

First Sunday of Christmas

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Want to receive our **weekly Trinity Times Newsletter** by email?

✉ Fill out a welcome card (basket in the Narthex) with your name and email, and we'll add you to the list.

Prefer print? Pick up a copy **next to the name tag table in the Narthex**, or call the office to request a mailed version:

📞 **540-869-4019** | ⏰ Tuesday–Friday, 8 AM–1 PM



810 Fairfax Street
Stephens City, VA
Sunday Worship, 9:30AM
(540) 869-4019
December 28, 2025



*The Chancel Flowers are given today by the
Landes Family in loving memory of Carlton &
Virginia Snapp.*

Please Consider Donating Chancel Flowers

Would you like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? Consider donating **chancel flowers** for a Sunday service.

Flower donations are a beautiful way to:

- Honor or remember someone special
- Celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or milestone
- Add beauty to our worship space

If you'd like to donate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please sign up on the **flower calendar** in the church Narthex or contact Martha Cooley.

You're welcome to take the flowers home after the service, or they can be delivered to someone in need of encouragement.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 893 4718 0792 Passcode: 173681

Dial 1-301-715-8592 US

Facebook Live: you must have internet, but you do not need to have a Facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranchurchstephenscityva/live/>

This Weeks: Greeter: Pam Reichert. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Pam Reichert.

Next Weeks: Greeter: Martha Cooley. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Hilda Painter.

Communion Assistant: Hilda Painter.

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WELCOME

"Service of Carols" explained....Pastor Larry

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand

Holy child of Bethlehem, you are the hope of the world,
the song of the angels, the treasure of our hearts,
and the glory of God among us.

**Call us to worship you in the places where your love is
born anew: wherever kindness prevails, justice
flourishes,
and peace reigns.**

Glory to you, God most high—you have given us a Savior,
the Messiah, the Lord—good news of great joy for all.

**Make us messengers of the gospel and shepherds of
your people; guide us always in paths of peace; through
Jesus Christ we pray.**

Holy God, all-glorious giver of grace, you are light, shining in
darkness; you are life, the life of all people.

**Fill us with the light and life of Christ, through whom all
things were made, so that we may be faithful disciples,
bearing witness to your grace and truth; through Christ,
your Word made flesh.**

And now Lord we pray as you taught us to pray:

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.

Sit

All about "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymn: Good Christian friends, Rejoice" (#288)

All about "Away in a Manger"

Stand

Hymn: Away in a Manger (#278)

Sit

All about "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful (#283)

All about "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Stand

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem" (#279)

Sit

THE OFFERING

The Gospel in four verses, AKA the 'Roman road'... *Pastor Larry*

- ❖ The new quarter of **Christ in Our Home** daily devotional booklets are in the rack in the Narthex. You may have to scoot around the Tree of Warmth to get to them.
- ❖ **2026 Chancel flower calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The entire year is there, so you can choose your Sundays for all of 2025.

January

Save the Date Calendar

- 1- Office closed
- 4 - Second Sunday of Christmas ~ *Service* @ 9:30 AM
 - Installment of Youth Conformation Participants
- 11- Baptism of our Lord ~ *Service* @ 9:30 AM
 - Installment of Council Members
- 13- 9AM - 2PM Blood Drive, Parish Hall
 - 9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, Rm. 204
 - 11:30AM Lutheran Church Women, Rm. 205
 - 6:30 PM Congregational Council Meeting, Rm. 205
- 18-Noisy Offering -- Access Independence
- 19-Office closed, MLK day
- 27-9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, Rm. 204
- 28-5:30PM Community Meal: soup, grilled cheese, dessert

Birthdays

- 1 Kim Begnaud-Hampton
- 4- Kavin Kowis
- 13-Loretta Koontz
- 21 Ralph Gregory, Amy Hall
- 23-Maxine Rogers
- 25-Nancy Huffman
- 29-Cody Wolf

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Sunday Servants** 🙌

We'd love your help in making each Sunday special. Whether you'd like to greet, read, assist with Communion, or take part in special services like lighting the Advent Wreath—there's a place for you!

Reach out to **Christine Cornwell** or sign up through **SignUpGenius** in the newsletter.

• **Prayer Team Table**

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact **Lorrie Closter 540-840-8401**, to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession.

• **Hospital Visitation**

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted.

To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Pastor Closter** or **Martha Cooley**.

• **Choir Rehearsals** - Rehearsals Thursdays @5:45PM, please join us in making a joyful noise, if interested please Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director – music@trinitychurchvirginia.org. 🎵

• **Chime Choir** – Sundays after service | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director – music@trinitychurchvirginia.org

• **Food Pantry Item of the Month: Raman Noodles** | Contact: Kim Begnaud-Hampton– kbegnaud0101@yahoo.com

Reminders

❖ **2026 Offering Envelopes**

If you did not receive yours, they are available on the side table in the Parish Hall. Any not picked up by **January 4** will be mailed. Questions? Contact **Michael Lambert at (540) 539-8631**.

Stand

Acclamations and Amen (WOV #618b)



Sit

All about *"Silent Night"*

Stand

Hymn: "Silent Night" (#281)

Sit

All about *"Joy to the World"*

Hymn: Joy to the World" (#267)

All about *"The First Noel"*

Hymn: The First Noel (#300)

Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

Before we leave we pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and fellowship within the Church Jesus has built.

And because it would rejoice his heart, we remember at this time the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children and all who know not the Lord Jesus as their savior.

Lastly, we remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another

shore...and in a greater light, we remember and rejoice with that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and are now with our Lord Jesus in their eternal home. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

Amen

Sit

All about "Hark! The Harold Angels Sing"

Stand

Hymn: Hark! The Harold Angels Sing" (#270)

SENDING

Go in Peace, Christ is Born!

God is with us! Alleluia!

~The Trinity Times~

Church & Community

news

IN THE KNOW Upcoming Events & Reminders

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY *Here's what's happening at a glance:*

- **Monday, December 29** – CMSP Music private lesson @ 2:30 pm | piano, Room 203 & violin, Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, December 31** – **New Year's Eve**, Join Pastor, Laurie, and Kim at Middletown's First Night celebration on New Year's Eve from **6–9 pm** at the town building. They will be handing out hot cocoa and Trinity flyers—stop by, say hello, and help share Trinity's welcome with the community!
- **Thursday, January 1, 2026** – **Happy New Year!**
- **Friday, January 2** – No Bible study.
- **Sunday, January 4** – **Second Sunday of Christmas ~ Service** @ 9:30 AM
 - Installment of Youth Conformation Participants
 - Coffee Hour | Parish Hall – All are welcome!
 - Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
 - Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall