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**Second Sunday after Christmas Day
January 4, 2025 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us . . ."—John 1:14

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

In Thee Is Gladness

J. Matthias Michel

Choral Introit 242 "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Praise the Lord, O you people.

We joyfully proclaim that Christ is here!

The God of all creation animates our bodies
with the breath of the Spirit.

**The Lord, the giver of life,
has come to dwell among us.**

***Hymn 112**

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and guidance, in Christ you sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In him, you promise new life, but we prefer old habits, nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with your love, but we reject neighbors and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the image of your Son with your mercy, and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 127** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, st 2

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 31:7–14	
Anthem	With A Voice of Singing	M Shaw
Prayer for Children		
Gospel Lesson	John 1:1–18	
Sermon	“On the Ground”	Dwight Christenbury
Ordination and Installation of Church Officers		
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	
*Hymn 119	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
• Invitation to the Table		
• The Prayer of Thanksgiving		
• The Words of Institution		
• Communion of the People		
*Hymn 140	“Once in Royal David's City”	
*Charge and Blessing		
Postlude	In Dir Ist Freude	JS Bach

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: *The Prayer of Confession is reprinted by permission from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

LITURGIST(S): Barb T.		LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,		Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz
Catherine Langsdorf		LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 134
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<u>WORSHIP TEAM</u>		<u>TRINITY TEAM</u>
Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett		Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury		Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.		Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
Interim Music Director: Tim Shepard		Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook,		Tellers: Barbara Goodman, Pat Harter,
Tim Kuykendall, Eric McAnallen		Robin Hodgson, Betty Lockwood

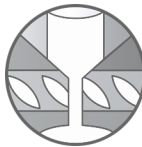
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

11:00 PW Bible Study Leaders Team

2:00 PW Coordinating Team

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds

TUESDAY - EPIPHANY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

12:00 Staff Lunch

4:00 Global Missions Ministry mtg.

WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING DAY!

10:00 Undecorating Day!

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

4:00 Wise Women Network

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

8:30 New Thermostats Installation

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD, SALLY BEGHTOL'S RETIREMENT, & ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

12:15 Sally Beghtol's Retirement Party!

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:

The family of Daniel Estrada in Guatemala; Harry Petersen upon the loss of his husband

Hospital: Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister)

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:** Brenda Nelson; Kay Vickery; David Smith; 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); Nancy Twitchen; 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.

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

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).

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

ELDERS: If you chair a ministry...thank you for your service over the past year! And to keep a record of all your ministries' great service, please start preparing your Annual Reports. They will be due on Jan 11, 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you requested offering envelopes for 2026, they are located on a table in the narthex. There is a sign-out sheet which indicates your offering envelope number beside your name. Please sign the sheet when you take your envelopes. There are also some extra envelopes if you didn't request them on your pledge card; please indicate your name beside the number of the envelope box you are taking. Thank you for your 2026 pledge!

YOU ARE AMAZING! *58 pair of mittens, 147 pair of gloves, 123 hats, 173 pair of socks, 10 toddler blankets, 3 scarves, 1 winter jacket, and a tiny pair of boots, these are the gifts you brought to Trinity to decorate The Mitten Tree. Your gifts will protect local toddlers, middles, and teens from the wind and freezing cold over the next several months. Thank you so much! Even when you were bringing your gifts to The Mitten Tree, you doubled up and brought food to Trinity's IAM closet to share with hungry neighbors. Thank you so much!! Your cozy gifts are off The Mitten Tree now, delivered to IAM so they can warm cold hands, feet and ears, and be wrapped around cold youngsters to keep them warm. You definitely are amazing! Thank you so much!!!—Sandy & Bud Weeks*

WED NIGHT LIVE! Trinity's first 2026 WNL dinner and presentation! Wednesday, January 14th we will have Richard Morgan presenting his "Poetry in Art" entertaining us after dinner. Sign-up sheet will be posted. Also a reminder that the cost for dinner will be \$12.00 per person.

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!