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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026**

*"Come, follow me," he said,
"and I'll show you how to fish for people."—Matthew 4:19*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *arr. Mark Hayes*

Choral Introit 591 "Sing Glory to the Name of God" *David Gambrell*

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

***Hymn 314** "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

Call to Confession & Prayer

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 27:1, 4–9

Anthem "We Sing the Mighty Power of God" *arr. by Hal Hopson*
Jan Bridges, flute; Jim Masek and Robin Lattimore, handbells

Prayer for Children

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

“Were They Friends?”

Dwight Christenbury

*Hymn 751

“From the Nets of Our Labor”

Affirmation of Faith *(unison, from The Confession of 1967)*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Undie Sunday

Leslie Nissen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

“Postlude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession, by Teri McDowell Ott, is provided for free distribution by The Presbyterian Outlook.

LITURGIST(S): Kathy Madigan
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
 Catherine Langsdorf

FLOWERS: Given by Joy Guenther in recognition for love and support of family
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

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

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

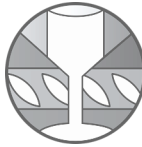
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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 - 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

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

2:00 Personnel Ministry Mtg.

3:00 Death Café

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

2:30 Origami Group

5:30 Circles Team

6:30 Deborah Circle

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

5:30 WNL Dinner

6:30 WNL Presentation: Travelogue - Mike

Shepard in the Holy Land

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

9:00 Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby

9:00 Presbytery Meeting

SUNDAY - COMMUNION

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

2:00 CONCERT: Mission for the Planet w/ Jim Scott (Unitarian Universalist Church in Hendo)

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Jan 25 - Feb 1

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:

Debra Scott upon the loss of her husband, Gary Kozen, the family of Judy Meizner **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.

STATEMENTS OF GIVING for 2025 are available on a table in the narthex. Please pick up your statement to help the church save on mailing costs.

GIVE TO THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: SUNDAY, FEB. 8. Trinity has participated nearly every year since 2000 in this annual, multi-denominational, nationwide effort to fight hunger in local communities. This year's Souper Bowl offering will be collected on Sunday, February 8, and the whole Trinity family is invited to join in; donations of food and money will go to Interfaith Assistance Ministry. Thank you!

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! (We esp. need sign up for the month of Feb)

UNDIE SUNDAY IS HERE! All four Sundays in February are hereby declared by Local Missions to be Undie Sunday at Trinity, and we are hoping to break records this year! Drop your new, packaged underwear or bras in the collection bins (located in the Narthex) any Sunday in February - or at any point during the week! Sizes most needed are Men's small and Medium, and Women's all sizes. The need is not as critical for children's underwear, but those packages are always accepted. We are NOT asking for socks or T-shirts at this time. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need find a little dignity. *Order online or shop in stores -- just bring donations of brand new drawers!*

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.

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 signup deadline to right-size orders from our caterers. Thank you for making your reservations today (or ASAP)! Note - if weather makes sign-ups impossible, a call or email to the church can reserve your spot just as well!

JIM SCOTT, GUITAR, IN CONCERT "MISSION FOR THE PLANET, Sun, Feb 1 at 2PM at the UU on Kanuga, suggested donation \$20

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) and on our website (trinitypresnc.org).

VISITORS, Would you like to join Trinity? Let David or Dwight know. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!