

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:00 A.M.



descending
like a dove

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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 worshipping with us this morning.

WELCOME

If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are 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.

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 *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 tradition, for prayer.

NAMETAGS

We are delighted to welcome you at Trinity. 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, please use the stickers and markers available 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. We will make every effort to have your nametag ready for you on the following Sunday.

KIDS IN CHURCH

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet 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 service. There is no childcare attendant, so all children must be accompanied 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 service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayer requests that will be prayed over for the next month.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing difficulties. These devices allow them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance using an assistive listening device, please see a church usher.

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PRELUDE

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning
Tune: *Morning Star* - James P. Harding (1850-1911)

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1982 Hymnal #128

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 #S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
 a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
 He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

PSALM 29

BCP P. 620



- 1 Ascribe to the / LORD, you / gods, *
ascribe to the / LORD / glory and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his / Name; *
worship the / LORD in the / beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of / glory / thunders; *
the LORD is up/on the / mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a / powerful / voice; *
the voice of the / LORD is a / voice of / splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD / breaks the / cedar trees; *
The LORD / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;



- 6 He makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild / ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD / shakes the / wilderness; *
the LORD / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees / writhe *
and / strips the / forests / bare.

Sung to the second half of the chant:

- 9 And in the / temple of the / LORD *
— / all are / crying, / “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a/bove the / flood; *
The LORD sits enthroned as / King for / ever/more.
- 11 The LORD shall give / strength to his / people; *
The LORD shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

THE SECOND READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame

1982 Hymnal #297

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith

Silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

THE BLESSING OF WATER

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP p. 292

Celebrant Let us renew our Baptismal Covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
All Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

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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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey and Laura, our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

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.

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.

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.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Gracious and loving God, guide the Vestry and people of Trinity through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, so that we may follow where you lead – knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.

Instill in all the people of Trinity a glorious vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from Christ Church, Winnetka, IL

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution:

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Michael Burkhardt (b.1957) Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Down Galilee's slow roadways
a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters,
like soldier, scribe, and slave,

but there within the river
the sign was birth, and grave.

Arising from the river
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open
revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended
amid a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved,
my child, my heart, my choice."
We too have found a roadway:
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord."

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

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:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 all 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' and the second system has the lyrics 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving only Bread imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
 Deep river, Lord,
 I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go
 to that gospel feast,
 that promised land
 where all is peace?

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
 Deep river, Lord,
 I want to cross over into campground.

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

LEVAS #121

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,

1. trust - ing his prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child - ren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The musical score consists of four systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are arranged in three verses, with the first verse split across the first and second systems, and the second and third verses split across the second and third systems.

Words: Michael Saward (b. 1932). Music: Eugene Hancock (b. 1929).

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Music from *The Sacred Harp*

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith

Director of Music: Markus Centola

Lay Readers: Martha Freimuth, Janet Wilkinson

Intercessory Prayer Team: Kitty Peterson

Intercessor: Alan Rice

Minister of Communion: Jacqueline Lucier, Cathy Rowe

Godly Play: Nancy Crandall, Jannel Thomas

Ushers: Neill Derick, William A. Kofalk, Sonia Watson, Marc Wiest, Dianne Bowens-Waller

Virtual Vergers: Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Elizabeth Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Altar Guild: Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy

Flower Guild: Percy Williamson

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Frederick & Emily Bohlen and family, and for Dianne Bowens-Waller.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien; for the Journey of Discovery with Indigenous Peoples Ministry Network, and for Prayer & Healing Ministry Networks.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de la Región Central de América.

We pray for:

John E. Rhiain

Rose Julianne Boyer & Family

Austin Mogor

Mike Amanek

Edith Navarro

Suliman Foster

Jasmine Drake

Louisa Cummings

Clane Nickols

Irina Mamata & Family

Charles Lewis

Bowens Family

Cathy Rowe and Family

of Daniel Negrelli esp. Karen &

Keira

Francis Sken

George Beach

Cheryl

Lennox

The Lugo and Torres Families

Daryl Todd

The Wentgertzman Family

The Swiatek Family

Bp. Michael Curry

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Nave

The Annual Meeting will begin immediately after the closing hymn. A brief time of fellowship and refreshments will take place while the Nave is prepared.

The Annual Report will be distributed by email prior to the meeting, with a limited number of printed copies available that day. Please note there is no Wi-Fi in the church; attendees are encouraged to download the report in advance.

All members and regular attendees are encouraged to attend as we seek God's direction for the year ahead.

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

– Proverbs 16:3

SAVE THE DATE

January 18, 2026

Adult Christian Formation - BIBLE STUDY

Please plan to join us for this month's informal discussion of the Bible readings of the day, led by the Rev. George Chien. Those who have attended find these relaxed conversations help them think more deeply about the day's lessons. We hear the same readings year after year. Exploring the lessons with other people often sheds new light on what we thought was an old story. Note it in your calendar: Bible Study, led by the Rev. George Chien, after the service next Sunday.

