

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Loving and Serving one another so we may love and serve God's World



Second Sunday After The Epiphany  
January 18, 2026  
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
8:00 am

Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood

Associate Priest: The Rev. Bambi Willis

Campus Minister: The Rev. Ethan Lowery

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\*\*Large print prayer books are available at the entrance of the church\*\*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Word of God

BCP 355

#### The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Reader: The word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### Psalm 40:1-12 (alternating call and response)

BCP 640

I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.**

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
**I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

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 spiritual 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 him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader: The word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel

**John 1:29-42**

*Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*  
*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

John 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 Son of God." 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).

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ethan Lowery

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 326

**The Prayers of the People**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King, Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission, and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. We particularly remember Trinity Charlottesville, St. Andrew's Richmond, and St. George's Arlington, in this week's Diocesan cycle of prayer.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promised to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

**The Confession of Sin**

BCP 358

**The Peace**

BCP 360

**Offertory Sentence**

## The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
<i>Prayer ministry offered at the rear of the church during the distribution of communion</i>	
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
Blessing	

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

## SERVING US TODAY

**Lector:** Dick Ayres   **Eucharistic Minister:** Dick Ayres  
**Vestry Person:** Val Folden   **Acolyte/Crucifer:** Val Folden  
**Prayer Minister:** Marti Harrington   **Parish Shepherd:** Beth Schroeder

## DEDICATIONS

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** and **SANCTUARY CANDLE** are given to the Glory of God  
by Mandy Anderson in Memory of Adam Anderson.

## TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF

**Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

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**Minister of Music:** Barbara Fairfax

**Parish Business Manager:** Michele Brantley   **Parish Office Coordinator:** Marvin Stearns  
**Sunday School Coordinator:** Sam Burton   **Parish Hospitality Manager:** BJ Jarvis

## TRINITY VESTRY

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

**Term - 2027:** Val Folden (*Senior Warden*), Dave Hosaflook (*Treasurer*),  
Walt Harrison (*Junior Warden*)

**Term - 2028:** Deborah Condren, Harry Dickinson (*Registrar*) Linda Falter, Sven Rundman

## CONTACT US

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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, call 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](mailto: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 -  
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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, January 18

\*\*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY\*\*

9:15 am - Adult Formation (Lounge)

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

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

### Monday, January 19

\*\*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY\*\*

10:30 am - Trinity Grief Support Group Meeting (Lounge)

### Tuesday, January 20

10:30 am - Book Group Meeting (Lounge)

### Wednesday, January 21

10:00 am - Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)

12:00 pm - Midweek Eucharist (Sanctuary)

3:30 pm - Blessings in a Backpack (Barber Hall)

### Thursday, January 22

9:15 to 10:15 am - Bible study with Rev. Suzanne (Lounge)

7:00 pm - Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Saturday, January 24

8:00 am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting (Barber Hall)

### Sunday, January 25

9:15 am - Congregational Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

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 sacntuary after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.