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Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well blessed.’”—Matthew 3:17

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Larry Shackley

Choral Introit 485 “We Know That Christ Is Raised” John Brownlow Geyer

Call to Worship (responsive, from Psalm 148)

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!

The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.

*Hymn 482 “Baptized in Water”

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

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

Passing of the Peace

Anthem "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" **Gordon Young**

Prayer for Children

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"Beloved"

David Garnett

*Hymn 164

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Please stand in body or spirit

Worship Notes: Our liturgy today appeared in Presbyterian Outlook and was written by Roger Gench, who gives us permission to use it freely in worship

LITURGIST(S): Duane Johnson

SCREENS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,

Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 122

WORSHIP TEAM

Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury
Minister of Visitation: Sally Beghtol, C.P.
Interim Music Director: Tim Shepard
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 - 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

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:30 New Member Ministry Mtg.

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Mtg.

7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Esther Circle

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

5:30 Wed Night Live Dinner

6:30 Wed Night Live Presentation: Poetry

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

1:00 Luopad Project

3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time

4:00 Tai chi

4:00 Zoom: Finance Stewardship Ministry Mtg.

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

SATURDAY

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy:

Joan Poole upon the loss of her brother-in-law;
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:** Nancy Twitchen; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), 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); 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

JOIN THE EXCITEMENT! Circles Henderson County's 1st Team Building Meeting, Tues, Jan 13 at 5:30PM. Dinner will be provided. Bring your laptop! **Please RSVP by Mon, Jan 12 to circleshendersoncounty@gmail.com.** We are on our way!

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).

SALLY BEGHTOL'S RETIREMENT PARTY - TODAY!

Please join us to celebrate Sally's ministry and service at Trinity in the Fellowship hall after the 11:00 AM worship service.

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 submit your Annual Reports. They are due TODAY**, 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Thanks!

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. **Please sign-up TODAY.** Also a reminder - 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!