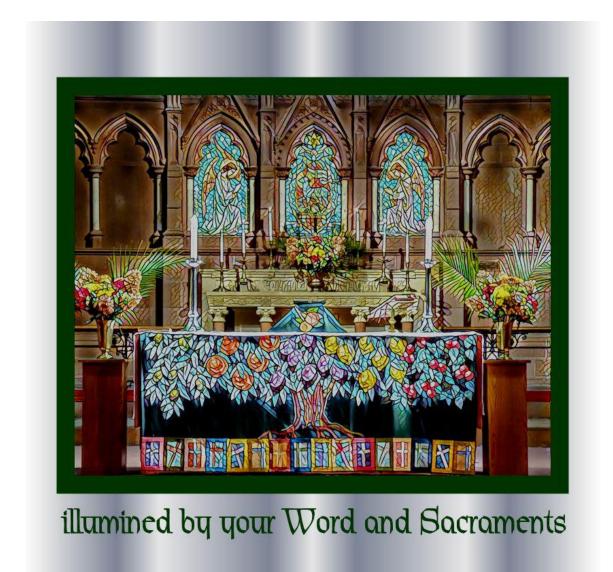
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025 10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



Good Morning!

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign

one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.

NAMETAGS In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone

to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of

reusable nametags.

KIDS IN CHURCH Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons are available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight an aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help

highlight an aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are

welcome as they are, including kids!

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quite space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be

accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory

Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over

for the next month.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not

printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal

tradition, for prayer.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

JANUARY 19, 2025 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Traditional Shaker Melody

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.



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Presider

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

1982 Hymnal #S280



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one

God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 36:5-10 BCP 632



- 5 Your love, O Lord, / reaches to the / heavens, * and your / faithfulness / to the / clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the / great / deep; * you save both / man and / beast, O / Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your / love, O / God! * your people take refuge under the / shadow / of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the a/<u>bundance of your</u> / house; * you give them drink from the / <u>river</u> of / your de/lights.
- 9 For with you is the / well of / life, * and in your / light / we see / light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to / those who / know you, * and your favor to / those who are / true of / heart.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



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THE GOSPEL John 2:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED From Enriching Our Worship*

All 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.

^{*}This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'of the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches).

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

BCP 385

In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings and petitions silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

All

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by "the new" and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Presider

Silence may be kept.

AllMost merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. People

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Precious Lord Take my Hand

George N. Allen, Arr. by Roy Ringwald

The Trinity Choir will present "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" as the offertory anthem this Sunday, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This powerful arrangement of the beloved hymn features lyrics by Joyce Merman, inspired by Dr. King's final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," delivered on April 3, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

In that speech, Dr. King reflected on the struggles and triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement, sharing his vision for a brighter future, even as he faced the harsh realities of his time. The words of the hymn echo his message of hope, faith, and the longing for guidance in times of trial. This anthem serves as a moving tribute to his legacy and the enduring strength of the human spirit.

We invite you to join us in this meaningful moment of worship as the Trinity Choir honors Dr. King's enduring influence.

"Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring me home through the night, Through the dark, through the storm, To Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring Thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain All are past; I have dreamed a great dream That Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, Take Thy child unto Thee, With my dream of a world that is free For that day when all flesh Joins the glory Thou hast planned, Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand, take my hand."

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Presider

Gracious God,

All

in these times of anguish and distress, we turn to you with hearts full of gratitude. We thank you for the incredible power of your compassionate love that sustains us. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of participating in the work of your Spirit, binding us together as a community of faith and shaping us into the body of Christ—a caring and nurturing parish family.

