

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1, 2026

GATHERING AND PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE:

“Ave Verum”

W.A. Mozart

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

Scriptures for Reflection and Memorization: Romans 12:3; James 4:10

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.” (Romans 12:3)

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.” (James 4:10)

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 33)

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.

Leader: No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

People: A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

Leader: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

People: We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

Leader: In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

All: May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in You.

PRAYER OF ADORATION/INVOCATION

* GATHERING SONG:

“Rock of Ages”

Rita Baloche

Acoustic Worship Team

There is no rock, there is no god like our God,

No other name worthy of all our praise.

The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved,

He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.

There is no rock, there is no god like ours. (repeat)

**Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
There is no rock, there is no God like ours.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible pp. 1628-1629)

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people -- robbers, evildoers, adulterers -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 God, the Father of our Savior Jesus the Christ, Your covenant love is boundless and Your mercy is inexhaustible. You, Almighty God, are the Ruler of all things, perfect in Your judgments, and forever to be worshipped and praised. And so, with humility of heart and an awareness of our sinfulness, we ask You to cleanse our mind, body, and spirit of those sinful thoughts and actions that prevent us from experiencing the fullness of Your goodness and glory. Cast out every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and pride, all wrath and anger, all that is contrary to Your holy will. Give us instead a pure heart and an ever-deepening love for You, we pray in Jesus name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, and no hurt so deep that God cannot heal, when we repent and come to Jesus in faith. Therefore, with confidence, not in ourselves but in our Lord Jesus, receive the forgiving love of God; and, demonstrate that forgiveness that’s yours in Christ by forgiving one another, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the praise of the Father’s glory.

***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: Philippians 2:1-5 (Pew Bible p. 1827)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death -- even death on a cross!

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 12:1-3 (Sermon focus, verse 3; 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.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Thinking Soberly, Walking Humbly, Serving Faithfully”

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

*SONG OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

#575 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

**Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed;
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart.**

**Still Your children wander homeless: still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.**

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

“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”
Acoustic Worship Team

Bob Hudson

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
And He shall lift you up,
Higher and higher, and He shall lift you up

Lay your life at the foot of the cross.
Lay your life at the foot of the cross.
And He shall lift you up,
Higher and higher, and He shall lift you up.

Make a decision to follow Christ.
Make a decision to follow Christ.
And He shall lift you up,
Higher and higher, and He shall lift you up.

(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: #571 “Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You;
Plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do.

**Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace;
Help us heal the broken hearted, to the captive bring release.**

**Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side,
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;
Help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.**

**Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.**

***BENEDICTION (1 Thessalonians 5:23)**

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Postlude:

“Marche”

Mario Salvador

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Note: Church's email address – office@trinitychurchtroy.org. Website address – 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 next on Wednesday, February 11th as we continue our study of Romans, with our focus on Romans 12:4-5. 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, February 1st 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.