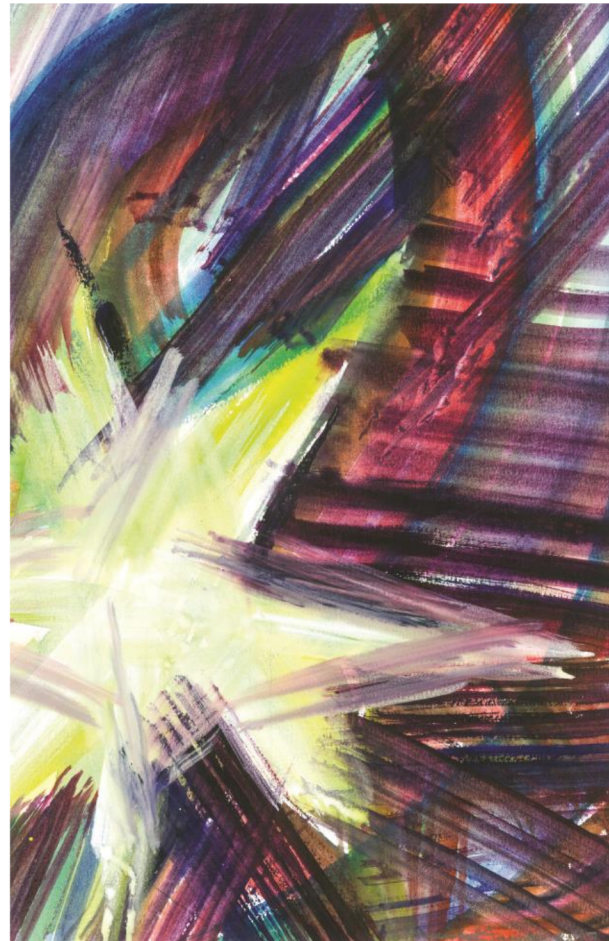


Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord

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Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshipping, nurturing and serving** community.

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Che

Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord

Call to Worship ♦

There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

Yes. We do. The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.

Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Church, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Friend, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Let us worship the God who knows our names.

Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"

Call to Confession ♦

Our scripture passage for today tells the story of Jesus being baptized. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the sky opened up and the voice of God was heard saying, "You are my Son, whom I love; with whom I am well-pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Friends, I don't think that's the only time God has said words like that. If I understand the promise of scripture, then I believe God delights in you. God created you. God loves you with the same passion that we hear God express in today's scripture.

So trusting that good news, trusting that we are beloved, let us go to God in prayer. For we know that the one who listens, listens with love. What greater gift exists than that? Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession ♦

Loving God, From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good. However, somewhere along the way we replaced "good" with "not enough." Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news. Amen. (Silence for Reflection)

Words of Forgiveness ♦

Family of faith, God's grace and understanding is deeper and wider than we could possibly imagine. So say these words of grace with me: **Our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, God never stops breaking through the**

clouds to claim us. We are known. We are forgiven. We are beloved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Passing of the Peace
Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith ♦
I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love. I believe that God created me and delights in that creation. I believe the psalmist who says, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I believe that, just as God called Jesus "beloved," God extends this same term of endearment to us. I believe that no matter our earthly challenges, nothing could strip me of that sacred title. I could fail every test, miss every goal, drop every ball, and I would still be God's beloved. Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm. I anchor myself with this good news, allowing the anxiety of the day to roll over me as best I can, because I know where I belong. I am a child of God. I am beloved. I strive to live this way. Amen.

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "In The Garden" Miles
Jack Jeffe, Viola

* Doxology (Hymn #606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Wake Up To a World Of Light" Pote
Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Meditation "So It Begins" Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

Celebrating the Epiphany

* Hymn #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" (verses 1 & 2)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our

debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

* Hymn #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" (verses 3 & 4)

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

* Benediction ♦

Family of faith, as you leave this place, you go into a weary world— so speak tenderly. Do the good that is yours to do. Choose connection. Hold onto hope. And remember that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved. So go rejoicing. The world needs it. Amen.

