

Visitors: we are glad you have chosen to be in worship with us this morning. *Please*, take a brief moment to complete one of the Visitor info cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate this morning. We'd like to get to know you.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the marriage, this afternoon, of Sarah Chichester and Christian Downs. The wedding will take place at 4PM and all are invited. A special reception for the couple will take place *next* Sunday following worship.

Our community meal is Wednesday, January 31. Menu is soup, grilled cheese and dessert. Sign up list is in the Parish Hall.

A little help: we still have offering envelopes for 2018 in the Parish Hall. Most are for our shut in members. Please take a look at your calendar and the available envelopes and see if you can find the time to deliver one or two sets. It's more personal and saves the church the postage.

2017 donation reports are also in the Parish Hall. If you made contributions to Trinity in 2017, please pick up your statement today.

Our monthly canned good collection for holiday baskets continues on, because the need never ceases. **January is soup.** **CCAP donation** bin is always in the front stairwell for your donations.

Looking ahead: (see newsletter for details)

Sunday February 4 is Super and Souper Bowl Sunday. Bring extra canned soup that morning for donation to the Sherando High School Soup Pantry. Remain after worship for our annual "tailgate" fun and food!

Our Sweetheart Luncheon will be Sunday, Feb. 11. Following worship we will have a delicious lunch, meal provided, everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share.

Shrove Tuesday is February 13 and we will have our Pancake supper at 6PM/

The following day is **Ash Wednesday, February 14.** We are offering worship at noon and 7PM, Ashes-to-Go will also be offered from 4-6PM; you will have time to squeeze in a date with your Valentine.



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser
Ricky Gearhart
Brenda Boldin
William Edmonson
Theresa Horn
Joe Hollis, Ralph Gregory, Bill Herrell
Jerry Rogers
Dan Painter
Mark Greene
Darla Wolf, Sue Scheulen, Jerry Rogers, Sarah Downs, Mike Pyne, Tracey Legare

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Before worship — speak to the Lord - During worship — let the Lord speak to you v After worship — speak to each other
AT TRINITY, VISITORS AREN'T ONLY EXPECTED...THEY'RE ANTICIPATED!

Welcome and Installation of Vestry

see insert

Prelude

Voluntary

Jan P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Opening Antiphon

- [P] From God comes our salvation.
- [C] **For God alone, my soul waits in silence.**
- [P] God alone is my rock and my salvation.
- [C] **God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

Stand as Sanctus Bell is sounded three times

Processional 668

O Zion, Haste!

Apostolic Greeting

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

The Collect

- [P] The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you.
- [C] **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

[P] Trusting in the promise of grace, we pour out our hearts before God...

Sit

- [C] **You call, O God, but we rarely listen; you show us your Path, but we prefer our own way.**
- [P] O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your Call with faith.
- [C] **Through your Spirit, we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.**
- [P] What a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community.
- [C] **But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know, yet we seem reluctant to open our hearts. Forgive us our hesitations and unwillingness to welcome those we have considered strangers for fear they just might become friends.**

[P] As this morning, Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:
 [C] **"[your name], follow me."**
 [P] A simple call – yet a hard one,
 [C] **because following requires leaving.**
 [P] And we look around hoping Jesus is calling someone else,,,
 [C] **And we look around and see the comfort of the life we know...**
 [P] And realize how hard it is to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.
 [C] **But, we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.**
 [P] Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your Grace in the present, and to trust you for our future.
 [C] **Through your Spirit we offer ourselves, standing together as your disciples, seeking renewed faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, O Lord; touch us now.**
 [P] The one who calls us to this place reconciles us through his Grace. Know that you are forgiven—and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.
 [C] **Amen**

Sit

Just 4 Kidz!

Pastor Cam

As children leave Children's Church (to return at The Eucharist) we sing:

Children's Procession

Jesus loves me—this, I know: for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong!

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! - the Bible tells me so.

