



**TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
FREDERICKSBURG,  
VIRGINIA**

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

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026 — 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

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Welcome to this Place</b>	<b>Orlando Jaurez</b>
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<b>Processional Hymn</b>	<b>Come thou long expected Jesus</b>	<b>H-66</b>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	<b>BCP 355</b>
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<i>People</i>	<b>And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.</b>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>
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<b>Song of Praise</b>	<b>Together</b>	<b>WLP-79</b>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
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<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.
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#### Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

## The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84**                      *(Call and response, alternating by half verse)*

BCP 707

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.** For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
**he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
**from those who walk with integrity.**

O LORD of hosts, \*  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

O come, o come, Emmanuel

**H-56 vs.2-7**

## The Holy Gospel *Standing as able*

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Suzanne Hood**

## The Nicene Creed *All stand as able*

**BCP 358**

## Prayers of the People *Stand or kneel as able*

**Form VI**

**BCP 392**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence.*

Hear us Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Silence.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We remember St. Philip's, Richmond in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Reader and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Music at the Offertory**                      O come to set us free                      Mary McDonald

<b>The Doxology</b>	Give thanks for life	<b>WLP-775</b>
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**Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B** **BCP 367**

<b>Sanctus</b>	Holy, holy, holy Lord	<b>WLP-858</b>
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The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction S-164

*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.

<b>Communion Hymn</b>	Let all mortal flesh	H-324
	Taste & see	L-154 (Soloist: B. Fairfax)

**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 Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

H-68

**Postlude**

God be with you

Thomas Dorsey, L-234

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Digital Minister:** Cian Gray

**Lector:** Dan Gray **Eucharistic Minister:** John Tyler

**Intercessor:** Jessica Smith

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Brennan Gray **Prayer Minister:** Martha Crigler

**Vestry Person:** Destine Bradshaw

**Parish Shepherd:** Randall Clingenpeel **Ushers:** John Henze and Adrian Smith

**TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF**

**Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

**Associate Priest:** The Rev. Bambi Willis **Campus Minister:** The Rev. Ethan Lowery

**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

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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

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, January 4th**

9:15 am – Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

11:30am – Daughters of the King Meeting (lounge)

12:00 am – Hallelujah KidZ Community Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### **Tuesday, January 6th**

10:30 am – Book Group Meeting (Lounge)

6:30–8:30 pm – Epiphany Service (Trinity grounds, Barber Hall, Nave)

### **Wednesday, January 7th**

10:00 am – Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)

12:00 pm – Midweek Eucharist (Sanctuary)

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

### **Thursday, January 8th**

10:30 am – Caregivers' Support Group Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm – Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### **Saturday, January 10th**

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

9:00–11:00 am – De-greening of the Church (Nave)

### **Sunday, January 11th**

9:15 am – Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

12:00 am – 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 sacnturary after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.