucifer Michael Perry

Next Sunday
 Greeter Marianne Watson
 Lector Del Craun
 Eucharistic Assts. Tammy Craun, Sue Scheulen
 Acolyte/Crucifer Cody & Will Wolf

Our Stewardship

January 1, 2017
 Received: \$1953
 Required \$4589
Deficit \$2636

Our Attendance
 51

Trinity continues to participate in the "Simply Giving" electronic gifting program - a convenient, safe and simple way to help you provide for the financial stability of your church through electronic funds transfer. See **Mark Greene** for details.

Your church council elected officers at the January meeting: President: Mark Greene; Vice President: Dan Painter; Recorder: Stacey Gonzales-Herrera. Our thanks to them for agreeing to serve.

We are at the start of our Coat Drive which runs January 9-15. Bring your donations to church during the office hours of Mon-Thurs. 8-1, or when you come to worship on Sunday. For alternate times contact Kim Begnaud 664- 8088. We are accepting gently used **and new** coats for children, women and men. The coats will be donated to local schools, WATTS, and shelters. So as you are purging, cleaning and growing out of your gently used coats please consider donating. We also accept hats, gloves and scarves.

The Community Music School of the Piedmont hosts classes here at Trinity weekly with the mission to provide high quality music instruction and performance opportunities for all members of the community. The school offers a wide variety of music options for all ages and skill levels including *Music Together*: an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for children from birth through age 7—and the grownups who love them, based on the developmentally appropriate recognition that all children are musical. Call the 592-3040 for more information.

Interested in a trip to Germany, August 23-September 2, 2017 highlighting the 500th anniversary of the Day of Reformation? There will be a presentation this Saturday, January 14 at 1PM with complete details, *and snacks!* Trinity is *not* sponsoring this trip, but it is being led by Kim Begnaud and Chris Landes. So, talk to Kim (664-8088, kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com) or Chris (chris@alphavoyages.com) if you'd like to attend the presentation, or if you cannot attend but would like more information about the trip.

Charlie and Louise Poffenberger extend their "thanks to everyone who helped wash our windows. Also the ladies for the beautiful knitted blankets and the tasty dinner the LCW gave us. We are so thankful for our friends at Trinity."



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser
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"A CREATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY"

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 8, 2017



Thanks for worshiping with us today! We hope you'll leave refreshed — and challenged — for the week to come!
 At Trinity, Visitors aren't only **EXPECTED**...they're **ANTICIPATED!**

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Before worship — speak to the Lord. During worship — let the Lord speak to you. After worship — speak to each other!

Prelude

Voluntary

Francis Linley (1771-1800)

Opening Antiphon

- [P] Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 [C] **The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations. And, all are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**
 [P] The light of Christ shines in the darkness of the world, and in the darkness of our lives.
 [C] **The darkness has not overcome it — and it never will! Thanks be to God!**

Stand

Sanctus Bell

The bell is sounded three times to remind us of God's Triune Presence with us now and forever

Processional **308 v. 1-4**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Greeting

- [P] May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
 [C] **And, also with you!**

Confession and Absolution

- [P] John tells us that which we already know: that "the light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil." We, therefore, confess our sins to God, coming in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God's grace - for God is gracious and always ready to forgive:

Sit

- [P] God, you show no partiality,
 [C] **yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. We admit that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help.**
 [P] Lord, we so often
 [C] **look for you in the wrong places, and put our trust in material things. We worry about things we can't change - and, more often than we'd like to admit, wonder if you're even there at all. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see. Forgive us for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of Christ.**
 [P] For all the times we have doubted you,
 [C] **forgive us, O Lord.**
 [P] For all the ways we have neglected your Word and ignored your people,
 [C] **forgive us, O Lord.**

- [P] Do not be far from us,
 [C] **for “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” and there is no one else to whom we can turn to for help. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight.**
 [P] Renew our fickle hearts and help us more readily put our trust in you.
 [C] **Amen.**
 [P] So, hear the Good News in this New Year: There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God’s love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. As far as the east is from the west, and the north from the south, so he forgives our sins—because God is *for* us and *not against* us. For that very reason, Christ came: not to condemn, but to save the world through him. Here, then, is the Good News of the Christian Gospel:
 [C] **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.**
 [P] By the power of Jesus Christ, we are - once again forgiven and made whole. And, for that, we give our thanks.
 [C] **In the name of the Father, and of the [†] Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Collect

