

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025  
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:00 am

Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
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**\*\*Large print prayer books are available at the entrance of the church\*\***

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Word of God

BCP 323

#### The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader: The word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

BCP 685

#### Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader: The word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

*Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*  
*People: Glory be to thee, O Lord*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord*  
*People: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

### The Prayers of the People

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### The Confession of Sin

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### The Peace

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### Offertory Sentence

### The Holy Communion

#### Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

#### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

#### Optional prayer (We do not presume...)

BCP 337

*Prayer ministry offered at the rear of the church during the distribution of communion*

#### Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

### Blessing

### The Dismissal

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

**Worship Volunteers**

Crucifer/Acolyte  
Lector  
Eucharist Minister  
Prayer Minister  
Vestry Host  
Parish Shepherd

**December 7th**

Val Folden  
Sven Rundman  
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Joanne Beck  
Sven Rundman  
Barbara Atkins

**December 14th**

Val Folden  
Dick Ayres  
Joanne Beck  
Marti Harrington  
Val Folden  
Carol Green

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The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given to the Glory of God by Ed & Cathay Homendy in Thanksgiving for the birthday of Alexandra Homendy.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Val Folden in Thanksgiving for Inga.

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**Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, Dec. 7th

ELF SUNDAY

9:15 am - Animal Welfare Ministry Meeting (Library)

9:15 am - Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10th

10:00 am - Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)

12:00 pm - Midweek Eucharist (Sanctuary)

12:30 pm - GEMS Meeting (Barber Hall)

2:30 pm - Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (Library)

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

7:00 pm - Vestry Meeting (Loft)

Thursday, Dec. 11th

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

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (choir room)

Saturday, Dec. 13th

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

Sunday, Dec. 14th

Between services and after the 10:30 service - Christmas in the Library (Library)

9:15 am - Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

12:00 pm - Daughters of the King Discernment Meeting (Lounge)

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm - Hallelujah KidZ Community Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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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 Tuesday to Friday - 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

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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.