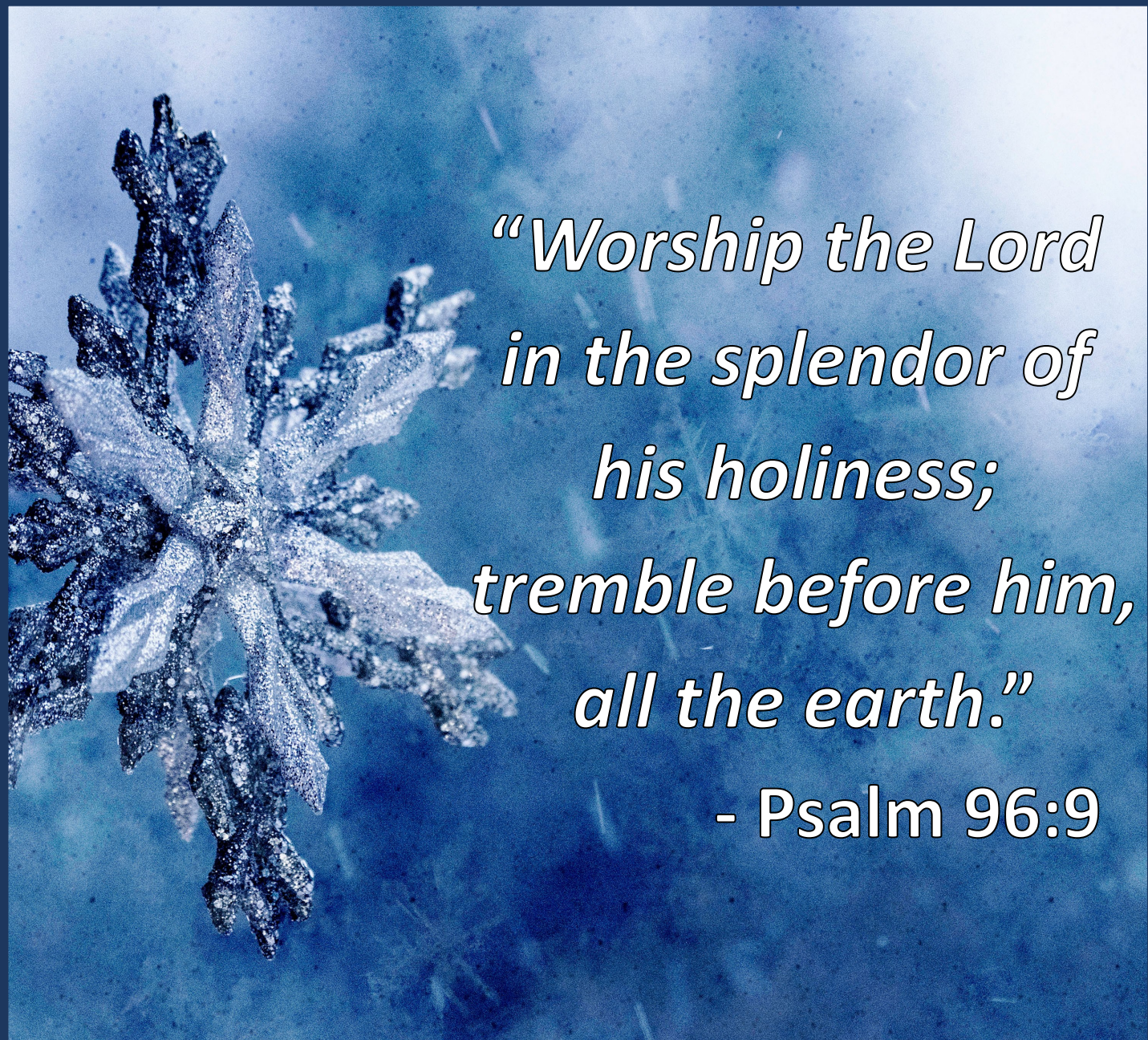


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*“Worship the Lord
in the splendor of
his holiness;
tremble before him,
all the earth.”*

- Psalm 96:9

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Living for Christ

Leading others to Christ

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Terry Ampaya	Ted Rains
George Anderson	Ed Vazquez
Marilyn Camper	Dorothy Vazquez
Betty Chavales	Nancy Wolf
Barbara Ewing	Carol Young
Fawn Humphries	Grant & Kathi Yule
Esther Johnson	Marcia Zerkel

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY
& FRIENDS OF THE
RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

June Arakawa
 Kay Brethauer
 Kay Carpenter–Dorner
 Curt Luft
 Bobbie Pittman
 Sets Umeda
 DeAnn Young