Empower us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. May our gifts reflect your generosity and help us build the City of God, the only true sanctuary in our world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: FUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

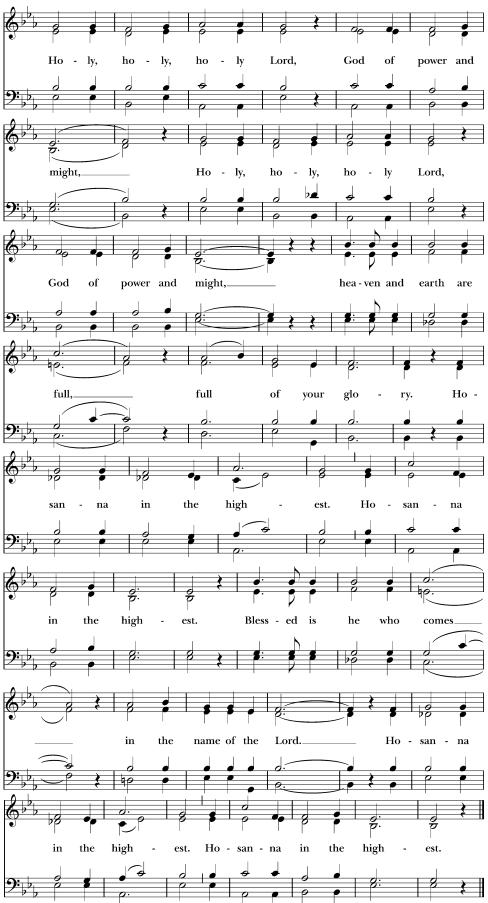
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts, *All*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the communion rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Please remember that if you wish not to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a

light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Eternal Majesty, The Incarnate

Word, and the Ever-abiding Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN







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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Ev'ry Time I feel the Spirit Spiritual Arr. by Harry Thacker Burleigh (1866-1949)

You may choose to stay for the postlude (and express a spoken "amen" afterward if you'd like), but it is never expected! You may leave after the final hymn if you'd rather.

Please feel comfortable to make whatever choice is best for you.



+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith - Presider & Preacher

Readers

Walton Brown-Foster **Janet Wilkinson**

Altar Guild

Mary Register, Kitty Peterson, Cathy Rowe, Marcus

Clark, Cecelia Timothy

Intercessor

Director of Music Markus Centola

Ministers of Communion Cathy Rowe

Virtual Vergers Casey Rousseau

Ushers Neill Derick, Sonia Watson

Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer

Altar Flowers Jannel Thomas

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LET US PRAY

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All ecumenical & interfaith endeavors involving our congregations & people; for peace & peacemakers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

We pray for:

Charles Brooks Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Yvonne Cheek Johanna Ramos Boo Morton and Suzanne Blancaflor Barbara Jean Elmore

Cheryl Lennox

The Lugo and Torres Families

Daryl Todd

The Wentgertzman Family
The Swiatek Family
Bp. Michael Curry
Saydie Eggleston
Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Faye, Elizabeth and

Hannah Aliene & their children

Fred Margeson Isabella Gevarra Cassandra Watson Sonia Watson Krystal Reid and Adrian MacLeach The Wallace Family Nancy Miller

Phillip Andrews (brother of Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Margaret Daniel

Tony Charron Vreeland (son of Peter Vreeland)

Winifred Costa John E. Robinson Grace Crooks

Philip Green (son of Peter &

Anne Green)

Stephanie Holland (niece of

Kitty Peterson)
J.B. Parke
Jennifer Stephens
Laurie Lavoie
Carmen Belgrave
Kate Smith
Katie Reynolds
Louise Krippenstapel
Carlene Lewis
Judy Miller
Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengatenga

Richard Green (brother of

Peter Green) Peter Vreeland

ANNOUNCING Adult Christian Formation BIBLE STUDY: TODAY

The Adult Christian Formation team is pleased to announce that Rev. George Chien will lead a Bible Study on the third Sunday of each month, beginning after the Eucharist on January 19.

The study will focus on the scripture lessons for the day, and will be an informal discussion.

No homework! No pressure! Just an opportunity to explore in greater depth the lessons prescribed for the day. Plan to join us in the Library following the service.

A Message from the Transition Prayer Team

As we continue to lift Trinity Church and our pastoral transition in our prayers, all are invited to join the Prayer Team for a few minutes of prayer in the Memorial Chapel immediately following the Postlude each Sunday. Members of the Prayer Team include George Chien, Nancy Crandall, Cathy Rowe, Kate Smith and Peter Vreeland.

