EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 6, 2019 | 11:00 am Worship

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us.
We believe worship is the heart of our life together.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Prelude on Forest Green          Searle Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Come and worship the star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity and dazzles us into the presence of the Holy.
All: We have come to worship and to open our hearts to the mystery of Love.

One: Here in this place, O God, awaken us to your presence,
All: So that we might see it every day knit into the ordinary fabric of our lives.

One: As we worship, reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.
All: Heal us, that we might be healers in the world.

One: Reconcile us to you, to ourselves, and to one another,
All: So that all our living might be reconciling.

One: May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day and the north star by night,
All: May we follow it with courage, wherever it leads us, as we travel into the gift of a new year.

One: Come and worship the star-flinging God who guides us to love.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #150 DIX
As With Gladness Men of Old

CALL TO CONFESSION

Especially on this day as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded that faith is a journey. Just as the wise men were called from a far off land to journey to find the Christ child, so we are called to journey. We may be nearby, we may be far off, but God is always calling us to journey toward newness and possibility, as individuals and as communities.

*Those who are able, please stand.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
One: God of perfect light,
All: We confess that we often turn away from your guiding stars, afraid of where they might lead us.

moment of silence
for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession

One: Guiding God,
All: Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we might walk in the light of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PueR Nobis Nascitur
O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.
(may be found as stanza 4 of hymn #152)

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 2: 1-12
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF PARTING
For grades 1 & 2 as they leave for worship enrichment
Congregation: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

SERMON
Defying Our Herods
Pam Driesell
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.
That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.
Therefore, we do not set our ultimate reliance on any other help, nor do we yield unconditional obedience to any other power.
The Good News gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord, inviting all to the table of grace.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends; yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.
When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored, may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.
(may be found as stanzas 1 and 3 of hymn #503)

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
Behold a Star from Jacob Shining
Mendelssohn
Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising to reign in glory over the nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation.
Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation. Thine be praise and adoration.

*DOXOLOGY #606
Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Congregational responses during prayer (sung)
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. Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
The elements used in the Lord’s Supper are wine and gluten-free bread.
For those who do not wish to drink wine, grape juice is in the outer rim
of the trays. When passing the bread to your neighbor, say, “This is the
Bread of Life.” When passing the wine or juice to your neighbor, say,
“This is the Cup of Salvation.”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #749  WE ARE CALLED
Come! Live in the Light!

The thematic center of this particular hymn text by David Haas is the vocation of all believers as found in Micah 6:8
“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” It is of course appropriate to the Epiphany season as well, with its references to walking and living in the light of Christ. The second verse, which speaks of God’s mercy to all who fear and our responsibility as Christians to be hope for the hopeless is particularly appropriate for today’s themes.
As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.
FLOWERS
The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Graves and Marriott families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frances "Frannie" Graves.

CHILD CARE
Although children are always welcome in the sanctuary, child care is available for children, birth through pre-K. Kinderworship is a worship education program for kindergartners.
- Infants and Toddlers.......... D102
- Two-Year-Olds.............. D104
- Three-Year-Olds........... D106
- Pre-K....................... D119
- Kinderworship ............ D110

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH
12:00 pm, Williams Hall
Join us for a congregational lunch in Williams Hall following 11 am worship. Cost is $8 per adult, $5 per child; $25 maximum per family
Menu: barbecue chicken, green beans, wild rice, garden salad, rolls, mixed fruit, cookies

INTRODUCING TRINITY CLERGY
Throughout the coming year, you will periodically notice a clergy assisting in worship who is not on the Trinity staff. In fact, you may recognize them as a member of the Trinity family and wonder what they are doing wearing the clergy garb – a robe and stole. We are eager to introduce you to Trinity’s “Clergy Affiliate members.” These are ordained PCUSA ministers who are either retired from ministry or minister in settings outside Trinity but worship and serve alongside us. They are a deep well of wisdom among us and we will be running short bios on them in the Trinity Times this year. In addition, we have invited those who are willing and able to serve as liturgists at some point in the coming year. Today, we welcome The Reverend Dr. Charles Nyaga as a worship leader.

Originally from Kenya, Charles Nyaga is a 2006 graduate of Johnson C. Smith Seminary, a constituent school at Interdenominational Theological Center here in Atlanta. His doctorate, from Argosy University’s School of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences focused on Pastoral Community Counseling. Charles was ordained at Trinity on December 20, 2015. Charles serves immigrant communities and ministers to newly-arrived refugees. His ministry is geared towards culturally sensitive integration into the American culture. He works with American hosts to develop understanding of the deep emotional deficits refugees and immigrants bring with them and how spirituality can help to mitigate those needs. "My hope for Trinity Presbyterian Church," says Charles, "is that members would engage at personal levels with refugees and immigrants who are often misrepresented in the media as 'undesirable,' 'disease-infected,' 'undeserving other' and share nothing else but God's love for all."
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, January 13
11:00 am, Sanctuary
The Session has voted to call a congregational meeting on January 13, during 11 am worship and prior to a farewell reception for the Rev. Jeremy Jinkins. The purpose of the meeting is to vote to concur with the request of Jeremy to dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

FAREWELL RECEPTION
Sunday, January 13
12:00 pm, Williams Hall
All members and friends are invited to a reception bidding farewell and congratulations to our Executive Pastor, Rev. Jeremy Jinkins, and his family. Jeremy has accepted a call to become the senior pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, New Jersey.

