

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 25, 2026

## GATHERING AND PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

PRELUDE:

“Meditation”

*Douglas Wagner*

Readyng Our Hearts (A time of silent prayer and reflection in preparation for worshiping God together.)

Scriptures for Reflection and Memorization: Romans 12:2

**“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is -- His good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

### CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

Leader: Praise be to You, O LORD, from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.**

Leader: For everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

**People: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.**

Leader: Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

**People: In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.**

**All: We give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION/INVOCATION

\*GATHERING SONG: #502 “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:17-24 (Pew Bible pp. 1821-1822)

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison prayer after a time of silent personal confession.)

**O Lord, we have sinned times without number, and have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in daily life. Our sins present us with a list of accusations, but we bless You that they will not stand against us for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor the lusting of the mind bring our spirits into subjection, but rule over us in liberty and power. Purge us from every false desire, and every base aspiration -- everything contrary to Your rule. Deliver us from every evil habit, every layer of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking delight in You.** (Adapted from "The Valley of Vision: Puritan Prayers and Devotions")

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (adapted from Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God – the forgiveness of our sins through the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus the Christ -- through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Therefore let us rejoice in the hope of the glory of God – the one true God who offers eternal life to all who come to Him in faith.

**\*All:** *(Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH GOD'S WORD**

## SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-10 (Pew Bible p. 1834)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly

things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

**Leader:** This is the word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

“All We Are Belongs to You”

*Choir*

*Hart/Feeley*

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-2 (Sermon focus, verse 2; Pew Bible p. 1763)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your true and proper worship. *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is -- His good, pleasing and perfect will.*

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SERMON: “Being a God-glorifying Non-conformist”

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD THROUGH AFFIRMATION, OFFERING, AND PRAYER**

\*SONG OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

“Lord, I Come”

*Acoustic Worship Team*

*Billy Funk*

**Lord, I come.**

**Take my life.**

**I offer it to You, a living sacrifice;**

**By Your grace,**

**By Your blood,**

**I come into the Holy of Holies.**

Chorus

**All I want to do is dwell in Your presence,**

**And drink from the well that never runs dry;**

**All I want to see is the light of Your glory,**

**Just one glimpse, just one drink**

**And my soul is satisfied.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND OFFERING

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements and the Giving of Our Offering

**“I Give You My Heart”**  
*Acoustic Worship Team*

*Reuben Morgan*

**This is my desire to honor You  
Lord, with all my heart I worship You  
All I have within me I give You praise  
All that I adore is in You**

**Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul  
I live for you alone.  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake  
Lord, have Your ways in me.**

(For those joining us in the Sanctuary this morning, you are invited, as you come forward to receive the Communion Elements, and as you feel so led, to place your offering in one of the plates up front. For those unable to be with us physically, you are encouraged to partake of the elements in your home at this time. Also, as you are able, we invite you to set aside your offering as an act of personal dedication at this time, either to be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or brought in when you are able to join us in worship. Let this time be one of receiving from and offering yourself to our Lord -- to the praise of His glory.)

Prayer of Commitment

\*Sung Response (Doxology)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION/SUPPLICATION

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.**

**BRINGING OUR WORSHIP INTO OUR WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG: #132 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
Free it from sin, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as You are,  
And make me love You as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies,  
But take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Did You not bid us love You, God and King,  
Love You with all our heart and strength and mind?  
I see Your cross – there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek You and O let me find!**

**Teach me to feel that You are always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love You as Your angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Your love the flame.**

## \*BENEDICTION (Romans 15:13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude:

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

*David Paxton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Note: Church's email address – [office@trinitychurchtroy.org](mailto:office@trinitychurchtroy.org). Website address – [www.trinitychurchtroy.org](http://www.trinitychurchtroy.org).)

1. If you would like to help support the work of Hope 7 in our local community, we encourage you to drop off **non-perishable food items, toiletries and other hygiene items** either at Trinity Church, or at Hope 7 directly (M-F 9:30-11:45), or call Sue Laz (518-892-4042) to arrange for a pick-up.
2. **We are receiving new or gently used clothes for the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM).** There is a box in the narthex for donations. You may bring your items to the church or call Sue Laz to arrange for a pick-up.
3. **Church “business-style” cards** are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to take some to hand out as you invite others to join us in worship.
4. **Sunday morning prayer, 8:30-9:00am** in the Prayer Room/Library. Join us as we pray for Sunday's worship as well as other needs, concerns, praises and thanksgivings.
5. **Adult Sunday morning Bible Study** meets before worship (9:15-10:00am). We are in the midst of a study on the Spiritual Disciplines, but feel free to jump in and join us where we are.
6. **Wednesday evening Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> as we continue our study of Romans, with our focus on Romans 12:3. You can find the Zoom link at the church's website under “Digital meetings” or as included here -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268790436>.
7. To encourage us in the study of God's Word, the Inward Ministry Committee is providing a selection of Bible study booklets for personal Bible study. These can be found in the literature rack in the narthex.
8. **The Annual Congregational Meeting** of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Troy, NY will be held today, January 25<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting being to:
  - Review committee reports for 2025;
  - Approve Pastor John's Terms of Call for 2026;
  - Review the 2026 General Fund budget;
  - Elect members to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2026;
  - Act on any other business or information brought before the congregation.
  - We will begin with a potluck luncheon and then move into the business of the annual meeting. You are encouraged to attend as we celebrate God's faithfulness over the past year and look ahead to how God will use Trinity Church to be a blessing in the new year.
9. **Through the CarePortal ministry**, Trinity Church has accepted a request to provide a family in Troy with a baby car seat and a toddler car seat. The total cost for these will be about \$200.00. If you would like to give toward this, you can place your gift in the offering plate with a note that it is for **CarePortal**. If you have any questions, please speak with Sue Laz.