

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Offertory: “Shall We Gather at the River” J. Carter

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (Discipleship Ministries)

As we present our tithes and offering in worship and witness Christ’s baptism once again, may we remember that in that water we were, like Christ, commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. Bless these gifts and the givers. Amen.

***Hymn:** “I Was There to Hear your Borne Cry” TFWS# 2051

Benediction

Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” J.G. Walther

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Acolytes: Felix, Fiona and Meriel Everett

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Edie G, from Mark and Natalia G.

Altar Guild: Ginger Elliott and Lisa Foster

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Volunteers

Liturgist: Adam Smedberg

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers,

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 Calhoun 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, those affected by gun violence and by winter storms across the country.



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

Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

If you accept the belief that baptism incorporates us in the mystical body of Christ, into the divine DNA, then you might say that the Holy Spirit is present in each of us, and thus we have the capacity for the fullness of redemption, of transformation.” --Thomas Keating

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: “Draw Me Close” K. Carpenter arr. M. Hayes

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

Introit: “Ding Dong! Merrily on High” G. Woodward, C. Wood

***Call to Worship:**
One: Wade into the waters of love;
Many: Step into the rivers of blessing.
One: Here, find the renewing streams of mercy.
Many: Here, taste the wonder of God’s goodness.
One: Feel the waters of life;
Many: Know the joy of baptism.
One: See the springs of eternal life;
Many: Sing the triumph of God’s blessing.

***Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH# 89

***Prayer of Confession:**
Have mercy on us, O God. You created us to be little lower than the angels, but we have not lived up to our potential. We have coveted ease and comfort above wisdom and growth. We have valued security more than integrity. We have preferred convenience above self-discipline. We have hidden from responsibility by blaming others. We have prized popularity and possessions more than compassion and justice. We have caused others to suffer because of our shortcomings. We know our transgressions. Our sin is ever before us. Against you, and you alone, I have sinned. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity. Cleanse us from our sins. Pour out your baptismal grace upon us. Grant us a new birth of freedom and hope, with the power and perseverance to become what you have created us to be. Thank you for continuing your love to us, and help us grow in your love. Amen.

***Words of Assurance and Pardon:**
Hear the exciting news of God’s love for us. If we confess our pride and self-centeredness, God will forgive us. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord. **Amen.**

Response:
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Special Music: “Angels We Have Heard on High” French carol arr. D. Cherwien

***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:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH# 154
(Bible Story Time and Chapel Kids are on break until Sunday, January 29.)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17 (NRSV) N.T. p. 3
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: “Baptism of the Lord” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering:
On this Second Sunday of Epiphany, 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.