



**TRINITY
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FREDERICKSBURG,
VIRGINIA**

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 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

Prelude	Welcome to this Place	Orlando Jaurez
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Processional Hymn	On Jordan's banks	H-76
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	BCP 355
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<i>People</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
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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. Amen.
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Song of Praise	Together	WLP-796
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Lyrics: Together, together, in your name we gather. (2x's)

Then we'll have in this world peace and love around us. (2x's)

Together; we're united, we hold hands as we struggle;

We walk into the world singing God's song of love.

The glory of Jesus will ever shine in splendor.

The whole world will be joyful with love and peace.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

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

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson

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.**

Sequence Hymn

Prepare the Way of the Lord

L-11

The Holy Gospel *Standing as able*

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

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 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 Holy Cross, Batesville; St. Asaph's, Bowling Green; and St. Jame's, Louisa, 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.**

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

Advent Canticle

Hymn at the Presentation

The Doxology

Give thanks for life

WLP-775

See Insert

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy Lord	WLP-858
<i>See Insert</i>		
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		
<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;	
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.	
Fraction		S-164
Invitation to Communion		
<i>Celebrant</i>	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	There's a voice in the wilderness On Christ the solid rock	H-75 L-99
Post Communion Prayer	<i>Standing or kneeling as able</i>	BCP 366
<i>Celebrant</i>	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 member 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	<i>Standing as able</i>	
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	Blest the king	H-74
Recessional	God be with you	Thomas Dorsey, L-234
The Dismissal		
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.	
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.	

SERVING US TODAY

Digital Minister: Matthew Brewer

Lector: Dan Gray **Eucharistic Minister:** TBD

Intercessor: Bruce Davis

Acolyte/Crucifer: Brennan Gray **Prayer Minister:** Pat Weber

Parish Shepherd: Barbara Atkins **Ushers:** Adrian Smith & Bruce Davis

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.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 7 (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, December 10

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, December 11

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

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (choir room)

Saturday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 14

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: 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.