TRINITY EXPLORES
TENDING THE FIRE: THE STORY OF A MARRIAGE
Sunday, January 13
5:00 pm, Williams Hall
Speaker: Jeannie DuBose
Join Jeannie DuBose as she offers reflections on her new book, Tending the Fire: The Story of a Marriage. What makes love endure? How do we keep the fire burning? Jeannie answers these questions by sharing an intimate look inside her marriage as she and her husband grow through junctures both bumpy and beautiful. Childcare is provided.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME INTENTIONALLY

NEW MEMBER CLASS
If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Church or in becoming a member, you are encouraged to attend the New Member Class series (four Sundays). Classes are held in the Chapel Parlor from 10:00 to 10:50 am on Sunday. Child care is available. The next class meets January 27, February 3, 10, 17.
Contact: Gay Gunter, 404-316-8228 gayhgunter@gmail.com.

CARE COMPASSIONATELY

PASTORAL CARE
If you have an illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, please contact Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440 or vridenhour@trinityatlanta.org.

COUNSELING
Mary Lisa Henry, Ph.D., LCSW
404-869-3707

STEPHEN MINISTERS
If you are experiencing a difficult life circumstance and want to speak with someone, a Stephen Minister, chosen just for you, will be a confidential listener.
Contact: Meredith Daniel, 404-869-0025, msdaniel@bellsouth.net
Paul Marston, 404-493-3644 paul.marston@richmondsterling.com

LEARN PURPOSEFULLY

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL
BIBLE & THEOLOGY
Thinking Theologically in a World of Many Religions: Introduction to Comparative Theology
Room B104/106

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES & CHRISTIAN ACTION
Trade Talk: Economic, Philosophical, and Moral Issues
Room B110

PERSPECTIVES: LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE & HISTORY
Expatriot Redux
Room B112

CHRISTIAN LIVING & SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
Finding God in the Midst of Chaos
Chapel Parlor January 6, 13, 20; B108 January 27, February 3, 10

ONGOING CLASSES
Faith and Life
Room A116
Coffee & Connections
Williams Hall

GATHER JOYFULLY

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Friday, January 11
7:27 am, Williams Hall
Our speaker will be Trinity member Stan Tilley, who will share with us the highlights of his life so far. Reservations are not required; $7 per person.

AWAKENING
Fridays
7:30 am, A116
Women of all ages are invited for a light breakfast and study/discussion.
### Sunday, January 6
- **9:00 AM** Westminster Ringers
- **9:00 AM** Worship
- **10:00 AM** Church School
- **11:00 AM** Kindergarten
- **11:00 AM** Worship
- **11:20 AM** Worship Enrichment
- **12:00 PM** Trinity at the Table
- **12:30 PM** TPC Basketball
- **1:00 PM** Novel Ideas
- **5:00 PM** Youth Choir
- **6:30 PM** Youth Group

### Monday, January 7
- **10:00 AM** Women’s Circle Bible Study Tutorial
- **11:30 AM** Presbytery Planning Meeting

### Tuesday, January 8
- **7:30 AM** Personnel
- **7:30 AM** Theology Reading Group
- **8:30 AM** Yoga
- **10:00 AM** Women’s Circle Bible Study and Luncheon
- **10:45 AM** Tai Chi
- **5:30 PM** Adult Education Committee Meeting
- **5:45 PM** TPC Basketball Practice
- **6:30 PM** Middling Dads
- **7:00 PM** Chapter 3C - Group 2
- **7:00 PM** Chapter 3C-Group 1
- **7:00 PM** Men in Transition A
- **7:00 PM** Men in Transition C / III

### Wednesday, January 9
- **7:30 AM** Coordinating Council
- **10:00 AM** Act III (Spirituality of Aging A)
- **12:00 PM** Covenant Bible Study
- **12:45 PM** Silent Meditation
- **4:00 PM** CFM K/1st Grd Recreation
- **5:30 PM** Worship & Music Ex. mtg.
- **5:45 PM** TPC Basketball Practice
- **6:00 PM** Mission Council Meeting
- **6:30 PM** Chancel Choir Dinner
- **7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **8:00 PM** AA Meeting

### Thursday, January 10
- **10:00 AM** Elder Wisdom (Spirituality of Aging B)
- **10:00 AM** Writing as a Spiritual Practice
- **4:00 PM** CFM Open Gym Time
- **4:00 PM** Hosanna Ringers
- **4:00 PM** Primary Choir
- **4:45 PM** CFM Arts and Crafts
- **4:45 PM** Cherub Choir I 4:45 - 5:15 & Cherub II 5:15 - 5:45
- **5:00 PM** Congregational Activities and Events Committee
- **5:00 PM** Junior Choir
- **5:30 PM** Finance Committee
- **5:45 PM** TPC Basketball Practice
- **6:30 PM** Stephen Ministry Supervision

### Friday, January 11
- **7:30 AM** Awakening
- **7:30 AM** Men’s Breakfast