- [P] From the fragmented world of our everyday lives, we gather in search of wholeness – with so many cares and preoccupations, and diverse and selfish aims, separating us from one another and from you. Yet, we know your Light still shines in our darkness—if we but seek it. At the dawn of this new year, help us labor in hope for the dawning of a new day in which hatred and violence, arrogance, injustice and prejudice will be known no more; when the lion shall lay down with the lamb; when our swords - of metal and of words, of war and unkindness - shall be beaten into plowshares, and the spears of our jealousy, self-importance, and the thirst for personal gain will, indeed, become pruning hooks. May the rays of your Light continue to light our way – as we gather, as we pray, and as we hope. As Jesus heard you speak to Him in His baptism, may we hear you calling as well, through Christ, your son, our brother and friend, #440 Unitarian Hymnal
 [C] **Amen.**

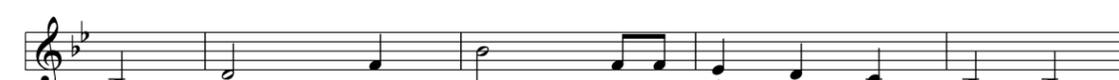
Sit

Just for Kids! *Noisy Offering benefits the Red Wagon ministry*

Children’s Procession: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Children are invited to follow the Crucifer to the Nursery and Children’s Church.
They’ll return to the sanctuary in time for The Eucharist

First Lesson see Insert

The Psalmody



The voice of God is upon the waters.

Second Lesson see Insert

Stand

The Gradual



Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,
 glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er three and ev-er one;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a-gain
 in a song that has no end-ing. . . . A - men.

Canticle of Thanksgiving



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- [P] Bless, O Lord, with your grace, the new year that lies ahead. Give us strength to meet the opportunities; faith to endure the disappointments; enthusiasm to live each day to its fullest; and enough love to share in any way we can. And, hear us when we pray *A Prayer for Trinity Church*:
 [C] **Faithful God, receive our humble thanks for all your goodness to Trinity Church and for all the blessings of this life. Increase our faith and energy that by your Spirit we may have right judgment in all things, showing with our lips and in our lives your loving-kindness for all. With truly thankful hearts, may all our works: begun, continued, and ended in you, shine brightly with the love you first showed us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

- [P] Every time a hand reaches out to help another...that is Christmas.
 Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding....that is Christmas.
 Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other, that is Christmas!
 May it be so for each of us—and, may the love of God uphold you; the light of Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit given in your baptism fill you with joy, now and forever. In the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the Holy Spirit.
 [C] **Amen.**

Recessional 314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Dismissal

- [P] ...Go with the strength of baptism in your life to live as Christ has called you!
 [C] **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

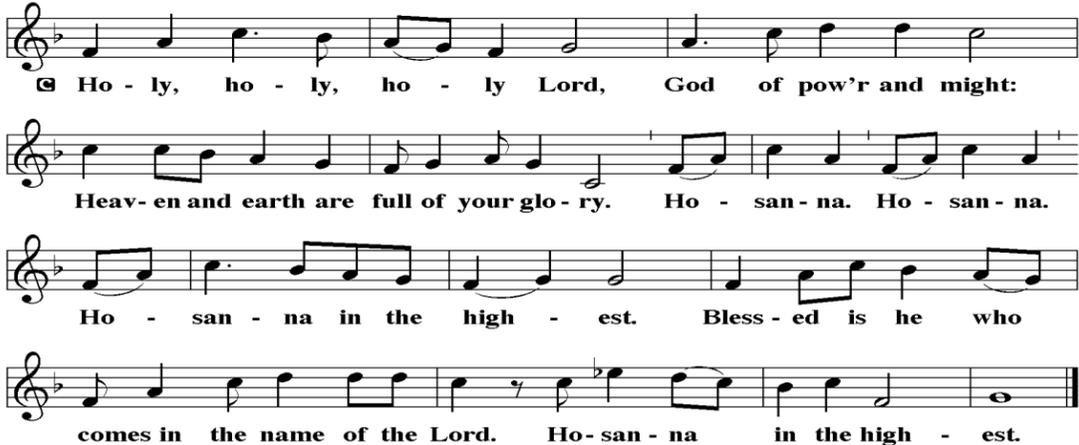
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Catty; Denny; Lonnie; Charlie & Louise; Robert & Frances; Febra; Bill N.
To add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office

[P] And with the Church on earth, and the chorus of those who live now with you on that distant sunny shore, we praise your Name and join their unending hymn, singing:

[C]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[P] Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to boldly pray:

Lord's Prayer

[C] Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom, come. Thy will be done on earth—as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread. And forgive us *our* trespasses as *we* forgive those who trespass against us.
And, lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil -
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation

[P] Christ has given us a new commandment: that we love one another as he has first loved us. So, come and eat: the bread of life, the cup of salvation – the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you - and feast on him in your hearts with joy and thanksgiving

[C] Thanks be to God.