If you want to join our Prayer Team via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 8:00 am, send an email to Cathy at crowedy@yahoo.com and I will send you the Zoom link. Drop-ins are welcome.



The Church Office and Buildings will be closed on Monday, 20 January, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Women Together on Zoom Starting January 21st

Women Together: a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship. We will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:15pm in the reception room at St. John's (679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT) through January 14, 2025.

Beginning Tuesday January 21,2025 we will begin meeting by **Zoom** to aid those who cannot drive. Each Monday ahead of our meetings Erica Weinstock (<u>ericajw@mac.com</u>) will send Zoom Link information included followed by a reminder on the Tuesday. Please let Erica know your email address if you are new to the group.

On Tuesday January 21, 2025 we will begin discussing "Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder" by Steven Charleston. Publishers introduce the book: "When the Spirit speaks to him in his daily prayers, Choctaw elder and spiritual explorer Steven Charleston takes a pen and writes down the messages. He then shares these thoughts with thousands on social media. In these musings, Charleston taps into the universal questions that draw us to prayer, no matter our spiritual background: Why am I here? Where do I belong? Where am I going? This stunning collection of more than two hundred meditations introduces us to the Spirit Wheel and the four directions that ground Native spirituality: tradition, kinship, vision, and balance."

The books we choose are usually available at libraries, <u>amazon.com</u> and other booksellers. WT has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James and St. Monica's. Please contact Cathy Rowe if you would like additional information.

Vestry Meeting Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Vestry meetings are open to any member of the parish. Members of the parish are especially invited to bring concerns and feedback to the Vestry during the "Feedback from Congregation" section of the meeting which begins at about 7:20/7:30. (The first 15-20 minutes of the meeting are a time of reflection and connection).

Members who choose to do so are welcome to come only to the beginning of the meeting to share concerns or are welcome to stay for the entire meeting. Please note that if there are conversations that are confidential in nature, visitors to the meeting will be asked to excuse themselves for that portion and then will be invited back in. If you are interested in attending, please email wardens @ trinityhartford.org for the Zoom link.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a wonderful way to tell stories of faith—Bible stories, baptism, church seasons, and others in ways that allow us to enter the stories as "children", and discover the riches that are waiting there for us all. The stories are told very simply with simple props and without interpretation or moral instruction. After a story is presented, we work with the story props, or create whatever they choose in response to what they feel most important or most interesting in the story.

What's up for the next couple of months in our Godly Play class?

Our list of stories in the coming two months (not necessarily in order) are as follows:

St Nicholas of Myra
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Mary, The Mother of Jesus
Parable of the Good Samaritan
The Good Shepherd and World Communion
Parable of the Deep Well

Our students ages 2 1/2 and up are welcomed into our Godly Play sacred space at 9:45 each second, third, and fourth Sundays. Our classroom is on the second floor of the education building. We join our families in church at about 10:40.

Anyone 18 yrs of age or older is welcomed to choose this as one of your ministries; once a month or once every other month, and bring more JOY into your life!

To comply with safe church guidelines we must have two adults 18 yrs and older in our class.

Questions about this ministry? talk to Nancy Crandall in person or text (860) 503-3353 She looks forward to hearing from you.

Book Group - January 31

Trinity's Book Group kicks off the new year with the book *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, the book is set in Kerala, India, and follows three generations of a family that is part of a Christian community that traces itself to the time of the apostles. The meeting will be on Friday, January 31st, from 7-9 pm, at the home of Steve Zhitnik in West Hartford. Everyone's welcome to attend Book Group meetings, whether it's regularly or just once! We start with dessert, and the book discussion follows. Please let Steve know if you plan to attend (<u>s.zhitnik@snet.net</u>) so he'll know how many goodies to prepare; some may even be from Kerala!

Upcoming Action and GHIAA 2025 Priorities

Please take a moment to review the following to learn more about how to support GHIAA's 2025 legislative and non legislative priorities.

Just Cause Campaign Launch

Join us to call for all tenants in CT to be protected from unjust evictions!

- Thursday, January 23, 10:00 am, at the Legislative Office Building, specific room TBA.
- Wear your GHIAA shirt if you have one, and meet us in the first floor lobby starting at 9:30.
- Complete this quick form (https://forms.gle/AdSFrYRgCALiizmP7) to let us know you can make it, and feel free to email us (bsantiago@cljct.org) with any questions.

