

**Offertory:** “Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming” Trad. arr. by B. Adams

**Doxology** UMH #94

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** – *Bell Worship Resources*  
O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Here I Am, Lord” UMH# 593

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Sleigh Ride” L. Anderson, arr. by C. White

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**We thank those who participated in today’s service:**  
**Acolytes:** Henry and Julia Gray, Aisla Varnon  
**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of Grandma D, from D  
**Altar Ministry:** Julie Calhoun and Jennifer Rowell  
**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie  
**Fellowship Hour:** The Christian Education & Spiritual Formation Committee and volunteers  
**Flautist:** Janet Dixon-Metcalf  
**Liturgist:** Wynton Jarvinen  
**Organist/Pianist:** Dr. Christopher White  
**Ushers:** Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Matt Connelly, Hope & Fred Lewis  
**Video Team:** Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

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**Please Pray for:** Bridget B, James B, the B family, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Mark F, Donna Gourinski, Courtney Hyatt, Pete Libardi, Brenda Lopez, Cristopher Lopez, Katherine Lovell, Amy Lovell, Diane Mackie, Carlos Manning, Herb Menzel, the M family, Les Prentice, Catherine Ann Richardson, Jen Ryan, Carl Siktberg, Lynn Tallman, Allie Wilgus, the Z family, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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*Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Bruce Glenn*  
*Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell, M.Div*  
*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

Second Sunday After Epiphany/Human Relations Sunday

January 18, 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

“The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.”  
– William Sloane Coffin Jr.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Water in the Moonlight” T. Bethune

**\*Call to Worship:** – *Abingdon Worship Annual* edited by Mary J. Scifres

One: God is faithful.

**Many: God’s steadfast love and faithfulness keep us safe forever.**

One: God is faithful.

**Many: The Holy One of Israel has chosen you.**

One: God is faithful.

**Many: By God, you were called into fellowship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

One: God is faithful.

**Many: Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:** – *Discipleship Ministries*

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers. We know we do not always live as we ought: We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance:** - *Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good.”*

Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! **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:** “Go Tell It On The Mountain” Trad. arr. by Joel Raney

**\*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:** “This Is My Song” UMH# 437  
(Chapel Kids is on break until February.)

**New Testament Scripture Reading:** John 1: 29-42 (NRSV) pp. 86 - 87

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

**Sermon:** “What Are You Looking For?” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

**Invitation to Offering:** – *Discipleship Ministries*  
Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. **Amen.**