



**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

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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 1st Sunday of the month.

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

wsmdem@comcast.net

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

February Newsletters - Monday, January 26th

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. 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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