

# The First Sunday after Epiphany



**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 11, 2026**  
10 a.m.

## **Trinity Episcopal Parish**

317 Franklin Street  
Clarksville, TN 37040  
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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. Located in the pew rack are Hymnals and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), along with connection cards. Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can connect you with the life of the church.

**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  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

## The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: Songs of thankfulness and praise ..... Hymnal 135  
*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 ..... Hymnal S280  
*Hymn numbers with an S are at the beginning of the Hymnal.*

*The People sing:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: The people who in darkness walked ..... Hymnal 126  
*All stand*

*Please join in singing Verses 1 and 2 before Gospel, verses 3 and 4 after.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The people stand.*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

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

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form I, Book of Common Prayer p. 383)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean, our presiding bishop, John, bishop of Tennessee, and Kelli, our priest today, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Trinity's search for our next priest, that we may be filled with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, patience, love and mutual respect, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, president of the United States, Bill, governor of Tennessee, and Wes and Joe, our mayors, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the city of Clarksville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the men and women in the service of our nation, and their families, at home and abroad, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*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.**

#### 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.*

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 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:

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361)

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ...

SANCTUS ..... Hymnal S125

*The People sing:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP, p. 361)

*The People remain standing or kneel.*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 S154

*The People sing:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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 intinction (dipping):** *Proceed to the right (pulpit) side, standing or kneeling. You will receive bread in your hand. You may then dip the bread in the wine and consume it.*

**Bread and wine (drinking from 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 dip the bread.*

**Bread only:** *Either 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

*Please join in the singing of the hymns.*

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow ..... Hymnal 435

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.**

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **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.**

CLOSING HYMN: Brightest and best of the stars of the morning ..... Hymnal 117

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

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

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### Those serving today

1st reading: Shirley Hood

Psalm: Jeanie Faust

2nd reading: Lucas Smith

Prayers: Maryalice Telford

Verger: Chris Smith

LEM/Cross: Nancy Snyder Gibson

Torch/server: Allison Lee Stroman

Torch/cup,plates: Zeke Green

Ushers: Steven Stroman, Jodi Stephens-Smith

Greeters: Jan Hodgson, Katy Potts

Livestream: Larry Faust

Gatekeeper: Megan Williams

Children's Chapel: Allison Graham, Pluto  
Graham, Nicholette Cochran  
Parish H. lockup: Steven Stroman

Organist: Mike Epley  
Altar Guild: Luke

### **Celebrant**

We are joined today by the Rev. Kelli Joyce of Nashville.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

EPIPHANY MISSION CHURCH, SHERWOOD

### **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Timothy McCollum  
Michael and Kimberlee McGhee  
Haley Meaker

### **Parish 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.easytithes.com/App/Form/7acc8200-0dfd-45c2-93b8-2f12a738c03e](http://app.easytithes.com/App/Form/7acc8200-0dfd-45c2-93b8-2f12a738c03e)



**The funeral office for Brian Everett Schafer** will be read at Trinity Parish on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. A light repast will follow the service in Dorothy Conroy Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of Brian to the Trinity Flower Guild, which he established in 2018.

**Save the date!**

Empty Bowls Lunch February 11th, 2026. Tickets are live on the website for \$15 check out the link below or check on the facebook page to help volunteer for this event. <https://emptybowlsclarksville.com/>

**February 17th Pancake Supper @6 p.m.**

For the community and the congregation. Join us for pancakes with toppings, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Following this dinner will be Burning of the Palms



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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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