



# Epiphany

“They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.”

-Isaiah 60:6

9:30 am

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2024

**AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE COME BEFORE THE LORD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Minute for Mission**

Donna Wasik

**WITH JOY, WE CELEBRATE GOD'S AMAZING LOVE**

**Call To Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**\*Processional Hymn 56** (vs. 3-6)

*The First Nowell*

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Prayer of Confession**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Assurance of God's Mercy**  
**Thanks be to God!**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

**WE LISTEN FOR THE FATHER'S MESSAGE OF LOVE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Meditation**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**\*Hymn of Response 62**

*Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

**\*Profession of Faith (unison)**

The Nicene Creed

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**I believe in one God: the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God: begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made; who for us and our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S CLAIM ON OUR LIVES**

**Call to Present Our Gifts to the Lord** The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Prayer of Dedication** The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Offertory** *Joy to the World* arr. Ingram  
Youth Bells

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Table** The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Words of Institution** The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Prayer of Setting Aside for Holy Use** The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Communion of the People of God**

*A Christmas Hallelujah* Brian Kain, soloist  
(words are located at end of service) arr. Cloverton  
(on the final *Hallelujah*, the congregation will join in singing the refrain 3 times)

**Prayer after Communion (unison)** The Rev. Ms. Craven

**Your goodness to us is beyond our highest hopes  
and our greatest dreams!**

**You give us every good gift that we have  
and then above all other gifts,  
you have given us *yourself* in Christ Jesus.**

**Holy and gracious One,  
we thank you for again manifesting**

**Your presence among us in this joyous Feast.**

**As we leave this place**

(cont.'d)

**allow us to continue to  
feast on your *joyful* presence  
so all our lives might be filled  
with the everlasting light of Christ.  
This we ask, Almighty Father,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns into the ages of ages. Amen.**

**HAVING TASTED THE GOODNESS OF THE SAVIOR,  
WE LEAVE READY TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn 66**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*(The congregation will please be seated.)*

**Charge**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Choral Benediction**

*Hark! The Angels Sing!*  
Adult Choir

Davis

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

\*Those who are able may stand.

## *A Christmas Hallelujah*

(words by of Lance Stafford, Layne Stafford, Kirby LeMoine, and Josh Svorinic)

I've heard about this baby boy  
Who's come to earth to bring us joy  
And I just want to sing this song to you  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth  
The minor fall, the major lift  
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah  
(refrain) Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem  
Expecting child, they searched the inn  
To find a place for You were coming soon  
There was no room for them to stay  
So in a manger filled with hay  
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah  
(refrain) Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night  
To see this baby wrapped in light  
A host of angels led them all to You  
It was just as the angels said  
You'll find Him in a manger bed  
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah  
(refrain) Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east  
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three  
Came many miles and journeyed long for You  
And to the place at which You were  
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh  
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah  
(refrain) Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me  
This baby boy would grow to be  
A man and one day die for me and you  
My sins would drive the nails in You  
That rugged cross was my cross, too  
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah  
(refrain) Hallelujah

# TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP

*An Inviting Community Serving Christ For Life  
Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus

Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Brian Kain, Music Associate

## **In Memoriam**

**Larry S. Miller**

*United with Trinity June 23rd, 1974*

*Returned to Our Lord, December 20th, 2023*

## **Sympathies**

*We express our sympathies to the **Miller and Armstrong families** on the passing of their father, **Larry Miller**.*

*We express our sympathies to **Kathleen Saliba and family** on the passing of her brother-in-law, **Joseph Saliba***

*We express our sympathies **Melissa Smith** on the passing of her **sister, Jill**.*

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Parks, Pat Turner, Carol Plimpton, Camrynn Curl, Elaine Lippincott, Carol Murray, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty Flynn, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

**Friends and Family:** Kathy Higdon (Greg Faulkner's sister-in-law) Frank Appello (Connie Groves's son-in-law), Jesse Benedict (friend of Pam Dougherty's daughter), Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's Mother), Kristina Heck (Alison's Schwarz's niece), Loretta Johnson (former long-term member), Martha Delaney (Debby and Steve Talbott's niece), Nancy McIlvain (Kathy Eddleman's sister), Larry Carter (Emily Carter's uncle), Tristan Kabai-Tokes, Matt Ruggles, Myrna Roberts (Nancy Roberts' sister-in-law), Joan Malloy (Nancy Roberts' friend), Chuck Inman (Mary Jane Inman's son), Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), Eileen McSparran (Kathy Eddleman's sister-in-law), Linda and Brian Kent (Gail Van Dyke's sister-in-law), Laurie Duffin (Gail and Bruce Van Dyke's friend), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), Ilene Kreadle (Wilson family friend), Jan (George Sanders' friend), Terri Skill (Steve Skill's wife), Richard D'Eustachio (Carol D'Eustachio's husband).

**Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military: Cory Allen, Connor Barnes, Aaron Bill, Tyler Parsons and Connor Strobel. We thank them all for their service to our country.**

## **Flowers**

The flowers in the Narthex were given by **Donna Croker** in **memory of those loved ones who have passed but will never be forgotten.**

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**Pastoral Care** – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Dr. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

**Please silence** all electronic equipment during the worship service.

**Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register.** Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

**Signing in online using the QR code?** Remember, if you're a **Trinity member**, you don't need to fill out the entire form—just type in your first and last name.

**The Flower Chart** will be available in Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of every month. **It will be available on January 7th and 14th.** Since the cost has increased, we are asking for payment of \$55 at the time of sign-up. Hopefully this will once again become a special part of our worship and giving for our shut-ins. Please text or email **Bonnie Jones** for further information: [bjones34@verizon.net](mailto:bjones34@verizon.net) or 856-986-2012.

