



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
“Sixth Sunday after  
Epiphany”  
February 16, 2025  
10:30 a.m.**

**“The Light Has Come”**

**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* “Things are strongest where they are broken.” ~Louise Penny~

***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

**One:** With joy and delight we gather to praise our Holy God!  
With reverence and awe, we approach our Gracious God.

**All:** **We give thanks that God understands us, and does not  
want us to be that which we were never created to  
become!**

**One:** Creating God, you call us to worship you as your children,  
made in your image, with a divine spark within each of us.

**All:** **We give thanks that God understands us, and  
encourages us to grow in our knowledge of God’s  
awesome holiness.**

**One:** Glorious God, you invite us to sink our roots deep into  
your love and holiness, and to grow stronger each day in our  
faith in you.

**All:** **We give thanks that God understands us, and that the  
fruits we bear are consistent with what God created us  
to become. We gather to worship and praise our  
supporting and caring God. Amen.**

**\*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: “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”  
#530 (Chalice)**

**Moment of Affirmation**

Marge Bailey

**Responsive Litany: “Happy are They!”**

One: Happy are all they that wait for the LORD. (Isaiah 30:18)

**All: Happy are all they that put their trust in him.** (Psalm 2:12)

One: Happy are they who know that they are poor; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. (Matt. 5:3)

**All: Happy are they whose delight is in the Lord.** (Psalm 1:1-2)

One: Happy are they of a gentle spirit; (Ps. 37:11)

**All: They shall have the earth for their inheritance.** (Matthew 5:5)

One: Happy are they who do hunger and thirst to see the right prevail;

**All: For they shall be satisfied.** (Matthew 5:6)

One: Happy are the merciful;

**All: For they shall obtain mercy.** (Matthew 5:7)

One: Happy are the pure in heart;

**All: For they shall see God.** (Psalm 24:4, Matthew 5:8)

One: Happy are the peacemakers;

**All: For they shall be called the children of God** (Matthew 5:9)

One: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.

**All: and that is who we are!** (1 John 3:1)

One: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things;

**All: And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever:**

**Let all the earth be filled with his glory.**

(Ps. 72:19-20)

**Amen and Amen.**

*~silence is kept~*

**A Story for the Child in All of Us**

**Blessing of Food Bags**

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)’**

***WE HEAR GOD’S WORD***

**First Reading** Jeremiah 7:5-10 Jackie Nave Kulp  
*Blessed are those who trust in God*

**Second Reading** Luke 6:17-26 Pastor Katie  
*Blessings and Woes*

**The Message** Broken Strength *Pastor Katie*

**\*Hymn of Grace: “Don’t Be Afraid” By: John Bell (repeat)**

***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response**

**“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”  
#565 NCH (verse 3)**

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: Loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts, we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to laughter, and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.**

**What We Believe** UCC Statement of Faith #885 (TNCH)

**Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Great is Your Faithfulness” #423 NCH  
(requested by Karen Haines)**

## ***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***

### **\*Benediction**

*You are invited to stand in a circle around the sanctuary as we bless one another*

### **\*Carrying the Light into the World**

**Prelude to Service: Instrumental music**

**Worship Notes and Resources** Adapted from Joan Stott, and posted on the **Geelong City Parish UCA** website., *Canadian Centennial Anthology of Prayer* (The Canadian Interfaith Conference, 1967). <http://www.amazon.ca/Canadian-Centennial-Anthology-Interfaith-Conference/dp/B0087KOKTW>, Epiphany 6C-February 13, 2022 - United Church of Christ  
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### **Leadership**

Katie Penick  
Hannah Matthews  
Jackie Nave Kulp  
Deb Persinger  
Sandy Sanders  
Hannah Matthews  
MB Brainerd

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Lay Reader  
Worship Committee

## ***Improvement Fund Offering Today***

**Pick up the Easter Flower form in the Narthex to order your flowers! Deadline March 2.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**First Lesson** Psalm 37:1-11,39-40

**Second Reading** Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
*We bear the image of Christ*

**Third Reading** Luke 4:2-30  
*Jesus teaches at Nazareth*

**The Message** Radical Love

### **Scrip Gift Cards**

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

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

[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

**March Newsletters - Monday, February 17**

### **Meeting Dates by Zoom**

Consistory – March 6 @ 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**

### **Budget Information:**

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

**Giving for Last Week: \$829.76 Attendance: 32**

**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:**

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks  
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity  
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie  
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz  
Ash Van Nuys  
Kathy Peters and family  
Leah, friend of Donna Alban  
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte  
Jean Simmons  
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price  
Gina Tollini  
Shirley Wood



Trinity UCC is having a Bowling Party at Greenmount Bowl **Sunday February 23 Noon** after church. Each person gets two games, shoes, a piece of pizza and a soda. If you are planning to attend, please text Lucy Brady 410-746-6189 by **February 17th.**



*Shrove Tuesday*

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Please join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Sausage Dinner on **March 4, 2025** from 5-7 p.m. The menu also includes doughnuts, applesauce, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Hope to see you there.

### **Lenten Challenge**

Lent for 2025 starts on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. This period represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and is a time for us to reflect, fast, and give penance as we prepare for the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Here is our challenge. Each day during Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag.\* At the end of Lent, bring your bag(s) of items to church to donate to someone who can really use them. The donations will be taken to NESAP.

\*There will be bags available at the front entrance to the church beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may use your own bag(s) but please nothing larger than the 13 gallon size. Please contact Sandy Sanders with any questions. 443.974.6723 Thank you!

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



### Ash Wednesday

Join us Ash Wednesday, **March 5, 2025** service at 6:30 p.m.



### TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

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**

They walked with God! Biblical characters  
who inspire us

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

Exploring the Heart of Jesus

**@Trinity and by Zoom**

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study

For Lent, we will take a break from Tuesday bible study  
and have book club on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. We will  
read *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M Campbel and  
Christine Coy Fohr, This will be hybrid. Those who gather  
in-person will have a shared meal.

We have a special 2 part bible study on Feb. 9 & 16 (after  
worship). A light lunch will be provided.



### **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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