First Lesson

See Bulletin Insert

Psalmody (sung alternating with Choir)

Psalm 62: 5-12

See Bulletin Insert

Second Lesson

See Bulletin Insert

Stand

The Gradual

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

The Holy Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

The Gospel is read

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God!**

After all have communed...Stand

Post-Communion Blessing

[P] May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace!

[C] **Amen.**

The Benediction

[P] The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

[C] **Call us this week into Your way of life, O God.**

[P] The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

[C] **Lead us into Your vision of life, O God,**

[P] The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.

[C] **Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God - filling our hearts, our eyes, our ears with Your love –**

[P] so that we are able to do *your* work by

[C] **our hands. Amen.**

The Recessional 661

I Love to Tell the Story

The Dismissal

[P] ...to love and serve the Lord!

[C] **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

I Love to tell the Story

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Next Week

Greeter Linda Rudy
Lector Sid Dailey
Eucharistic Assts. Mary Anderson, Joe Hollis
Acolyte/Crucifer Michael Perry

01/14/2017

Our Stewardship

Last week

Offering

Rec'd **\$5183**
 Required **\$4589**
Noisy: Red Wagon \$102

Attendance

96

Remember in Prayer

Katty, Robert, Carlton, Virginia, Louise, David, Mike, Nancy, Page, Sarah

Prayer requests may be placed in the white box (cards for writing requests are in the box) on the table with the Memorial Candles each Sunday. The Pastor will pick them up weekly at the *Peace* and include them in the Prayers of the People. If you have a longer-term request, please continue to notify the church office.

The Sanctus



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Words of Institution

[P] On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, we remember that you took bread, **blessed** it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This **cup** is poured as the New Covenant between God and humankind in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in **remembrance** of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the Mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant sings first; Congregation repeats



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

[P] Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts that they may become the body and blood of Christ

[C] **And, make us, through them, Christ's body—free in the world to declare and live in your Grace, hearing us as we pray:**

The 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.

Fraction and Invitation

[P] Alleluia! Christ is our sacrifice – and has given us a new commandment: that we love one another as he 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!**

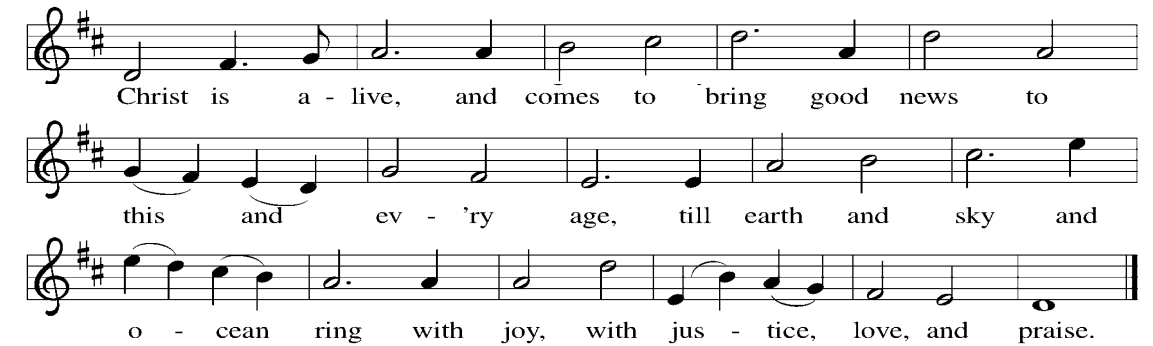
Sit

The Distribution

All Christians—regardless of denomination are invited to commune. Follow Ushers' instructions, coming as pairs to receive the Bread from Bishop or Pastor. Reception of the Cup: is by Common Cup, Intinction, or Individual Glass. If you desire only a Blessing please fold your arms across the chest.

Congregational Hymns Sung at The Communion 481 / 817 / 483

Gospel Response



Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Sit

A Little Good News!

Pastor Cam

Stand

Hymn of the Day 696

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

A Statement of Faith

[P] We believe

[C] **in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify: God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.**

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God gives us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

- UCC Statement of Faith

Prayers of the People

[P] Knowing God hears and responds to every prayer, we come with our concerns for the Church, the world and for all people according to their need...