Sit
Communion Prayer *(See yellow laminated music in pew)* *Beauty for Brokenness*

The Distribution

All Christians - regardless your denomination - are invited to the Eucharist.
At the usher's directions, come by the center aisle, receive, and return to your seat by the side aisles.
Holy Communion can be received by Common Cup, Intinction (dipping wafer into wine), or by individual glass

Communion Hymns **453 / 464 / 448**

After all have communed,
Stand

The Blessing

[P] May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus, Christ, bless us and keep us now and forever.
[C] Amen.

The Holy Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

see Insert

[P] The Gospel of the Lord!

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sit

A Little Good News!

The Rev^d. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser

Stand

Hymn of the Day 305

When Jesus Came to Jordan

A Creed for Christmas

[P] Let us say what we believe...I believe

[C] in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel that began in Bethlehem. I believe in him whose spirit glorified a little town, of whose coming only shepherds saw the sign, and for whom the crowded inn could find no room.

I believe in him whom the kings of the earth ignored, and the proud could never understand; whose paths were among the common people, whose welcome came from those with hungry hearts.

I believe in him who proclaimed the Love of God to be invincible; whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth.

I believe in Jesus Christ who looked at persons and made them see what his Love saw in them and who, by his Love, brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I believe that only by love expressed shall the earth, at length, be purified. I acknowledge in Christ a faith that sees beyond the partial fact, a trust in life redeemed that looks beyond the present evil; and I confess my everlasting need of God and my desire that this redemption may begin in me. Amen.

Prayers of The People

[P] God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds guiding us again to Christ, and directing us in new paths of faithfulness as we pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need...

Sit

[P] Long ago, you drowned evil in the waters of the flood and promised a covenant of faithfulness with a rainbow in the sky.

[C] **Help us remember that promise, O Lord.**

[P] In baptism you caused us to die to sin and raised us to new life in Christ.

[C] **Help us to live in that gift, O Lord.**

[P] as we pray for your Church: too often afraid of the rich diversity you have designed, too often timid in its proclamation of the gospel to the arrogant and evil powers of this world – yet always struggling for its voice among those who would have it silenced; seeking new ways of expressing your love and care, and longing to bring about the peace with which you have entrusted to it. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] We pray for the world: that all people and all creation may know that they are your beloved: cared for and watched over with divine compassion; and that your creation may stay healthy and continue to nourish and nurture us. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] We pray for those who suffer, that they will know your love for them, and we may be bearers of

comfort – especially for those we know and love... *(pastoral petitions are offered)*
And for those perhaps unknown to others for whom we pray – both in our hearts and on our lips...
(congregational petitions may be offered aloud) Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] We remember those who have gone before us and pray for those nearing death - that they may be at peace in your love for them and anticipate with joy the promise of everlasting life you have made in baptism - to each, by name. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] Strengthen us in our individual lives and witness to your love: fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit to be bold and confident through faith in Christ – to say what needs to be said, and to do what you would have us do to heal our many human divisions so that we live truly as members of your beloved and diverse family. Cast out suspicions; disable sinister plans, and banish condescending attitudes. Silence the deceits and untruths that swirl around us from the seats of power in our nation that would be used to deceive us. May your civil servants – both elected and appointed: all who control economic and military might, learn the wisdom to govern your people with justice, honesty and integrity, putting aside all boasting and conceit to focus on the common good of all. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] We pray for people who have little power by the world’s selfish and superficial measure. Defend the poor; deliver those in need; enable us to put an end to oppression wherever we find it, and save the lives of each who find themselves in harm’s way this day. May all victims of violence find their lives redeemed by your love and care. And may those who are seeking this day, searching for new meaning and purpose for their lives, be guided in their spiritual journey by your presence. Give them the vision to see the signs of your promise in their lives and in the world; the wisdom of discernment of the truth; courage and curiosity in all their searching, that the joy of Christ may surprise them and lead them to a place of welcome. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] And, we pray for those overwhelmed by personal darkness today: the one bowed down in grief; the one overcome by depression; the one who is unemployed or in economic trouble; the one who is struggling with illness or recovery. We pray for those who are estranged from one another and for people undergoing stressful transitions. Send the light and peace of your presence, O God - and send us, too, that we might bear the light of Christ to bring companionship and hope by your grace. Stretch us, O God to expand the horizons of our lives far beyond our own imaginings: becoming more able to comprehend the mysterious and wonderful ways you are at work in the world, and joining you with joy and thanksgiving. through Christ, and in the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray.

[C] **Amen.**

The Peace

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you all!

[C] **And also with you!**

Please feel free to move about and share God’s peace with one another.