How to Get There

The LOB is located at 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. Parking is available in the garage behind the LOB, or in the overflow lot if the garage is full. GHIAA member congregation Emanuel Lutheran Church is located across the street and welcomes us to use their parking lot as well.

GHIAA'S CURRENT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Just Cause Eviction Protections (contact <u>Bea Santiago</u> (<u>bsantiago@cljct.org</u>) with questions or to get involved)

GHIAA is working with the CT Tenants Union and other allies to fight for the passage of legislation to expand just cause eviction protections (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jswFq7zgdpqD6zDNZTtW3GCkF-3bIYtN/view) to more tenants in CT. This will be a legislative effort, and your engagement will be needed! We will alert you when it's time to:

- Show up for press conferences and other public actions
- Testify at a public hearing in support of this bill
- Contact legislators to urge the bill's passage, first through the Housing Committee and then in the full House and Senate
- Contact the Governor's office urging his approval

Fiscal Policy Reform (contact Marika Stewart (mstewart@clict.org) with questions or to get involved)

GHIAA is working with CT For All, CT Voices, SEIU 1199, and other allies to reform our state's budget policies (https://drive.google.com/file/d/149BPnJwQ69SAesydbJs9VQVR_tRpPsjN/view) and ensure that our state invests in people and communities, advances economic growth, and manages our finances responsibly. This will be a critical issue in relation to the budget process this year and may extend into future sessions as well. We will alert you when it's time to:

- Show up for education sessions, both in person and online, to build your understanding of the state's fiscal policies and equip you to educate others in your congregations
- Engage in dialogue with legislators from GHIAA districts
- Show up for press conferences and other public actions calling attention to this issue
- Advocate with your elected officials to make people-centered budget policy a priority for our state

GHIAA'S CURRENT NON-LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Municipal Housing Action Teams (contact <u>Bea Santiago</u> with questions or to get involved)

GHIAA leaders in towns across our region are convening to advocate for housing affordability on the municipal level. HAT team members will receive training to learn the landscape of affordable housing, the obstacles and opportunities ahead, and effective ways to build and wield power for change. If you haven't already expressed interest, you can do so by completing this quick online form (https://forms.gle/HH6HLu83p9Nu7h3C6).

Combating Racial & Religious Hate (contact <u>Jocelyn Gardner Spencer</u> (<u>jgardnerspencer@cljct.org</u>) with questions or to get involved)

GHIAA leaders are developing a leadership development series entitled Broadening Understanding, Deepening Solidarity (BUDS for short). Details and registration will be coming soon. In addition, we are curating additional opportunities for learning around antisemitism, anti-Muslim bigotry, and racism, and how to combat them. If you haven't already expressed interest, you can do so by completing this quick online form (https://clict.org/hate).

Invitation to Important Meeting on Church Budget and Financial Health - January 26, 2025

Dear Trinity Family,

You're invited to join us for an important meeting immediately following the 10 AM service on Sunday, January 26th, 2025. During this session, our Treasurer, Donald Romanik, will present a comprehensive overview of the church's budget and lead a meaningful discussion on the financial health of Trinity Church Hartford.

Your presence and input are invaluable as we reflect on our stewardship and work together to plan for a sustainable and faithful future. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and collaborating on how we can continue supporting the mission and vision of our church community.

Meeting Details:

Date: Sunday, January 26, 2025

Time: Immediately following the 10 AM service

Location: Sanctuary

We truly hope you can join us for this important conversation. Together, we can ensure a strong and faithful path forward for Trinity Church.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 19th The Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) 11:30 A.M. ACF Bible Study (Library)

6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Monday, January 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observed

Office and Church Buildings Closed

Tuesday, January 21st

6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, January 23rd

6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, January 24th

7:30 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, January 26th The Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Trinity Office Staff

Kathryn Lees, Office Admin Tom Villano, Finance Manager Vinnie Pacileo, Facilities Manager Markus Centola, Director of Music

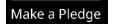
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