

Trinity Presbyterian Church
January 11, 2026



GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

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| Prelude | Jaron Marcus, Piano |
| Welcome and Announcements | Anton Ahrens |
| Introit | “Lord, Be Glorified” Bob Kilpatrick Trinity Heritage Choir |

Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength:

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

May the Lord give us strength.

May the Lord bless us with peace.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Call to Confession

Gracious God,

**you claim us and call us,
you support us and uphold us,
you save us and free us from our sin.
Yet we slip into old habits,
worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts,
disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors.
Forgive us.
Meet us at the water again,
that we might know we belong to you.**

(Time for silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.

We believe; help our unbelief.

Wherever you are on your journey, you are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Sung Response GTG 490 v. 3 only “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Sermon on the Steps

Bev Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

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Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He

commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
Arr. Jeremy S. Bakken
Trinity Heritage Choir

Second Reading

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “Who Wants to Go First?”

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

*Hymn No. 320 (vv. 1-3)

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles’ Creed, traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“This is My Song”
Jean Sibelius
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Hymn No. 297

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response GTG 853, v. 1 only

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

*Postlude

“The Strife is O’er”
Adapt. William Henry Monk
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Anton Ahrens, Liturgist

Bev Thompson, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, piano

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

Peter Blum, Audio/Visual
Matt Blum, Audio/Visual

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