Invitation to Offering

[P] As the wise men entered the house, they knelt in joy and paid homage to Jesus. Opening their treasure chests, they gave him gifts. So we come today - offering from our own treasure chests our own gifts to Christ, the light of the world.

Sit

Offering

Anthem

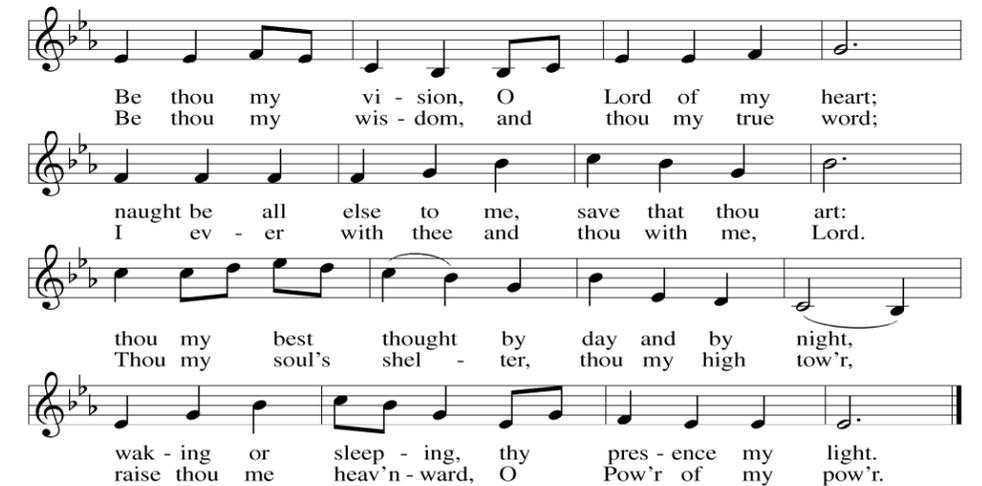
The fruits of our labor are joyfully shared with Christ’s Church

Mary had a Little Lamb Brokering/Henry

Christine Cornwell, soprano

Stand

The Presentation



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

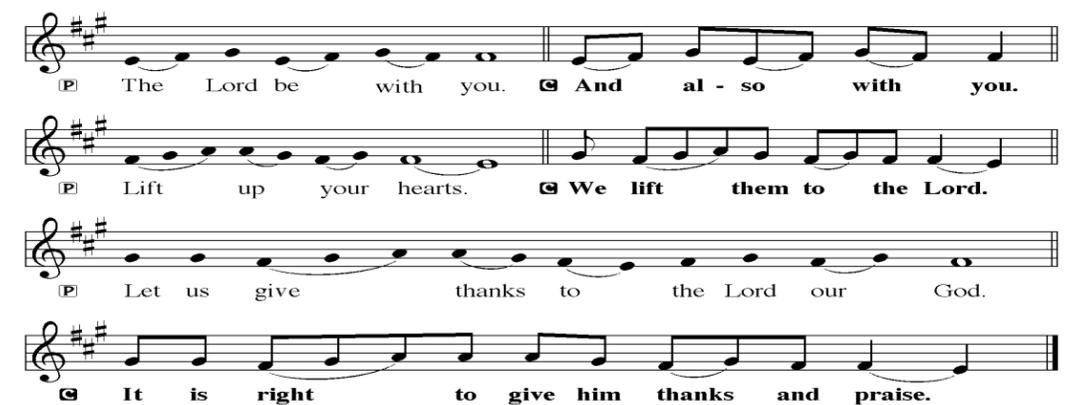
Offertory Prayer

[P] Great, saving God, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions, you have gathered us into one baptism, and one Lord with one faith. Accept these gifts as tokens of our praise and thanksgiving. May they join with others to become a mighty baptismal river, bringing your peace and healing to all the world.

[C] **Amen.**

† The Holy Eucharist †

Great Thanksgiving



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.
☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.
☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

[P] It is indeed, a right and joyful thing to - at all times and in all places - give thanks to you loving God of all. You have led us from old out of the ways of sin and death into your Light and Life - loving us always...even when we weren't very loveable. Your presence sustains us; your Holy Spirit encourages and leads us; and your salvation graces us.

And, we remember that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus, took bread, gave **thanks**, broke it and gave it to his friends saying, *Take and eat. This is my body broken for you.*

Do this and remember me.

Afterwards, he took the cup; gave **thanks**, and gave it for all to drink saying, *This cup is the New Covenant between God and humankind: my blood, poured-out for the remission of sins. Take, drink and remember me.*"

And so, with the Church on earth, we declare the **mystery** of our faith:

Celebrant sings first, congregation repeats



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.