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Trinity Parish Presbyterian Church

United in Faith, Building Community
Sunday Worship, 11:00 am
January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas:
John 1:1-18



Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

-Today's hymns are found in the Red Hymnal
-If you would like to read the Scripture on Communion Sunday's, a sign up sheet will be posted in the back of the Sanctuary on the bulletin board.

*Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations

Give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people"

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion

They shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again

With expectation and joy as we begin a new year, let us worship the living God

*Hymn of Welcome #290

As with Gladness Men of Old

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

*Call to Confession

1 John 1:8

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jeremiah 31:7-9, 1

We cry out: "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel," for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved. We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise; You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor.

Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way.

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1

*Gloria Patri #579

Glory Be to the Father

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

***Call for the Offering**

***Doxology #815**

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have be-stowed upon us. As you have chosen us for a purpose and praise, may the gifts we bring be a symbol of our dedication to you. Bless our tithes, gifts and offerings. Bless us that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

***Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Readings *John 1:1-18*

Sermon *Home* *Rev. Tony DeLucia*

***Hymn of Response #293** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Liturgy for the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

***Invitation To the Lord’s Table**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.
According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.
This is the Lord’s table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

May the God of newness be with you.

And also with you.

People of Christmas, offer your hearts to God.

**We lift them to the One who comes,
new hope and life cradled in loving hands.**

People of the Holy One of Bethlehem, sing glad praises to our God.

We come, for we have received the good news,

we have believed the Word, we are given joyful songs to sing.

When chaos thought there was no end,
you began, Fullness of all time.
Your Word ran sprints through creation,
scattering the seeds which sprang forth
into fruit, flowers, mountains and molehills.
Your Spirit sang songs of wonder and hope,
that Breath which gave your children life.
We were as close to your heart
as the blood which flows through ours,
but the soft, insistent whispers of sin
grew louder and louder in our ears,
and we ran off, letting the shadows
of seduction overwhelm us.

Time and again, every time you could,
you sent your messengers to us,
crying out in love and hope, 'return!'
but we did not recognize them
nor listen to their words.
So turning to the angels,
you said, 'Watch!' as you
sent Jesus to bring us home to you.

So, with those in every place,
and with those from every time,
we join our voices, singing to you:
**Holy, holy, holy, God of every blessing.
All creation lavishes praise on you.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to live among us.
Hosanna in the highest!**

You could have kept us scattered
to the limits of loneliness, God of Wonder,
but you sent Jesus, your Glory,
to become the Gatherer of those
who had wandered far from you.
Peering into the shadows of our lives,
he is the Light which overcomes
all our fears, our doubts, our worries.
Speaking into the hollows of our hearts,
he is the Word who teaches us
new songs of gratitude and awe.
Gathering the cross into his arms,
he is the Deliverer who breaks
sin's death grip on us,
walking with us by the brooks of water,
into the kingdom of life eternal.

As we begin this year with hope,
we remember his promise to be with us always,
even as we tell of that mystery we call faith:
**At the beginning of time, Christ was the Word of creation;
at the right time, Christ was the Word of redemption;
at the end of time, Christ will be the Word who brings us home.**

***Hymn of Sending #284** *The Birthday of the King*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer #16, Blue Hymnal *Traditional*

And in this time, in this place,
with these people, we come to your Table,
Gatherer of your children.
The simple gifts we take for granted,
the bread which has been a staple of life,

the cup which refreshes us when we thirst,
you transform into imaginative grace,
the Meal which is blessed by the presence
of your Spirit of power and peace.
You bring us from every point on the compass -
young and old, the mother with her son,
the grandfather balancing the girl on his knee,
those who run circles around us,
and those who point the way with their canes -
welcoming that great parade of your children
who come with outstretched hearts
to receive every blessing imaginable.

And when our beginning has come to your fullness,
when we come, our faces glowing with wonder,
our voices ringing with the songs of freedom,
we will gather around your Table in heaven,
comfort and gladness our eternal inheritance from you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

***Breaking of the Bread**

***Prayers after Communion**
Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Sending

***Charge and Benediction** *Ephesians 1:13*

***Response to the Benediction #290** As with Gladness Men of Old (v4)

***Postlude**

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January Birthdays

Betty Tanaka, 1/9
Craig Herron, 1/12
Brianna McPherson, 1/19
Brent McPherson, 1/20

Let us know when we can celebrate your Birthday/Anniversary with you!!

Upcoming Events:

Communion

January 4, 2026

Bible Study

January 7, 2026
Wednesday

Guest Speaker

RE Ruth Cole
January 11, 2026

Winter Roast Potluck after Worship

January 18, 2026
signups on the bulletin in the back of the Sanctuary

Newell Community Dinner

January 24, 2026
American Legion in Newell
Sloppy Jo, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw and Dessert

Prayer Requests of the Congregation

- Kim - Fast recovery and healing
- William -Shelly's nephew – military deployment and along with his wife Laura and her pregnancy with their twin boys
- Cindy, Kim's sister - strength, encouragement, and healing
- Dave Grimm - healing and endurance
- Daryl Clark - answers and a sound medical diagnosis
- Fred - going through treatment
- Rev. Matt Camlin - fighting MS
- Zach - prayers that he continues to do well with cancer Tx
- Johnny - diagnosed with terminal illness
- Ashton - 18th birthday - making adult decisions
- Eliana - recovers from heart surgery
- Jimmy - Peggy's son-in-law, continuing prays
- Jackie - Tony's mom's friend, passed away
- Phoenix House - senior living apartment center - explosion and one who passed away from their injuries.
- All affected by the storms of nature and of life, especially by the paths of floods and other natural disasters.

Wider Church

- The family of Rev. Gene Toot
- Carol - recovering from surgery and chemo
- Cindy - recovering from surgery
- Joe - diagnosed with cancer
- The Chester Fellowship of Churches