

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
“First Sunday after
Epiphany”
January 12, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

“Baptism of Christ Sunday”

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

**The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ:
*We exist to Love people where they are and
encourage them to grow in their relationship
with Jesus Christ.***

Meditation of the Day: “What is the scent of water?
Renewal. The goodness of God coming down like
dew.” ~Elizabeth Goudge, *The Scent of Water*

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*This is a Safe and Loving Place, a “Sanctuary” for
worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that ‘No
Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,
You are Welcome Here!*

Prelude: Instrumental Music

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

Jackie Nave Kulp

(inspired by Isaiah 42:1-9, Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23)

One: Today we remember the beginning of a new movement. We remember the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

God says:

Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

All: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

One: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

All: “This is my dearly loved Child, with whom I am well pleased.”

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you

Pass a sign of God’s Peace to one another.

***Opening Hymn: “All Beautiful the March of Days”
#434 NCH**

First Lesson Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

A Lullaby of Hope

One: Life will be different for you, my child.

All: You will break out of our prisons of oppression, our ghettos of injustice.

One: Your mountains will rise clear in the morning.

All: Your valleys will offer cozy comfort in the setting sun.

One: You will not fall prey to prevailing values;
All: you will never exploit the powerless, or profit from people's desperation.

One: Adversity will not grind you down, nor will difficulties dissolve your determination.

All: They will only help you grow.

One: A bubble of peace will protect you;

All: sea of calm will support you.

One: They will all see it in you, my child;

All: everyone will see it.

One: You will do better than us.

All: You will not be bowed down by despair, nor bent by hate. You will not be crushed by violence;

One: You will not grovel for power. You will be free to love, to care, to have compassion. You are precious, my child.

All: For you, things will be different.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 Jackie Nave Kulp

God will deliver the people

Third Lesson Luke 3:15-17,21-22 Pastor Katie

Baptism of Christ

The Message *Backwards Baptismal Promises*

Pastor Katie

***Hymn of Grace: "In Water We Grow" #375 (Chalice)**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response: "In the Bleak Midwinter"**

#128 NCH (verse 4)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Bless these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say. Amen

Reaffirmation of our Baptism

Invitation

One: The Body of Christ continues to be renewed and refreshed. As members, we belong to the baptized and covenantal life in Christ. We gather today to affirm our faith and renew our commitments as followers of Jesus.

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from a Reading from the Second National Meeting of United Church of Christ Women)

One: O God, because you are the source of all life
And love and being,
We call you Creator.

Because we know the history of your presence
Among your covenanted people and honor their
tradition,
We call you Lord.

Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, you obedient child,
Knew you intimately and spoke of you so,
We call you Father.

Because you are present in each act of birth;
And because you shelter, nurture and care for us,
We call you Mother.

Because you hold us up
And give us strength and courage
When we are weak and in need,
We call you Sustainer.

Because we have known you in our pain and
suffering,
We call you Comforter.

Because beyond pain lies your promise
Of all things made new,
We call you Hope.

Because you are the means of liberation
And the way to freedom,
We call you Deliverer.

Because you have chosen to come among us
And share our common lot,
Making the hard choices, suffering and dying;
Because you rose victorious, bringing new life,
We call you Redeemer.

Confident that you will hear,
We call upon you with all the names
That make you real to us,
The names which create an image in our minds and
hearts,
An image which our souls can understand and touch.
And yet we know that you are more than all of these.
Blessing and power, glory and honor be unto you, our
God, Amen.

Do you believe in the One of Many Names, God, Jesus
Christ, and Holy Spirit?

All: We believe in the God of Many Names.

One: Do you reject the powers of oppression in this
world, the systems that marginalize and degrade
human beings and communities created by God, and
the norms of the world at odds with the way of the
kingdom?

All: We do, with the help of God.

One: Do you embrace grace as God's gift, to be freely
given and freely received?

All: We do, with the help of God.

One: Do you recommit to the covenantal and baptized
life, the cost and joy of discipleship, and the community
of belonging as a member of the Body of Christ?
Many: We do, with the help of God.

Renewal of Our Vows

One: John the Baptist told his disciples that he
baptized them with water but the one to come would
baptize with the Holy Spirit. As we receive the mark of
our renewed baptismal vows, we recognize the
movement of the Holy Spirit within us and among us.

You are invited to come forward to the fountain,

touch the water to your forehead

and say, "I am God's Beloved Child!"

Take a shell to remind you of our baptismal promises.

Prayer for the Baptized

One: Voice, Body, Spirit, we give thanks for the gathering of your people into a beloved community of belonging. By our baptism, we accept the invitation to public and faithful witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world and to be instruments to that work. May we live the baptized life in the Spirit as caring companions of one another, with accountability, support, and grace. Shelter us in your love, nourish us in your truth, and uphold us in your word. May it be so. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"
#248 (LC) (verses 1-4)**

WE DEPART IN PEACE

*Benediction

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Sources: adapted from Bruce

Prewer, <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/10BAPTIS>

.htm/, James Taylor *Everyday Psalms*, Epiphany.1 -

United Church of Christ (ucc.org),

[https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-1a-](https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-1a-january-8-baptism-renewal/)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Diversity of Spiritual Gifts

Second Reading John 2:1-11
Wedding at Cana

The Message Sharing Our Gifts

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

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Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

February Newsletters - Monday, January 27

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – February 5 @ 6 pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028

Mark your calendars

Sunday January 26, following worship we will have our Annual Congregational meeting with a potluck luncheon to follow. Please bring a dish to share.

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for Last Week: \$587.10 Attendance: 35

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

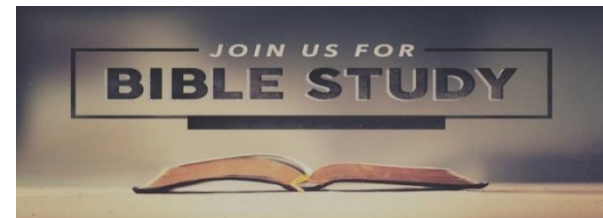
Lucy Brady
Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom
Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
Joanna Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
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Janet Kelly
Ash Van Nuys
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Kathy Peters and family
Mary and George Pietsch
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
Mary Shaffer
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Gina Tollini
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Family of Judi Wilcox
Shirley Wood



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**We are taking orders for our newly designed t-shirts!
Contact Sandy Sanders to place an order or with any questions
@ 443-974-6723 SIZING: Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL
Youth Sizes: S M L XL**



“the stories of our faith.”

Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am

also

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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