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**The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris, Rector
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**The First Sunday after Epiphany
January 11, 2026**

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Kid's bags are in the narthex including a children's bulletin, crayons and other fun for the kids during church. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

Prelude

Processional Hymn # 119

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger-bed;
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy-seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus! every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright,
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy
 Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for
 ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *Book of Common Prayer* 355
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.*

Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #278



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.

The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

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 during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 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 upon 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.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace.

The Second Lesson: 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn # 128

1 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 field and fountain,
 moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
 King for ever,
 ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Refrain

3 Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
 prayer and praising,
 gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 sorrowing, sighing,
 bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies.

Refrain

Celebrant The 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon **The Very Rev. Sarah Carper Morris**

The Nicene Creed (*standing as you are able*)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Doxology #380 v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Stand as you are able. The Celebrant faces the people and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

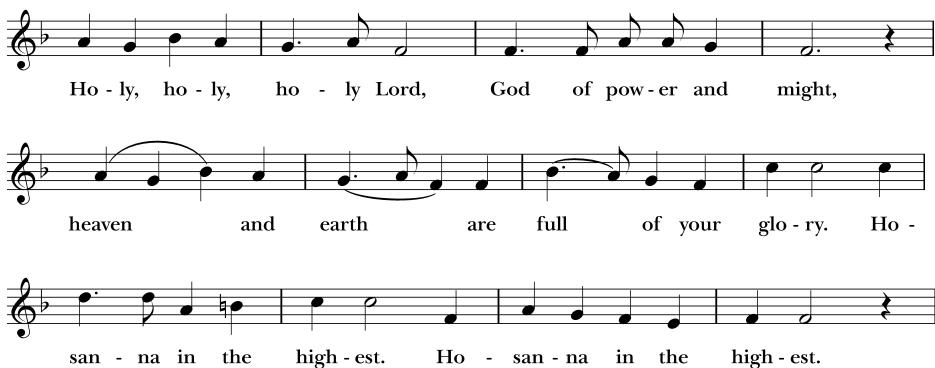
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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Stand or kneel as you are able

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

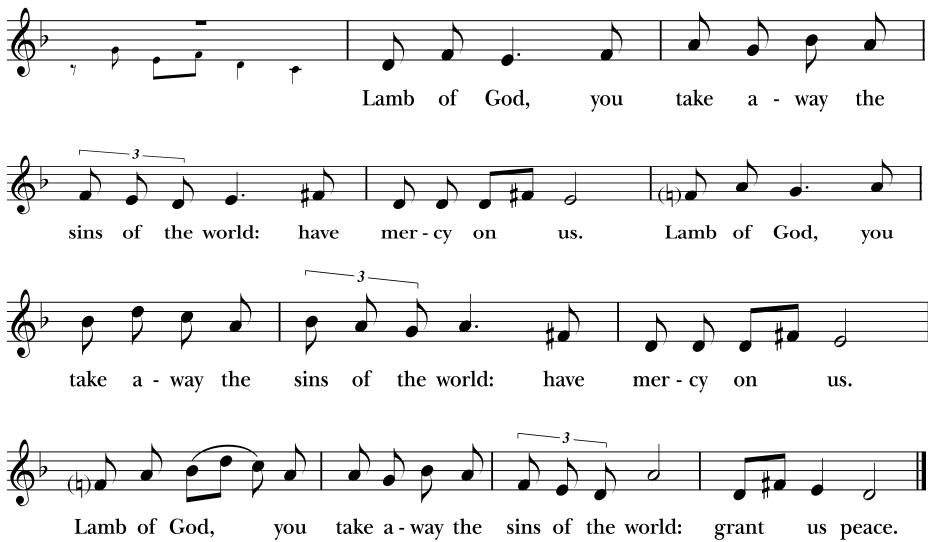
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #163



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Hymn During Communion # 328

- 1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
- 2 Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
- 3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
- 4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.
- 5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.
- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Processional Hymn # 544

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

- 3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:

Diana Adelizzi
Teresa Auld
Jody Caudle
Jim Causer
Heath Church
Ken Collins
Anna Coly
Bob Correll
Clarence & Rosie Derrick
Vi Endter
Nancy Follett
Harman Gilbert
Greg Goad
Jennifer Green
Ray Hanna
James (Pete) Haynes
Phyllis Frye James
Kyle Jones
Gus Lewis
Cynthia Light
Libby Lovill