Advent Giving Tree Gifts

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity was able to provide gifts for 26 children whose requests were on our Advent Giving Tree, plus additional gift cards for the seven families of these children. Here are notes from our contact at Covenant to Care, and to Covenant to Care from the program that provides services to the families we supported:

Dear Trinity Episcopal Congregation,

We are all blessed and grateful for congregations such as Trinity that continue to step up and generously help us support families in the community. It truly takes a village to keep the Adopt a Social worker program working.

Blessings,

Catherine

*Catherine Haugh, Adopt A Social Worker Program Coordinator
Covenant to Care for Children*

Good morning,

We hope you had a most enjoyable Christmas. On behalf of the Maternal Infant Outreach Program (MIOP), we wish to take this opportunity to convey our gratitude to you for all the hard work you put into getting all these gifts together for the families we serve. Be aware that the families were overjoyed and grateful for what they received. The staff here at MIOP were excited to be able to collect and distribute to the families. You have been in partnership with our program for years and your generosity is not lost on us. As 2026 approaches, our prayer is that Covenant to Care continues to thrive and all the staff of this wonderful program remains blessed. Again, thanks from all the staff at MIOP!

Trinity's Book Group

The Book Group starts off the new year with *James* by Percival Everett, a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. The meeting will be on Friday, **January 23**, from 7:00 to 8:30ish p.m., and everyone's welcome to attend. Steve Zhitnik will host at his West Hartford home; please let him know if you plan to attend at 860-989-8394 (text or call). Come enjoy some goodies, fellowship, and an interesting discussion!

2026 Offering Envelopes

Boxes of 2026 Offering Envelopes requested in our Stewardship Campaign have been received and are available on the side table in Goodwin Hall for pickup. If you had not requested a box, but would like to have one for your weekly offerings, we have some extras. Please put your name on the sheet next to the assigned boxes, or contact Mary Rojas in the parish office at 860-527-8133 x 204.

2026 Stewardship Campaign Continues

Though we had an ingathering of pledge cards on November 9, please know that Trinity's annual stewardship campaign continues. Everyone is invited and encouraged to make a pledge of financial support to help anchor the future of our parish.

We would like to have as many pledges as possible as soon as possible, so that the Vestry can look ahead to Trinity's financial commitments for this year. If you do not have a pledge card and would like one, there are pledge packets on the tables next to the Sunday bulletins, or you may contact the church office to be sent one - 860-527-8133 x 204. You may return the pledge cards in the offering plates or mail them to the office.

You may also make your pledge directly on our **website**: www.trinityhartford.org/giving/.

Godly Play: A typical Sunday in our Godly Play Sacred Space

9:45 Doors open, welcoming

10:00 Church calendar

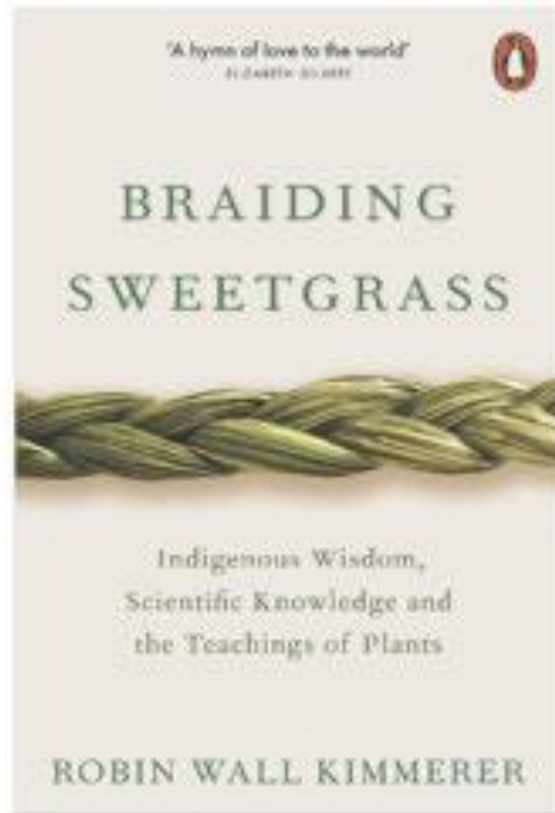
Story: a parable, story from the Old Testament, New Testament, Saint or people of color who inspire, or a Liturgical story.

10:15 Feast; a time to share and have a small snack

10:20 Work time with choice of a craft, paints, clay, puzzles, working with one of the stories

10:40 Gathering to pass the peace, then rejoining our families in the sanctuary

We have a lively multi-aged class welcoming all children ages 3 - 18 with two adults leading.



Women Together is a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship.

The group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. in the reception room at St. John's Episcopal Church (679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT). A Zoom link is sent out in the case of bad weather in the winter.

On January 6, Women Together began a new book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. In a rich braid of reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, the author circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world, for only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return.

The Women Together group usually starts by reading the first 30 pages of a new book. Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just read what you can and join us for discussion.

The books chosen are usually available at libraries, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and at other booksellers. Women Together 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.

Thank You,
Erica

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 11, 2026

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Church) - The Baptism of Our Lord
6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, January 13

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

Thursday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 18

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Church) - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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