



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

January 4, 2009
The Epiphany of the Lord

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PRELUDE In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Men, Rejoice)
Composer: Gerald Kemner (1932-1976)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Music: arr. David Willcocks; Words: G.R. Woodward
*Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angel singing.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Epiphany is the celebration of receiving God's light in the world. In the birth of Jesus we see God and God's activity in the world with new eyes.

Leader: Arise, shine like the sun! The glory of the Lord is shining on you!

All: Other nations will be covered by darkness, but on us the light of the Lord will shine.

Leader: Nations will be drawn to your light, and kings to the dawning of your new day. Lift up your eyes and look around.

All: Your people are gathering to come home; they will tell the good news of what the Lord has done!

HYMN 66 We Three Kings of Orient Are

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *UNISON*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *UNISON*

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"Glo - ry in the high - est, on earth," sing a - gain.

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Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia. A - men. A - men.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6 (Old Testament, page 690)

ANTHEM Hodie Christus Natus Est
Heinrich Schütz

*Hodie Christus natus est,
hodie salvator apparuit,
Alleluia.*

*Christ is born today,
today our savior appears,
Alleluia.*

*Hodie in terra canunt angeli,
laetantur archangeli,
Alleluia.*

*Today angels sing on earth,
joyous archangels,
Alleluia.*

*Hodie exultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis,
Alleluia.*

*Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to all of goodwill,
Alleluia.*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 (New Testament, page 2)

SERMON

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 56 The First Nowell

Those who have been standing may sit.

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace. We light the Peace Candle to remind us that “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

I Wonder as I Wander

Music: arr. John Jacob Niles and Lewis Henry Horton

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor on’ry people like you and like I . . .
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God’s heaven a start’s light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing,
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.*

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor on’ry people like you and like I . . .
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

*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![‡]*

[†]*You may substitute the word “God”*

[‡]*You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS UNISON Hymn 580

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

This morning we celebrate communion by intinction. Please come forward by rows, starting from the front of the Sanctuary. When you come forward, break off a piece of bread from the common loaf, dip it in the common cup, and eat. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please signal an usher by raising your hand; ushers will be in the front corners of the Sanctuary when communion begins.

COMMUNION PRAYER UNISON

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 29 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

POSTLUDE God Rest You Merry
Composer: Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

Today is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. On this day we celebrate the light that has come into the world. The light is represented by the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem. The color of Epiphany is white, the traditional color of purity and joy.

Liturgists – Adam Hotaling, Mike Krivonak, the Rev. Julie March

Peace Prayer – Jane Rand

Preacher – The Rev. Nancy Wagner

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Soloists – Stephanie Ball, Laura Brady and Thomas Sitzler

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Gather for Worship – 10:20 a.m.
Worship -- 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.



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News and Notes

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to consider becoming a member. The next new member classes will be held January 18th. Please speak with Nancy Wagner if you are interested.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Trinity Church welcomes children in its worship services. Nursery and childcare are provided downstairs for children pre-school and younger. And, Trinity kids, remember to pick up your own worship bags in the back of the Church! Spiritual growth classes for kids are held at 9:30 am Sunday mornings. *We will not have education today. A Spiritual Growth kick-off will be held next Sunday at 9:30 am—join us in the basement!*

TODAY AT TRINITY

WE WILL TAKE DOWN THE DECORATIONS FOLLOWING WORSHIP. Please meet in the Chapel to get your assignment. We need ladder climbers, wreath-packers, and people to do many smaller jobs. The more helpers, the less time it will take! Fellowship always happens when we work together.

THE RECORDER GROUP will practice in the Narthex Room at 8:45 am this morning.

ADULT EDUCATION

We will not have education today. Our series on capital punishment will start next Sunday at 9:30 am in the Chapel. See ANNOUNCEMENTS for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY'S PASTOR DAN ANDERSON-LITTLE is on a temporary leave of absence from his pastoral duties between November 24 and January 11. He will be back in the office on January 12. The Rev. Nancy Wagner is providing pastoral leadership in his absence. If you need pastoral assistance, you can reach Nancy at church; if you have a pastoral emergency, you can reach her on her cell phone.