**Visit our website** at [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org) for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

**PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes.** You can email Pam Dougherty at [pam.dougherty@trinpres.org](mailto:pam.dougherty@trinpres.org) **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

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allows you to make your offering electronically.**

This option makes giving more convenient for you and can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. To sign up, go to Trinity's home page and click on "Online Giving" or go directly to [www.easytithe.com/trinpres](http://www.easytithe.com/trinpres).



An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you're set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444. **You can now go right to the EasyTithe giving portal by using the QR code.** Simply turn your camera on your phone and direct it to the code and the link to the website will come right up!



# Church School Schedule

All Church School rooms located in main building.  
Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

Infants through 2 years,  
Preschool (ages 2 1/2—Kindergarten) - in the Nursery today

**It's the 1st Sunday: Mission Sunday**  
*Grades 1-5, will meet in the Community Room*

## Monthly Rotation of Worship, Learning, and Service For Grade School-Age Children

*1st Sunday of Every Month: Mission Sunday*

*2nd Sunday of Every Month: Family Church*

*3rd Sunday of Every Month: Church School*

*4th Sunday: Let's Worship Together*



**Preschoolers & Kindergartners:** Church School for pre-K through Kindergarten takes place in a classroom under the sanctuary. On the second Sunday of each month, these children participate with their families in Family Church.

**Nursery (Birth - Age 2):** The nursery is supervised by adult volunteers. It is equipped with its own restroom and changing table as well as age-appropriate toys.

## Trinity News and Notes

**MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES:** The Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the winter Cathedral Kitchen has expressed their gratitude many times for our congregation's tremendous support.  
**Next Mission Thursday: January 11th.**

**The Women of Miriam Circle recently donated** a blood pressure monitor, pulse oximeter, stereoscope, and CPR masks to Trinity as one of their mission projects. These items will be stored in a medical bag in the Deacons' Closet located in the Narthex in case a medical need arises with someone while at Trinity.





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**SAVE THE DATES!**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR  
DAY OF CELEBRATION  
AND SERVICE AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**11 AM**

**Adult Ed presentation by Jessica Zweig, Executive Director of Play On Philly, and recipient of Trinity's first Negro Spiritual Royalty Project donation**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**9:30-10:30 AM**

**Celebratory worship service.**

**10:30-11:30 AM**

**Family Tradition Coffee Hour following worship service featuring cookies, baked goods, and "small bites" - all prepared by members of Trinity to represent their family's cultural traditions.**

**10:30 AM - Noon**

**Mission "work stations" where families can work together to create items in support of Trinity's mission projects (e.g., making sandwiches, assembling comfort wraps, making "no-sew" blankets, making cards). Special Collection boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall to support of Cherry Hill Food Pantry, Book Smiles, and Play On Philly.**

**"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS  
'WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?'" - MLK JR**



## Hands to Work, Hearts to God

Trinity's Annual  
Stewardship Campaign



This is a friendly reminder that we are in the midst of our Stewardship campaign and your pledge is critical to maintain Trinity's programs, mission and staff.

**To date, we have achieved 71% of our financial goal and have received 124 pledges against our goal of 235.**

Thank you if you have already submitted your pledge. If you have not pledged, we encourage you to return your 2024 pledge card this week by mailing it to the Church office.

If you do not have your pledge card, a card can be obtained through the Church office or from the Church pews. Pledges can also be made online through EasyTithe or by emailing Debby Talbott @Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org.

## 2024 Pledge Boxes are Here!

Please pick up your box in the ante room next to Fellowship Hall. If you do not see your pledge box and would like one, please email Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org and one will be provided. If you do not need a pledge box in the future please sign the sheet by the boxes or email Debby.



YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED AS WE GIVE  
OUR HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD.

# Trinity's Lenten Devotional

We are already planning the Lenten Devotional for 2024 and we're seeking submissions! Submission to the devotional should include:

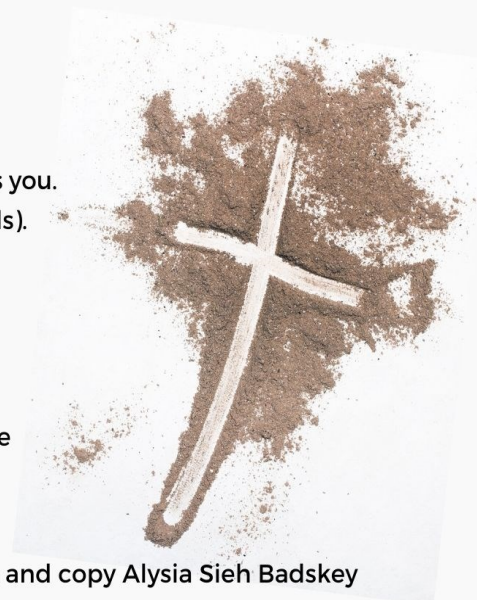
1. A verse (or verses) of scripture that comforts, challenges and/or teaches you.
2. A short discussion of what this scripture means to you (about 250 words).
3. A short prayer (2-3 sentences).
4. Your name.

### Why are we talking about this during Advent?

Because Ash Wednesday is very early this year (February 14th!) and the devotionals need to be ready for distribution the weekend before...so please make a note:

**the deadline for submission is Sunday, January 21, 2024.**

Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at sbastnagel@gmail.com and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com. Also please put Lenten Devotional in the subject line of the email. All members of the Trinity community, both youth and adult, are invited to participate in this church-wide publication. If you have any questions, please contact: Beth Gammie at bgammie917@gmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.







In this new year...

“May He give you the  
desire of your heart and  
make all your plans  
succeed.”

Psalm 20:4 (NIV)

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