Kenneth Matthews
Cheryl Menezes
Robert Morris
Angie Nolfo
Diane Prichard
Gail Reeves
Sheila Robbins
Stephanie Serika
Sid Spencer, Sr.
Bruce Springthorpe
Matthew Stevens
Jackie Thornhill
Dave & Kathy Town
Kelli Vincen
Joe Waddell
Brent Wall
Henrietta Williams
Dakota Wood
Lucy Wood
Melissa Worrell
Western NC

Long Term Needs:
Jane Carper
Ann Cochrane
John Derrick
Paul Derrick
Steve Hines
Carrie Krahn
Kitty Martin
Barbara McGatlin
Rev. Bill Pendleton
Lorene Ramsey
Phyllis Rose
Erika Rowe
Candace Sammons
Mac Sammons
Kris Saunders
Denny Shelton
Jeanette Staples
Betty Town
Vicky Town
John Townsend

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch,
Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble,
Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's, Battleboro
Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington
St. Paul's, Cary

BIRTHDAYS

January 11th Nehemiah King, 12th Wyatt Fallin, 14th Jeremiah Mills

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for my husband Robert by Sarah Morris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer list-If you have added people to the prayer list that can be removed or moved to the Long Term Needs list please contact the church office.

Pledge Update: in 2025 we had 62 pledges representing \$216,000. To cover our anticipated expenses in 2026 we need pledges totaling \$232,000. To date we have received 46 pledges representing \$202,000 or 87% of our goal. There are still 17 people who pledge last year that have not yet this year. Please consider returning your pledge card as soon as possible. If you are enclosing a check with your pledge card, please specify if it is to be applied to your 2025 or 2026 pledge.

The **book group** will meet on Wednesday, January 14th at 10:30 a.m. but will not meet on January 21st. The current book they are reading is *Theo of Golden*. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Appler.

Theology Group will meet on Thursday, January 15th at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Delacroix.

The Caregiver/Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, January 21st at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Frye-Hill.

The **Pastoral Care Team** will meet on Wednesday, January 28th at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Tatman.

Needed for the Warming Center: Mats, Cots, or zero-gravity chairs, coffee, creamer, coffee filters, sugar packets, Clorox wipes, all-purpose cleaner, paper plates, plastic utensils, McDonald's gift cards, and breakfast foods. We also need volunteers. Trinity will provide volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday nights that we are open. We need two people to bring a meal for approximately 10 people and 2 people to check guests in. Please let Sarah know if you can help. *We need volunteers for January 18th and 25th, February 4th, 8th, 11th, 18th, 22nd and 25th.*

Sunday School for Children and the Young Adult Group meet each week at 9:30 a.m.

Warming Station Update as of December 31st

The warming station has been open 17 nights and closed 14 nights since December 1st.

During the 17 nights we have served 105 folks. Of those, the unduplicated number is 15 males, 10 females and 2 children. We have had from 1 to 12 folks staying each night. The average is 6 a night. Some folks have only stayed one night and others multiple times.

Of the folks who have stayed at the warming station to date, 10 are now housed:

- 1 went to Winston
- 1 went to live with her son out of town
- 1 mom and her 2 children are now renting a house
- 4 have returned to rehab or a halfway house
- 1 is now at the Shepherd's house

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Vicky Town	LECTOR	Nancy Dixon
Jessica Simandle	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
Mike Wilson	GREETER	Ted Ashby
Jessica Simandle	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Lucinda Fallin	LECTOR	B.K. Duke
Jesse & David	CHALICE BEARER	Roxann & Brenda
Gloria & Larry	GREETERS	Ann Marie & Ann V.
Kate Appler	ALTAR GUILD	Margie & Roxann
Steve Delacroix	VESTRY	Brenda Goings
David Silvia	ACOLYTE	Roxann Moore

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Young Adult
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Communion
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	1:00 p.m.	Art Class
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	5:30 p.m.	Theology Group
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Young Adult
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

TRINITY VESTRY

Jane Ciancio, Steve Delacroix, Brenda Goings,
Margie Martin, David Silvia, Pam Smith, Wendy Tatman

*No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...
Who wants to have a relationship with you*