ARE YOUR POINSETTIAS STILL HERE? Please take them today—we'll be taking them out of the sanctuary after worship.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about trinity or are considering joining, please come to the New Member Class on Sunday, January 18th from 7-8:30 pm in the Chapel. Please let Rev. Nancy Wagner or the church office (Liz: 725-3840) know if you plan to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Mark your calendars to stay after worship for our annual meeting on Sunday, January 25th.

EDUCATION INFORMATION: Please note there will not be **Spiritual Growth classes for children or adults on until January 11th**. Adult spiritual growth will resume January 11 - 25 with a 3-part discussion "*Thinking theologically about controversial social issues – capital punishment.*" It will be led by Mike Holley and Diana Oleskevich, from the St. Louis Chapter of Missourians to Abolish Death Penalty, Dan Anderson Little and Damayanthi Niles. Details on the spring spiritual growth plans are in your December *Trinity News*. The adult education branch of Spiritual Growth is looking for people interested in joining the adult education team in 2009 and is looking for suggestions on topics/speakers for future classes. Please contact George Philips.

SMALL GROUP DINNERS ARE BEING PLANNED: Session would like to renew this meaningful fellowship time, as it has been a few years since we've gathered in this way. Elders plan to have dinners on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 19, 20, and 21—a chance to combine a Mardi Gras theme with a brief and informal discussion of our discerning process. The sign-ups to attend dinners will be coming later. What Session needs to know now is who is interested in hosting a potluck meal? You don't need to be an elder to host—if you are not comfortable leading a discussion about Trinity's discerning process, you can request that an elder or other leader come to your dinner and lead that discussion. Some of the houses would have child-friendly gatherings and others will be more adult focused. If you can host a small-group dinner, please sign up before January 23 with Stacy Shupe or Pat Gibbons (s00.sshupe@wittenberg.edu or pcg@wustl.edu). They will be in the Narthex with signup sheets after worship, once we are past the holidays. We're looking forward to sharing a meal with you!

THANKS FOR STEPPING UP: Thanks to all who have stepped to up assist with various set-ups and clean-ups in Birty's absence (especially to Jim Person, who has become "Birty, Jr."). Thanks to those who re-fashioned the wreaths for the sanctuary and those who helped hang all the greens. Thanks to all who stepped to help fill a food pantry bagging gap, and those who have answered the calls to assist after fires and accidents. This congregation is full of talented, dedicated, sacrificing people and together we can do more than we thought possible. –Liz Nelson

"FAIR SHARES" works with local farmers and producers to form a Combined CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Each week they collect, organize and distribute the freshest, seasonal, sustainably-produced foods available in St. Louis. We have helped them move their distribution site from the garage in an alley nearby to our basement on Wednesday late afternoons and they have already started to donate excess food to our food pantry. They have a waiting list, but welcome your interest. See Jim Person for more information.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: To date, the congregation has pledged \$261, 000. Thank you to all who have pledged so far. Our 2009 budget asks for \$334,000 in pledges. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge, as the information helps the Session with budget and program planning. Trinity's Session members coordinated the stewardship campaign and will be happy to answer any questions: *Margy Brown, John Pfeifer, Rick Jeter, Tom Serfass, Liz Nelson, Lynn Reid, Luise Hoffman, George Philips, Pat Gibbons, Sharon Christopher, Bill Cahoon, Stacy Shupe, Cheryl Evans, Matt Schindler, and Dayna Early.* Financial Administrator, *Linde Baechle*, can be reached at: 725-3840.

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING unfulfilled pledges for 2008. Please contact Linde with any questions.

