

January 18, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship



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Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

“What’s the good word?” the people ask. “Give witness! Do not hold back on the good news of Christ among us. Testify!”

God has been at work among us—in familiar places and distant ones, through ordinary people and unexpected moments. It is in our sharing and listening that we discern the hands and feet of God. Let us open ourselves to see where God is leading, to hear the good news being shared, and to respond with gratitude and faith.

Introit

Cantad Al Señor (O Sing to the Lord)

Choir

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to remember what God has done,
and to listen for what God is doing now.

We come ready to tell the story of God’s faithfulness.

The psalmist says, “I have not hidden your saving help;
I have spoken of your steadfast love.”

We will speak of what we have seen and heard.

John pointed to Jesus and said, “Here is the Lamb of God.”

Jesus turned and asked, “What are you looking for?”

We come to see, to follow, and to share Christ’s life-giving news.

***Hymn PH #466** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* vs. 1, 2, 4

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Let us turn now to God in prayer, trusting that God’s mercy meets us where we are, heals what is broken, and forgives what we cannot mend on our own. Let us pray.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (unison)

God of mercy and truth, you call us to speak of your faithfulness and to follow where you lead, yet we confess that we often hesitate—holding back what we have seen, ignoring what you are doing among us, and turning away from the healing you offer. Forgive us, restore us, and lead us again in the way of life.

(Time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (responsive)

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free: **free to walk in love, to live by the Spirit, and to serve with joy.** Thanks be to God!

Amen.

*Gloria

Clapping Gloria

(Congregation joins the choir on the chorus)

Gloria. Gloria. in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Children are invited to go to Sunday School after the Children's Message

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope. Hear our Prayer

Presbytery Unity Candle: We pray for First Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara, and the Rev. Dennis Woodsmall.

Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Mission in El Salvador: Sharing What God Has Done

Trinity's El Salvador delegation: Chad and Rosie Bell,
Chuck and Nancy Cobery, and Ron Weaver.

Anthem

O Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Choir

by Clayton White

*Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord all the Earth,
Proclaim to the world His salvation
And His glory among nations.*

*The Lord is great and greatly to be praised,
Feared above all God,
Give to the Lord to glory and strength,
Give Him the glory due his name,
Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord, praise his name.
For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised,
Great is the Lord, great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord, praise His name!*

*Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord all the Earth.
Proclaim to the world His salvation,
And His glory among the nations.
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing!*

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Spirit of the Living God, as we listen to your Word, help us to recognize your voice and to follow where you lead. Amen.

The First Reading: Psalm 40:8-11(NIV)

I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart."

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD,
as you know.

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.

Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-39a

The next day John the Baptist again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see."

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

A Quiet Moment by David Laskey

Nicki

*Doxology PH #591

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Generous God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts — the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, the offering of our lives. Strengthen us by your Spirit to serve with joy, give with gratitude, and live with purpose, that all we do may give witness to your goodness and grace. Amen.

*Hymn PH #343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, vs. 1 & 3

*Blessing and Charge

*Amen

Choir

*Postlude

Joy, Joy, Joy by Franklin Ritter

Nicki

*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

GtG – Glory to God Hymnal

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: The Rev. Diane Ford Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Usher: Pete Halper Greeters: Sandy and Jerry Thormann
Flowers: Pete Halper Coffee Hour: Larry and Lorraine Vilardo
Audio/Video/Zoom Techs, Chad Bell, Chuck Cobery, Rosie Bell

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



The Annual MLK March for the Dream starts at 10:00 am, January 19th at at City Hall. If you would like to walk together, please coordinate with Micheal Christie.

Join us January 25 for our Annual Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 service. Officer nominations will be heard; committee reports, current financial standing, and budget for 2026 will be presented.

The 2026 Per Capita assessment for Trinity is due to the Presbytery on February 6. The total amount per person is \$45.50. If you would like to contribute to Trinity's payment, please note "Per Capita" in the memo of your check. Thank you!

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Friends, family and the Minneapolis community of Renee Good: comfort and justice for unwarranted murder.
- Nicholas, Sandy and Jerry Thormann's grandson: traveling mercies in Thailand.
- Richard Robinson's family and friends: mourning his mother, Marietta's passing
- Westhope Presbyterian Church: gratitude for the congregation's commitment to contemplation and spirituality, and their third Thursday's documentary series. Check web site for the weekly topic.
- Barbara and Michael Christie's son John: seeking discernment regarding his career path.
- Our nation: positive resistance against the current administration's actions.



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