

# *Trinity Church Welcomes You*

## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Saturday, January 31, 2026

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\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**Bold** indicates “in unison”.

### **PRELUDE**

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to be praised.**

It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.**

*(From Psalms 113 and 92. The New Century Hymnal)*

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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## OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know You receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By Your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with Your healing fire. Speak to us through Your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do Your will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

*(Ronald S. Beebe.. The New Century Hymnal)*

## FIRST READING

*Micah 6: 1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my

transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

God's Word for God's People

**PSALM**

*Psalm 15*

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 1: 18-31*

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many

were of noble birth.<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.<sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

### God's Word for God's People

### \*GOSPEL READING      *Matthew 5: 1-12*

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

### SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

### HYMN

*The Servant Song*

TFWS #2222

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
    let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
    to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

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### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSiON**

Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### **CONFESSiON AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**\*OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray, this offering of Your people. Remember in Your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with Your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(The New Century Hymnal)

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **THE 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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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 COMMUNION

The light of Christ came into our world and shines in the darkness. Come now to feast at Christ's table. The Body and Blood of Christ given for you. Amen.

## PRAAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O Lord, you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace, to tell the story of Jesus Christ, our bright morning star. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*God Will Take Care of You*

UMH #130

1. Be not dismayed, whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide;  
God will take care of you.

*Refrain*

God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you. [*Refrain*]

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## BENEDICTION

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

*(John 1:1, 3-5)*