

Offertory:	“Candlelight Carol”	John Rutter
*Holy Communion:		UMH# p.13
Music During Communion:	“One Bread, One Body”	UMH# 620
*Hymn:	“Soon and Very Soon”	UMH #706
Benediction		
Postlude:	“The First Noel”	Traditional English carol

We thank those who participated in today’s service:
Acolytes: Mason Hedeem, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas
Altar Flowers: In honor of the New Year!
Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
Communion Bread: Cathy MacGovern
Fellowship Hour: Volunteers
Liturgist: Janet Dixon-Metcalf
Soloist: Devon Bakum
Ushers: Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth, Brenda Lopez
Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget’s brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), The C family, Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Kelly H, Blair J (Brenda L's grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Velma M, Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T’s sister & Camille’s sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), Courtney H (Sheila W's daughter), our service men, women and their loved ones, the people of Ukraine and those affected by gun violence and these winter disasters.

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God’s love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Epiphany Sunday

January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“If there is any one message the Bible delivers, it is the message that God loves outcasts, and that Jesus was born into the world an outcast to rescue and renew outcasts from religion gone bad. He was born poor and died poor, yet the legacy of love he left us, the legacy of inclusion and acceptance and understanding, will endure forever.” – Mel White

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT TO WORSHIP

** Those who are able are invited to stand. * Items in bold are read in unison.
We are invited to observe silence during the prelude. Please turn off cell phones.
If you have a prayer request, please write it on a “Prayer Card” found in the card rack, and place it in the offering plate.
All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

Prelude: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Traditional arr. D. Winkler

Welcome and Announcements
(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

*Call to Worship:
One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.
Many: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.
One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.
Many: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.
One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.
Many: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.
All: O Lord, guide us as [we] look to You and worship You.
Amen.

*Hymn: "We Three Kings" UMH#254

*Prayer of Confession:
Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.

*Words of Assurance:
As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and Shine. Follow the star. Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem . . . and be transformed from darkness into light. Amen.

Special Music: “Jesus Child” John Rutter

*Passing the Peace of Christ
(To help us be a warm and caring spiritual home, please take a few moments to greet on another in Christian love. A historical Christian greeting would be: “The Peace of Christ be with you. “And also, with you.”)

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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 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. Amen.

Prayer Response

*Hymn: “Star-Child” TFWS #2095
(Children 4-6 are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Children 7-12 are invited to Chapel Kids in Grace Chapel. Parents are asked to escort their children and pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV) N.T. pp.1-2
For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, thanks be to God.

Sermon: “New Year Transformation” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:
On this first Sunday of the New Year, inspire us to give back to you so that together, we can be in ministry to all of the world. With joyful hearts let us give back to the Lord.