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Jim Ampaya	Jerry Harman	Gerry Mann
Terry Ampaya	Pat Harman	Tom McWaid
Dona Breitbarth	Charles Heatherly	Linda Packham
Arcelia Dios	Sandy Hess	Val Rains
Pam Egbert	Jeff Hilgaertner	Linda Riewald
Michele Friesen	Marilyn Holthouse	Martha Sanders
Joyce Grasmick	Nancy Jacobs	Brian Smith
	Linda Kintner	

**Weekly Prayer Gathering**

You are invited to join us
 for a time of prayer
 in the Reflection Garden
 (or Fireside Room)
 each Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Questions: Call the church office:
 (805) 484-0530

Trinity Celebrations

January

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| 1st | Christopher Adair |
| 2nd | Don Sterrenburg |
| 3rd | Janet Curtis |
| 4th | Kevin Struckhoff |
| 7th | Kim Kelley |
| 8th | Beverly Luft |
| 10th | Cindy Harris |
| 11th | Kristin Nix |
| 12th | Eloise Mansfield |
| 15th | Carolyn Hipp |
| 16th | Oliver Cramer, Barbara Ewing, Carter Hall, & Diana Wood |
| 17th | Linda Rhymes |
| 21st | Marilyn Camper, Linda Searl, Mike Spahr, & Tom Walling |
| 22nd | Mike Dawson & Grethe Wygant |
| 23rd | Jay Dyer |
| 25th | Sandra Fox |
| 31st | Kelli Bidinger |



Happy Anniversary!

- Jim & Terry Ampaya – January 7th
 John & Linda Packham – January 7th
 Doug & Annette Coe – January 12th
 Steve & Jeanne Michel – January 22nd
 Vaughan & Kris Armstrong – January 23rd



- If you have a January birthday or anniversary that did not make it into the Trinity Times, please call the church office at (805) 484-0530, so we can update our database.

Trinity Staff

Tom Straeter, Pastor: ptstraeter@gmail.com

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Linda Rhymes, Choir Director

Dan Rhymes, Bell Choir Director

Frank Vazquez, Worship Leader

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Daniel Szany, Custodian

Eliseo Zavala, Custodian

Elders

Dan Bornhoeft, Ed Curtis, Lloyd Friesen, Steve Giles,
Betsy Phillips, and Fred Ranieri

Deacons

2026: Ruthie Kay, Pat Lagerstrom, Dory Raymond,
Zoe Shirley, and Jeanne Spahr

2027: Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, Tim Phares and Brenda Schearer

2028: Peggy Antos, Corinne Dawson, Michele Friesen,
Sabrina Gilmor, and Sandra Henningsen

Contacts: Other organizations on site

Beacon Hill Classical Academy

Lindsay Leeds - Asst. Administrator - (805) 389-6581

Iglesia Cristiana Reformada de Camarillo

Pastor Ricardo Aragon - (805) 482-8511

Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Ventura County

Ted Lin - contact for church - (805) 218-9340

From the Pastor's Desk



Happy New Year! How fortunate it is to be given the opportunity to begin a New Year here at Trinity. My hope for Trinity in 2026 is that we, as covenant partners, would daily live out our Mission Statement, Loving Christ, Living for Christ and Leading others to Christ.

One way we show our love for Christ is through spending time with Him in scripture. I would like to suggest a few bible passages for you to read as we begin the New Year. (See below) These passages challenge us to think about the responsibility we have to share the Good News of God's love and grace with others. As you read these passages, I ask that you do the following:

As you read, write down or highlight meaningful words or phrases that stand out to you. It may help to read the passage in two different Bible translations.

Observe what you read and ask further questions about the text. Use these questions to help: What is the overall message of the passage? Are there any commands or instructions? Are there any warnings? What truth can I learn? What is God wanting to show me through His Word?

After reading the text, reflect on how you can apply these Scriptures to your daily life. Use these questions to help: How can I live out what I just read? What habits, attitudes, or changes do I need to make? What lessons can I take away from this passage? Whom do I need to share this passage with?

When you are finished doing these things, close your time in prayer. Ask God to help you live out what you are learning in the passage.

Here is the list of passages I would like for you to read:

Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 9:36-38; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 8:11; Luke 14:23; John 3:16; John 14:6; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:23; Romans 10:9; Romans 10:15-17; Colossians 4:3-5; Colossians 4:4-6; 2 Timothy 4:2-5

My Bible verse for 2026 comes from 1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG)

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

Looking forward to partnering with you in 2026.

