

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
January 18, 2026**



GATHERING

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

Gathering Music

Carol Thomas
Jaron Marcus, piano

“Jesus, Draw Me Close”, TFWS #2159
“Will You Come and Follow Me”, GTG #726, vv. 1,4
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”, TFWS #2129

Welcome and Announcements

Meredith Snapp

Call to Worship

Can you hear God’s call?
Christ’s voice is heard far and near.
Can you discern God’s Word?
Christ calls one and all.
God speaks of light and life.
Christ loves the mighty and the small.
The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.
We are called into fellowship together.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 39 (vv. 1 & 3)

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Call to Confession

God of the ages, We do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would

rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

*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

Jenny Lee

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
NRSVUE

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Once Again”
Tom Fettke
Trinity Heritage Choir

Second Reading

John 1: 29-42

The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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. 738 (vv. 1 & 4)

“O Master Let me Walk With Thee”

Officer Installation and Ordination

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

“Introitus”
Gordon Young
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. 269

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response GTG 853, v. 1 only

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

*Postlude

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Carr/Evans
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Meredith Snepp, Liturgist

Jenny Lee, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, piano

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