

The Second Sunday of Christmas



January 4, 2026
10 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Parish

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Everything you need to worship with us is in this bulletin. Located in the pew rack are Welcome, Small Group, Volunteer, and Giving connection cards. Please complete a Welcome Card so we can learn a little more about you.

NURSERY: Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Children's Chapel is available for children ages 4-7 every Sunday (except the first Sunday Family Service). Participating families are asked to sign in using the check-in station as you enter. During the singing of the Gloria, children will gather and process to Children's Chapel. Children are escorted back to their families at the Peace.

Please note that the Parish House doors are locked during the service. Should you need access to the Nursery or Children's Chapel during the service, please see an usher, or go to the breezeway door and the gatekeeper will assist you.

RESTROOM: A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

LIGHTING A VOTIVE: The Little Side Chapel (located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church) is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

PRELUDE MUSIC: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring - J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Today we light again the candles of hope, peace, love, and joy. Remembering that Jesus came to bring light to the world, we light the Christ Candle.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: The First Nowell Hymnal 109
Hymnals are found in the pew racks.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA / Verse 1 Hymnal 96
Hymn numbers with an S are at the beginning of the Hymnal.

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night.

And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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**

OLD TESTAMENT 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.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

1 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.
**2 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.**
3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
**4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
5 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.
**6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
**8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

9 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.

**10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

NEW TESTAMENT 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks Hymnal 94
All stand

Please join in singing stanzas 1-2 and then 3-4

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-15, 19-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt

down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form IV, Book of Common Prayer p. 388)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Remembering especially Sean, our presiding bishop, John, bishop of Tennessee, and Patrick, our priest today, grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Grant the people of Trinity the guidance of your Holy Spirit, patience, love and mutual respect as we seek the next priest to shepherd our parish and this community.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS
FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants N. and N., that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit <https://trinityparish.com/giving/> or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.



You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040.

MUSICAL OFFERING: The Kings Op. 8, No. 3 - Peter Cornelius

Sally Blumenthal, Soloist

Three king journey from the east; a little star guides them to the banks of the Jordan.

In Judea, the three inquire and search; asking where the newborn King might be?

They wish to offer frankincense, myrrh, and gold to the child as tribute.

And the star's light shines brightly; the kings enter the stable

They behold the little boy with great joy, the kings bow down in adoration;

They offer frankincense, myrrh, and gold as an offering to the beloved child.

O child of man! Walk faithfully! The kings are journeying, oh journey too!

May the star of love, the star of grace, illuminate your path,

As you seek the Lord, and even if frankincense, myrrh, and gold are lacking,

Give your heart to the beloved child! Give him your heart!

DOXOLOGY

The People stand and sing while the offerings are brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer D, Book of Common Prayer p. 372)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

SANCTUS Hymnal S114

Hymn numbers with an S are at the beginning of the Hymnal.

The People sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see BCP p. 373)

The People remain standing or kneel.

... Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,

and we pray to you, Lord our God.

... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S158

The People sing:

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options:

Bread intincted by the priest: *Proceed to the right (pulpit) side, standing or kneeling. The priest will carefully intinct (dip) the bread in the wine and place it in your open hand.*

Bread and wine (common cup): *Proceed to the left (eagle lectern) side, standing or kneeling. You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. Touching only the base of the chalice, you may assist in directing the wine to your lips. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice or intinct the bread.*

Bread only: *Left side. After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine.*

Blessing only: *Either side: If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Priest: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain Hymnal 99

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Go Tell It on the Mountain - arr. John Behnke

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and a light meal.

Those serving today

1st reading: Chris Smith

Psalm: Namiah Adkins

2nd reading: Allison Lee Stroman

Prayers: Courtney Thornsby

Verger: Nancy Snyder Gibson

LEM/Cross: Jodi Stephens-Smith

Torch/server: TJ Neville

Torch/cup,plates: Robert Bowles

Ushers: Titus Neville, Jerome Viltz

Greeters: Jeremy Bowles, Steven B. Stroman

Livestream: Nathaniel Olmos

Gatekeeper: Jeanie Faust

Children's Chapel: Family service

Organist: Gayle Sullivan

Celebrant

We are joined today by the Rev. Patrick Ormos.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEBANON

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Michelle and John Lucier

Lawson and Beth and Elizabeth and William Mabry

Malinda Mabry-Scott

Prayer List

Michael Brunet

Don Shelton

Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- **7:30 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9 a.m.

Children: Godly Play for students pre-school through 5th grade.

Youth: Students 6th through 12th grade.

Adults: Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

11:30 a.m. (following 10 a.m. service)

- **Adults:** Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles

Nursery is available starting at 9 a.m. through the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.

FELLOWSHIP:

- **Small Groups** meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to <https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/> or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- **Women's Study**, "The Gift of Years," second Saturdays at 9 a.m., Parish Hall Library.
- **Loaves & Fishes** Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.
- **Circuit Workit** low-impact exercise, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall.
- **Chair Yoga**, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall.

Announcements



We are off to a great start with our Stewardship drive, but we have a long way to go. Please submit your intention for 2026 as soon as possible, so our Vestry can confirm our budget for the coming year. You can turn in your pledge card by mailing it, drop it by the church office, or place it in the plate this Sunday. You also can submit your intention online by going to:

app.easytithe.com/App/Form/7acc8200-0dfd-45c2-93b8-2f12a738c03e



GAME NIGHT: Join fellow parishioners for dinner and fun the first Wednesday of each month beginning January 7. We will gather in the parish hall for a delicious meal (suggested donation of \$10 per person, kids 15 and under are free) at 5:30 pm, then start playing games at 6 pm until 8 pm. Children are welcome too! We will have board games, card games, video games - something for all ages. Want more information? Contact Kate Smith at (931) 551-7412 or norakatemom@gmail.com.

Save the date!

Empty Bowls Lunch February 11th, 2026. Tickets will be available in the coming days. Tickets are out now! <https://emptybowlsclarksville.com/>



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Our Team

Office Administrator: Kelsey Deboard

Nursery: Kelly Loy and Lisa Mejeun

Treasurer: Beverly Kimbrough

Lead Verger: Chris Smith

Our Vestry

Howell Foust, Senior Warden
Steven Stroman, Junior Warden

Maryalice Telford

Heather Fleming

Will Green

Frank Lott

Bob Houston
Bill Kimbrough
Cornelia Mitchell
Chris Nolder
Amy Truesdale

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