Sit

[P] God of Time and Space, you are not bound by calendars, alarms, and watches,

[C] **teach us how to not be bound by them either.**

[P] God of the stars, the heavens, the planets and their orbits, you sent a star to guide the Magi on their journey to the Christ Child,

[C] **Send your star to guide us on our journeys of faith.**

[P] God of Creation, your Word spoke Creation into being, you sent your Son as the Light into a world of darkness. May your Word still speak clearly to us today,

[C] **and, may your Son still be the light in our worlds of darkness.**

[P] Our dark world is a hotbed of violence, pollution, starvation, and homelessness. Bring forth your Peace in the midst of these battles we create:

[C] **with plenty for those who are starving, and homes for those who have none.**

[P] Give your love of justice to those who rule our land. Help them to rule with wisdom and compassion, so that the poor and powerless may be treated fairly and with justice, and the cries for help from those caught in cycles of poverty, abuse, or violence are heard and heeded. Give them wisdom to know how best to respond, and the courage to do the right thing - even when it may not be popular.

[C] **Under their rule, may the people flourish; may there be lasting peace and plenty for all.**

[P] You call us to be people of faith, yet we are often people with doubts: we doubt that love can grow again in relationships where anger and bitterness reign supreme. But, you know the strength of love and the power of prayer: help us to be faithful in our love and prayer. We doubt that peace can come in the Middle East where hatred and racism reign supreme. Help us to be faithful peacemakers.

We doubt that the hungry can be fed in Africa, where despair and hopelessness reign supreme. You know that there is enough food in the world;

[C] **so, help us to be generous and faithful.**

[P] You are a God of impossibilities: you walked on water, you heal the nations, you forgive sins, you set the captive free -

[C] **including us.**

[P] As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame—and especially for:

(pastoral petitions ae offered)

And for those we name before you both aloud and in our hearts:

(congregational petitions ae offered aloud or in silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

[P] Loving God, no matter what we face today: mourning or gladness, gaining or losing, hope or despair — help us to focus on you and your Providence:

[C] **your care and your plan for me. Thank you for the assurance that we live forgiven and loved by you. And, as we face the coming night, help us to give thanks, and rest in peace. Hear our prayer.**

[P] We pray for those who are filled with doubts: who wonder if you even ‘are,’ and whether you are listening to your children. We pray for those who doubt the purpose of life, and for those who face feelings of meaningless and despair. Yet, even as we doubt,

[C] **give us the wisdom to turn to you.**

[P] We *believe*, Lord. Help our unbelief! Give us faith—even small as a mustard seed— so that we can be your faithful people for it is in you alone that we put our hope:

[C] **God the Father, Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things seen and unseen.**

[P] In you alone we put our hope:

[C] **God the Son, Savior and Redeemer, who died for our sins and rose again.**

[P] In you alone we put our hope: God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter, who moves us to sing and give thanks. Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light - that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy.

[C] **Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

[P] May the peace God has promised which passes all human understanding be with you all!
 [C] **And, also with you!**

Sit

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Crowned With Gold Ted Sanquist

Our gifts for God's Kingdom are joyfully shared!

Robert Clark Tenor, Stacey Clark Soprano

Stand

The Presentation *(sing twice)*

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[P] Bless, in every way, O Lord, the gifts of your people here given. Enrich our ministries and make us so genuinely grateful to be able to let go of those things we do not – in the end – even own.
 [C] **Amen.**

† The Holy Eucharist †

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.
 [C] **And also with you.**
 [P] Lift up your hearts.
 [C] **We lift them to the Lord.**
 [P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 [C] **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
 [P] It is, indeed, right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God: Father, Son [†] and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.
 Blessed are you, as his Son, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them ‘good.’ You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. Yet, we betrayed your calling;
 [C] **But, you remained faithful.**
 [P] We wandered from your way;
 [C] **Yet you called us to return, and led us home.**
 [P] And so, we praise you: joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing to the glory of your name: