



# Trinity United Church of Christ

## Epiphany Sunday

### January 4, 2026

### 10:30 a.m.

In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming

**The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ:  
We exist to Love people where they are and  
encourage them to grow in their relationship  
with Jesus Christ.**

*Meditation of the Week:* "For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice."  
~TS Eliot~

### **WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

#### **Gathering**

*Feel the Spirit of the community.* Worship is a time of both shared community and private conversation with God. Let us all come to this sacred space to enjoy both the loving fellowship of our common faith and the prayerful quiet that will allow us all to draw closer to God.

#### **Prelude: Instrumental Music**

**Words of Welcome** Pastor Katie

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns** Pastor Katie

#### **\*Call to Community**

Sue Myers

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**Many: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Darkness may cover the earth, but God's light breaks through.

**Many: We come to follow the Light that no shadow can overcome.**

#### **Prayer of Presence**

All: Radiant God, As the star once guided seekers to Your presence, guide our hearts and minds now. Shine into our questions, our hopes, and our fears, so that we may see You clearly and follow You faithfully. Amen.

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Many: And also with you

*Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.*

#### **\*Opening Hymn: "In the Beginning"**

#270 (Voices Together) (verses 1, 3, & 5)

#### **Growing Disciples**

**First Reading**      **Epiphany Celebration: Magi Story**  
Adapted from Matthew 2: 1-15

*The Wise Ones bear gifts*

**\*Choral Response: "We Three Kings" #172 (Chalice)**  
(verse 1)

**\*Blessing our gifts for the Christ Child –**  
**Reverse Advent Offerings**

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Second Reading** Isaiah 60:1-6 Sue Myers  
*Arise! Shine, for a light has come*

**\*Choral Response: "Thy Word" #326 (Chalice)**  
sing through 2x

**Third Reading** John 1:1-14 Pastor Katie  
*The Light shines in the darkness*

**The Message      Eternal Light      Pastor Katie**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response "Doxology"**  
by Amanda Udis-Kessler (Tune: #780)

*Praise holy love that lives in all,  
Our source, our path, our sacred call.  
Enlarge the circle of our care  
To bless all people everywhere.*

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

One: God of the journey, you call us to follow your guiding star.

**Many: We come, bringing what we have and who we are.**

One: Receive these gifts, O Lord, as signs of our devotion.

**Many: May they shine with your love and lead others to Christ.**

One: In the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, we pray.

**Many: Amen.**

**Installation of the 2026 Consistory**

**Greeting**

**Introduction**

**Covenant**

*addressing the people being affirmed*

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for service as a Consistory member in the ministry of this church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

**Consistory: I am.**

One: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

**Consistory: I do, relying on God's grace.**

One: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

*All who are able stand.*

**\*Congregational Response**

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

**Laying on of Hands**

**Prayer**

**Declaration**

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### Invitation

\***Hymn of Preparation “Eat This Bread” - Taizé (repeat)  
#414(Chalice)**

### Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right to thank You, O God, for in the fullness of time  
You sent Jesus, light for the nations, hope for the weary,  
bread for the hungry, and wine for the joyful. The heavens  
proclaimed His birth, and the earth welcomed Him with gifts.

### We Tell the Story

### We Share the Meal

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Guiding God, You have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and filled us with the light of Christ. Send us now into the  
world, to follow the star of Your love, until all are gathered in  
Your radiant presence. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

\***Closing Hymn “Arise, Your Light Is Come” #164 NCH**

## MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

### \* Benediction

One: Go now as children of the Light.

Follow the star that leads to love,  
walk in the radiance of Christ's presence,  
and shine with the hope of God's kingdom.

**All: The light has come! Amen.**

### Prelude to Service

\***Carrying the Light into the World**

## GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

### Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from [ucc.org/worshipways](http://ucc.org/worshipways)

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### Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: January 11, 2026

**First Reading**    Isaiah 11:1-10

*New Growth*

**Choral Response**    “Thy Word”

**Second Reading**    Matthew 3:1-17  
*The baptism of Jesus*

**The Message**    *Backwards Promises*

## Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

## Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

**February Newsletters - Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

## Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – January 7 @ 6 pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

**Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028**

## Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

**Giving for Last Week: \$ TBA**

**Attendance: TBA**

**Care Fund/Building: \$TBA**

*We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website [www.trinityuccmanchester.org](http://www.trinityuccmanchester.org). Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

### **Prayer requests:**

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Shannon Gettman, daughter of Diane

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller

George Harman, nephew of Karen Price

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Michael Kulp

Ash Van Nuys

Dewey Parks

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch

Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Beth Robert

Jean Simmons

Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price

Dan and Terry Smith

Randy Smith

Kathleen Stevens

Gina Tollini

Ronnie Williams

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood

## Coat Drive

Throughout the winter months, we will have a designated box in the lower narthex to collect clean, gently used winter coats. The coats will be taken to NESAP on a weekly basis. All sizes, children and adults are welcomed. Please drop your donation(s) in the box. Please contact Sandy Sanders (443)974-6723 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your donation(s)!

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