Happy New Year,

Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom





Thank you all for your shoebox donations
for Operation Christmas Child.
Trinity (with the help of Iglesia) put together
130 shoeboxes this year!

Trinity donated 365 Pounds of food to the
Gold Coast Veterans Foundation Food Drive.
Thank you all for your very generous donations!



Save the Date:

Trinity's 2026 Annual Congregational
meeting will take place on Sunday, Feb. 8th
at 10:45 AM in Piper Hall.

The meeting will include Trinity's budget
presentation for 2026, and Covenant
Partners will vote on new Elders, Deacons,
& Nominating Committee members.

Trinity will be hosting a Super Bowl watch
party in the afternoon. Come watch on our big
screen TV. Look for more information to come.



Save the Date

The Friday Morning Men's Bible Study is pleased to inform you of an upcoming event early this year whereby our church family and members of the community will be invited to enjoy a delicious Trinity Men's Breakfast followed by

Three Woodcrafters:

Bowls, Boxes, and Bookends: A Presentation of Artisanship in Wood
Saturday, February 28, 2026 / 9:00 a.m.

Trinity Church Camarillo / Piper Hall

Come and enjoy *free* breakfast and a presentation featuring professional work in wood done by local craftsmen. Save the date and notify friends and neighbors in the community that they are welcome.



Meal Share Camarillo

Trinity is serving Meal Share on Thurs, Jan. 8th. Look for the email from Mary Walling to sign up. If you want to help and do not receive the email, please contact Betsy Phillips at:
 (805) 795-7712.

ALL are welcome to attend Meal Share.

Come for a hot meal & enjoy good company.
 Invite others to come too.



Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio Sunday, Jan. 11th to celebrate those with January birthdays and anniversaries.

Session Highlights

- Membership stands at 183
- Elder Dan Bornhoeft will be a part of the process to establish leases.
 - Fred Raniere will be assistant leader for the Nominating Team.
- Pancake breakfast approved for Feb 28th and will feature 3 craftsmen
- Session voted to help a pastor from Albania with the passage to ECO Gathering in Atlanta, GA.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- Jonathan Noyse Preaching (Stand to Reason) - Sun. Jan. 11th
- Kay Carpenter-Dorner Celebration of Life - Sat. Jan. 24th (11:00 AM)
 - ECO National Gathering - Atlanta, GA (Feb. 2—Feb.5)
 - Annual Congregational Meeting - Sun. Feb. 8th (10:45 AM)

Financial Report - November 2025

For the month ending 11/30/2025:

- Total Income for November was \$76,355.
- Total expenses for November were \$46,342.
- There was a positive operating result in November of \$30,014.

For the eleven months ending 11/30/2025:

- Total YTD income is \$653,527.
- Total YTD expenses are \$660,114.
- There is a negative YTD operating result of (\$6,587).

“Got a Hit List?”

Don Sterrenburg

Perhaps you are one of a number of folks who, along with their Christmas cards, included a family ‘summary’ of events that besieged them in 2025. It might have included things like “Great-grandson Mikie, for his 3rd grade class, built a miniature, motorized version of Noah’s Ark, which exploded upon barreling into the bathtub faucet,” or there’s “Auntie Myrtle who had to bury little Puffy in the backyard under the Chinese elm upon swallowing a hairball soaked in RoundUp.” Then there’s *that* list of projects *you* completed. Most likely though, only a handful of the accomplishments you originally listed for finishing in 2025, reached fruition.

Having said farewell to the old year, and welcome to the new, it may be a critical time to make some assessments by asking a few self-directed questions rather than developing a ‘hit list’ of projects for 2026. This might be difficult because, first and foremost, it involves narrowing our thinking to search out God’s favor as we fashion our plans.

Several Sundays ago, Pastor Tom set the stage with this challenging question: “How has God dressed you this morning?” It is hard to find a better starting place than the Apostle’s admonition in I Peter 5: 5-9. Here the believer is first instructed to “Clothe yourself with *humility* toward one another.” Ouch! And that is not just doing it through self-effort, but through God’s power, not ours, and letting Him accomplish it on His own time-table. Next, we are ordered to *heave* all our worries on to God’s shoulders! *Now, that’s a caring God!* We’re not out of the woods yet. Now, we are instructed to stand our ground and stay wide awake – not allowing the adversary to get a foothold in our lives. This lets loose God’s pleasure to give us fortitude. To help us to be unwavering.

For the child of God, the person who has placed his or her heart in the hands of the Lord Jesus, the scope of commitment is not limited to simply three hundred and sixty-five days on earth. Our residence in the kingdom of God is eternal.



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