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**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 18, 2026**

*"He on whom you see the Spirit descending and remain  
is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."—John 1:33*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" *Keith Kolander*

**Choral Introit 591** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" *arr. John Bell*

**Call to Worship**

We come to worship today to behold the Lamb who takes away the sin of  
the world, who sees us and knows us and finds us and affirms us.

***Come and see!***

**\*Hymn 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, today we are reminded that at his baptism your Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. We are reminded today that Jesus was a person of the Spirit who lived in both the material world of ordinary experience that we all live in, but also he lived in the world of Spirit, filled with sufficient power and energy to transform persons and circumstances for the better in the ordinary world. Forgive us when we doubt the world of Spirit, or resist it and hold back the power of your Spirit among us. Descend upon us anew by your Spirit that we, too, might be channels of your life-transforming power. Amen.**

**Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response 437** "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"

**Passing of the Peace**

**1st scripture reading** John 1:29-42

<b>Anthem</b>	"Come, Gracious Spirit"	Alfred V. Fedak
<b>Prayer for Children</b>		
<b>2nd scripture reading</b>	John 1:43-51	
<b>Sermon</b>	"Initiation Into the World of Spirit"	David Garnett
<b>*Hymn 693</b>	Though I May Speak the Gift of Love	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>	<i>(from A Brief Statement of Faith, sec 3-6, pg 37-38)</i>	
<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Invitation to Giving</b>		
<b>Prayers of the People &amp; the Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>*Hymn 291</b>	Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness	
<b>*Charge and Blessing</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" <i>arr. Fred Bock</i>	

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Worship Notes:** *The Prayers of the People and the Charge and Benediction were written by Stephanie Sorge, who makes them freely available for our use in worship.*

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**LITURGIST(S):** Tom Karvonen  
**SCREENS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,  
Catherine Langsdorf

**FLOWERS:** Given by Kris Grasse in honor of  
Leslie Nissen - God is her refuge and strength  
**LIVESTREAM:** Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,  
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

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**WORSHIP TEAM**

**Transitional Pastor:** Rev. David Garnett  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury  
**Minister of Music:** Rev. Lesley Bush  
**Section Leaders:** Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook,  
Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen

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**TRINITY TEAM**

**Maintenance Facilitator:** Jim Kisner  
**Treasurers:** Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder  
**Financial Secretary:** Diane Bowers  
**Bookkeeper:** Angela Kuykendoll  
**Tellers:** Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter,  
Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

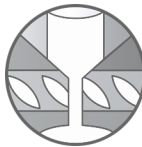
***This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.***



PC(USA)  
June 10, 1983 -  
our denomination



Presbytery of Western  
North Carolina -  
our regional leadership



More Light  
Presbyterians -  
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care  
Congregation -  
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida  
Guatemala - global  
partnership



a Matthew 25  
Church - social  
justice advocacy

## **SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry mtg.  
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

## **MONDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

8:15 Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast (BRCC)  
9:00 Finance Team  
12:00 MLK Day of Service (St. James)  
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time  
4:00 Tai chi  
5:00 Session Mtg.

## **TUESDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
10:00 Coffee Group  
10:30 Naomi Circle  
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

## **WEDNESDAY**

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid  
3:30 Zoom: Earth Care Ministry Mtg.  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY**

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal  
11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book group  
1:30 Trinity Book Group  
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time  
4:00 Tai chi  
6:30 Cub Scouts

## **FRIDAY**

8:00 Toastmasters

## **SATURDAY**

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

## **SUNDAY - ANNUAL MEETING & FIVE CENTS A MEAL**

9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
**10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
11:00 Annual Meeting  
1:00 Youth Bowling Outing!  
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

**DON'T FORGET!!**  
**SINGLE SERVICE AT 10AM NEXT SUNDAY**

**Jan 18 - 25**

### **Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week**

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## **PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:**

Joan Poole upon the loss of her brother-in-law; **Hospice:** Gary Kozen **Hospital:** Leslie Nissen **Rehab/Nursing:** Ben Moore (The Bridge); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nugent Sharp, Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Jane Sugawara (Ohio) **Home:** Marty Roller; Nancy Twitchen; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Brenda Nelson; Kay Vickery; Marty Zigovsky; Keira Hunt (Carol Danilin's great-granddaughter); Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Alice Malone (Emma Persigehl's mother); Peggy King (Kathy Madigan's friend); Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); John Kostlevy; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend) **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

**2026 FLOWER CHART** is up and running! If you would like to honor your loved ones with a gift of flowers in their name for one of our worship services, please visit "Sign-Ups" on our webpage to reserve your flower date(s) today!

## **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY! A DAY ON!**

The church office will be closed on Monday in honor of MLK Day, but this is not just a day off. It is a day ON to remember how people of justice and kindness can change the world. If you'd like to make the most of YOUR MLK Day, check out the Annual MLK Unity Breakfast at Blue Ridge Community College and/or the MLK Day of Service at St. James Episcopal.

**WINTER WEATHER ALERTS.** If winter weather affects church activities, remember that our opening, closing, and/or delay status can be found on WLOS-TV ([wlos.com](http://wlos.com)) and on our website ([trinitypresnc.org](http://trinitypresnc.org)).

**WED NIGHT LIVE - Jan 28**, dinner at 5:30, program at 6:30. We will have Mike Shepard with a presentation of his trip to the Holy Land. **Sign up cut off is Sunday Jan 25 after church.** We are trying this new signup deadline to prevent misordering food amounts from our caterers. Thank you for making your reservations today (or ASAP)!

**THE 2026 TRINITY WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be March 13-15, 2026. Registration forms, including answers to most questions, are on a table in the Narthex. The registration deadline is looming, as ***we need to give Montreat a headcount by the middle of January.*** Please join us! *"I've attended many women's retreats at Montreat over the years, and each time, I think 'this was the best one yet!'"—Norie Sanchez*

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** An updated list of nursery volunteers has been posted in the narthex. Please review it for anything that needs correcting or additions. Please contact Kris Grasse with questions. [kgrasse93@gmail.com](mailto:kgrasse93@gmail.com)

**PRAYER LIST ONLINE SUBMISSIONS:** Hi folks! Just a quick reminder that the EASIEST way to add someone to the prayer list is through the big red button at the top of our website. Thank you for sharing your prayer requests!

**DEATH CAFÉ:** Mon, Jan 26 at 3pm. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. We meet monthly in the lounge. Light refreshments.

**THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS** are available free to members and guests. Pick one up from the Welcome table and elsewhere in the narthex. They are so good for an early morning read or whenever. A great way to start your day! - Sandy Weeks

**WELCOME BACK CHOIR!** If YOU'D like to have fun and make some music with us, you're welcome at Choir rehearsals on Weds at 7:30 PM. Questions? Please reach out to Eric McAnallen.