

Offertory: “Blowin' in the Wind” Bob Dylan

Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – *Bell Worship Resources*
God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. We share our financial resources with you because of the splendorous ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. All glory is given to you, Lord God. In your powerful name, we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” TFWS# 2051

Benediction

Postlude: “Duke Street” (Jesus Shall Reign) John Hatton

We thank those who participated in today’s service:
Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun and Jennifer Rowell
Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie
No Fellowship Hour due to the Boar’s Head Festival
Liturgist: Camille Twining
Organ/Piano: Vera Baker
Soloist: Laura Ellington, mezzo soprano, has been a vocalist, conductor and educator for nearly forty years. Her work has taken her all over the US, Europe and Asia. She settled in the Pioneer Valley in 2021 and teaches voice at Smith and Mount Holyoke Colleges, and Westfield State University. She is the Director of the Children's Chorus of Springfield and Joyful Voices at the Community Music School of Springfield and is the lead singer for the jazz quartet, Suspension Bridge.
Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Ray Miller
Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Mark F, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Diane M, Carlos M, Herb M, Les P, Catherine Ann R, Jen R, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, the family of Joe Z, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern



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 the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: *The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)* and *The Faith We Sing (TFWS)*. Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.
*Please stand in body or in spirit. **Items in bold are read in unison.** Items italicized are sung by the choir.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“Baptism in the Holy Spirit belongs to those who believe and are not of this world.” - Sunday Adelaja

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Meditation on a Medieval Hymn-tune” Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship:** – *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*
One: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.
Many: We come to be cleansed and made whole.
One: Come! Let us witness John’s confusion and Jesus’ insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.
Many: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.
One: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus’ identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.
Many: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.
One: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.
Many: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

***Hymn:** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” TFWS# 2238

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** – *Ministry Matters 2014*
We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:** - *Rev. Mia M. McClain, Senior Pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Washington, DC*
The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the good news of our Lord. **Amen.**

***Response:** “As the Deer” TFWS #2025
As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Music Ministry: “Down to the River to Pray” arr. Mary McDonald

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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:** “Spirit Song” UMH# 347
(Chapel Kids is on break until February.)

Old Testament Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9 (NRSV) p. 630
New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17 (NRSV) p. 3

Response to the Word:
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Baptism of Christ” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – *Discipleship Ministries*
Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ’s name we pray, **Amen.**