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LOVING AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER SO WE MAY LOVE AND SERVE GOD'S WORLD.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 28, 2025 — 10:30 AM

Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer,

S or H: Hymnal 1982, L: Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The 10:30 a.m. service is livestreamed on our Facebook page:

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn

Come thou long expected Jesus

H-66

The Bidding Prayer *(Remain standing as able)*

Dear People of God: in this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem, and see the Son of God lying in the manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child Jesus; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Come ye thankful people, come

H-290

The Second Lesson

Isiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Good Christian friends rejoice

H-107

The Third Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

What child is this?

H-115

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

Silent night

H-111

The Fifth Lesson

John 1:1-18

The word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

O little town of Bethlehem

H-79

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace *All stand as able*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Angels we have heard on high

H-96

Hymn at the Presentation

The Doxology

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction

S-164

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh

H-324

Silent night

H-111

Post Communion Prayer *Standing or kneeling as able*

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing *Standing as able*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Postlude

Joy to the world

H-100

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

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Digital Minister: OPEN

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TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood

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Term - 2026: Destine Bradshaw, John Deppel, BJ Jarvis, John Tyler

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MISSION

Our mission is to share Christ's love and grace in a vibrant community whose joyful spirit empowers people to do God's work.

TRINITY INFO

For urgent concerns outside office hours, all or text our rector, The Rev. Suzanne Hood at (804) 832-4109.

The Rev. Suzanne Hood can also be reached through email at: shood@trinity-fredericksburg.org

Church Office Hours Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Morning Prayer - Weekdays on Facebook - 6:30 am - <https://www.facebook.com/trinityfredericksburg>

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 28th

8:00 am - RITE II Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10:30 am - Lessons and Carols with RITE II Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

Monday, Dec. 29 - Friday, Jan 2

****No midweek noon Eucharist****

****Church office closed****

Sunday, January 4

9:15 am - Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

11:30 am - Daughters of the King Meeting (Lounge)

12:00 pm - Hallelujah KidZ Community Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. • If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself. • Gluten-free wafers are also available by request. • Respond to communion by saying "Amen." • If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. • Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to the priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the rear of the sacrtuary after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.