* Congregational Response (Hymn#151)

"We Three Kings of Orient"
(Words printed on back)

The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us to move closer to Jesus. We invite you to be a part of our walk-thru Epiphany Celebration in Mehaffey Hall. A take-home meal will be provided.

* Denotes please stand if able.

♦ "Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

WORSHIP NOTES

Today, all of those who are able and/or are comfortable, are invited forward to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which will be served by intinction, which simply means receiving a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating them together. Gluten-free and pre-packaged elements will also be available for those who so desire.

Lay Reader: Hailey Tucker **Audio Tech:** Chuck Radloff

Audio Visual: Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler

Flowers: The flowers this morning are given by The Walker Family to the Glory of God and in honor of Mick Walker's 80th Birthday on January 5th.

Children's Worship Table: Children are invited to the Children's Worship Table after the Faith Formation to enjoy this week's Children's Worship booklet and/or any of the other quiet activities in the Children's area.

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

Gail Alvaro, **Ajit Banerjee**, Billings Family, Jason Bradley*, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess, Jim & Willa Burns**, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs**, Pete Cooper, Ruth DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby***, William Downs, Patrick Floyd*, Clarisa Gibson, Hadley Gray, Stanley Hannum*, **Bob Johnson, Gene Johnson, Javan N. Jones***, **Kathy Jones-Mills, Queenester Jones, Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Lucas Kelly, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen, Gloria Martin, Judy Mascenic, Bobbi McCarthy**, Sue McCarthy, **Tom & Carol McGovern**, Declan Mitchell*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, **Pat Olson**, Joseph C. Orr*, William Patterson, **Ed Peart**, Fred Pellmann, **Helene Read**, Bradford Robinson, **Norma Rogero**, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham*, Sara Shoreland, **Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, **Ryan Tugas***, **Tony & Doris Valenti, Mick Walker**, Monique Warmington, Norma Warwell, **BJ Waugaman**, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer***, **Theodore Winternheimer***, **Kenny Wittmer**

*The Robert Tabit Memorial Service will be held at Trinity
this Saturday, January 13th at 11:00am.*

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.
Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Donna Guerin	1/8	Sean Hair	1/9
Janet Schaaf	1/8	Diane Simmons	1/10
Bob Wright	1/9	Trevor Tucker	1/12
Leo Richards	1/9	Arvid Olson	1/13
Walter Sarden	1/9	Helene Read	1/13



2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes are located in the Narthex, please pick up yours today. If you do not see yours and would like envelopes, please contact Judy in the church office at 445-4757 or trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com

FLOOR CLEANING

Starting this coming week, hallways and doorways will be blocked off for floor cleaning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Hymn #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. **[Refrain]**

3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. **[Refrain]**

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

This week in our Church (Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-12noon):

Sunday, January 7th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Epiphany Celebration (Mehaffey)
- 11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)

Monday, January 8th

- 9:30 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Service & Outreach Committee (Kepler)
- 1:00 PM Worship & Music Committee (Kepler)
- 2:00 PM PW Bible Study Leaders (Calvin)
- 3PM & 5PM Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 5:00 PM CCPC Board Meeting (Kepler)
- 6:15 PM Cub Scouts Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Calvin, Youth Rooms)

Tuesday, January 9th

- 9:30 AM Facility Care Committee (Mehaffey)
- 2:00 PM Finance Committee (Kepler)
- 6:30 PM Scout Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey)

Wednesday, January 10th

- 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

Thursday, January 11th

- 8:45 AM Men's Breakfast (Mehaffey)
- 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

Friday, January 12th

- 6:30 PM NA Meeting (Calvin)
- 6:30 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

Saturday, January 13th

- 11:00 AM Tabit Memorial Service & Reception (Sanctuary & Mehaffey)

Sunday, January 14th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)
- 12PM-5PM CCPC Auditions/Rehearsal (Mehaffey, Sanctuary, Music)

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