THE WILD WITH WORDS writing group will meet in the Chapel from 6:30-8:30 pm January 11 and January 25. All are welcome! Speak with Julie March.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For the birth of Dallas Miguel Holloway to Karen & Charles Holloway on December 27. Grandparents are Birty & Digna Hodgson.
- For the niece of Rev. Nancy Wagner, Meredith Adler in Indianapolis, who is diabetic and pregnant with twins.
- For the healing of Mimi Jeske, Tom Wilhite's significant other, who has completed chemotherapy.

Prayers for Those Preparing for Ministry:

- For Rhonda Dunbar as she begins studies at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA.
- For Diane O'Brien as she pursues theological studies at Eden Theological Seminary.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Lynn Reid and her family at the passing of her 100-year-old grandfather.
- For Wally Klein and his family at the loss of his brother, Ronald, on December 11 in a car accident in Bozeman, MT that occurred Dec. 8
- For the Higginbotham family as Jennifer's 101-year-old grandmother enters hospice.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Karen Mayberry, homebound awaiting double knee replacement surgery in early February.
- For Susan Harris and her young family, close friend of the Evans', recently diagnosed with a sinus/brain tumor and awaiting further testing.
- For Birty Hodgson, our Building & Grounds Caretaker, recovering from surgery after a fall and severely broke his right shoulder and arm on December 10.
- For Fran Kruger, former Trinity member, who had colon surgery December 9 in Seattle.
- For Walt Phillips, close friend of the Hotalings, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will undergo treatment at Barnes.
- For Carol Rustemeyer recovering from surgery on her hand to repair a ruptured tendon.
- For Lana Edwards, friend of Cathy Smith, experiencing heart trouble.
- For Jake Jones, 17-year-old nephew of Sue Young, who is recovering from reconstructive surgery on October 27.
- For Curt March who is suffering with shingles.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a bone marrow disorder.
- For Barbara Isaac, daughter of Janet Guenther, and her family as Barbara moves into a nursing home to care for her Alzheimer's Disease.
- For Karon Bilbrey's niece, Lisa Becker who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For former members Bill and Joyce Brackman, as Bill receives care for brain cancer in California.

- For Dan Little, Dan Anderson-Little's father, being treated for brain cancer in Madison, WI.
- For Christy Schindler's cousin Mark Mellinger, in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer and experiencing many complications.
- Marilyn Kuhn, counselor for Care & Counseling and good friend of Trinity Presbyterian Church, undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
- Ann Weems, having blood pressure problems.
- Don Weems, having back and eye concerns.
- The Pontious family (Elaine, Larry, Adam & Tati) as they help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.
- Barbara Robinson, who is in a coma following a stroke in October 2006.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

Helen Bauer	Myrtle Beckmeyer	Colleen Osborn	Jim Pettus
Mabel Howell	Juanita Bruns	Eleanor Griffin	Maxine Story
Evelyn Patterson			

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, January 5

8:45 am	Facilities meeting, library
6:00 pm	OASIS Older Adult band concert, Dining Room, free

Tuesday, January 6

11:00 am	Presbyterian Women, Dining Room
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Wednesday, January 7

1-4:00 pm	Food Pantry
7:00 pm	Session Meeting, Chapel

Thursday, January 8

6:15 pm	Sight Singing class, Choir Room
7:15 pm	Trinity Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 9

Office closed

Sunday, January 11

8:45 am	recorder group practice, Narthex Room
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TRINITY STAFF

Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little, Pastor (*on temporary leave*)
 The Rev. Nancy Wagner, Pastor During Leave
 The Rev. Julie March, Associate Pastor for Equipping
 Vicki Carmichael, Interim Minister of Music—Choir Director
 Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO, Interim Minister of Music—Organist
 Dawn Fleishman, Minister of Spiritual Growth
 Elizabeth Nelson, Church Administrator
 Linde Baechle, Financial Administrator
 Birty Hodgson, Building & Grounds Caretaker
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