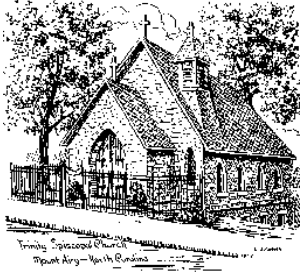


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The Very Reverend Sarah Carper Morris, Rector
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Dr. Ryan Whittington, Organist/Choir Director

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

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.

Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

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

Hymn in Procession # 59 *(standing as you are able)*

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;
- 4 so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run.

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

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 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.*

The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: *Kyrie*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of the hymn. The musical notation continues from the previous system. The lyrics for the third line include 'Lord,' at the end, which is not fully written in the musical notation of this system.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the hymn. The musical notation continues. The lyrics for the fifth line include 'Lord,' at the end, which is not fully written in the musical notation of this system.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of the hymn. The musical notation concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics for the seventh line end with a period.

The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the
everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 66 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (*stand as you are able*)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Very Reverend 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 II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own
prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the
world; for our Bishops Sam and Jennifer; for this
gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____ .

I ask your thanksgiving for _____ .

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Announcements

(8:30 service only)

Offertory

Celebrant

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People

**And of thine own have we given
Thee.**

(10:30 service only)

Offertory and Doxology

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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A period of silence is kept.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. 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.)

Music at Communion WLP # 724

- 1 People, look East. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.

- 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledgling time has chosen.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the bird is on the way.
- 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.
- 5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon
you and scatter the darkness from before your
path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

People **Amen.**

Hymn in Procession # 65 *(standing as you are able)*

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

*Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy Name.*

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace,
to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs:	Cynthia Light	Joe Waddell
Gene	Debra Martin	Henrietta Williams
Riva	Kitty Martin	Dakota Wood
Joe Allred	Kenneth Matthews	Western NC
Linda Carroll	Barbara McGatlin	Long Term Needs:
Jo Causer	Cheryl Menezes	Doris Fawcett
Ann Cochrane	Katie Nichols	Steve Hines
Lisa Elliott	Will Nichols	Mary Kilby
Glenn F.	Wade Nichols	Carrie Krahn
Carolyn Flippen	Angie Nolfo	John Moore
Nancy Follett	Candace Sammons	Rev. Bill Pendleton
Carol Ford	Mac Sammons	Lorene Ramsey
Kandis George	Jeanette Staples	Locke Rowe
Jeffrey Holt	Matthew Stevens	Denny Shelton
Phyllis Frye James	Mary Theard	Vicky Town
Denny Jennings	Betty Town	John Townsend
Eric Jennings	Celeste Tsaklis	
Gus Lewis	Kelli Vincen	

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

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The Episcopal Church

BIRTHDAYS

December 12th Denny Shelton, 12th Joanne Silvia, 14th Emma Fallin

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Dr. Tom Harrill by Pam Harrill and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us today following the 10:30 service **for our Annual Parish Meeting and potluck lunch**. We will talk about this past year, the upcoming church year, thank the outgoing Vestry members and vote in three new members.

Staples is asking for packets of chili seasoning. We have ingredients to make a pot of chili, but we just need the spices.

The **2025 Stewardship Campaign** is in full swing, and our goal is to raise \$227,000 in order to support the operations of Trinity. Last year we had 52 parishioners pledge. To date, for the current year, we have received 37 pledge cards totaling \$170,950. Thus, we are 75% of the way there. We would like to have this year's campaign completed by December 31st in order that we can finalize the budget for 2025. We thank you for your past, present and future support.

We have a **new nursery attendant** named Maddie Tate. She will begin this Sunday. **We need volunteers willing to stay in the nursery with her to help.** **The list will be scheduled on a rotation.** Please let Tobi know if you are willing to assist.

Confirmation Class-If you are interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation, please see Sarah. We will be continuing classes each Sunday morning at 9:30. This class is for anyone who wants to go deeper in their faith or to revisit or learn the basics of our Episcopal tradition.

Trinity Book Club meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Our current book is *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. All are welcome to join us.

Online Advent Daily Devotional from Living Compass.

Go to <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent> and receive 25 daily emails for each day of Advent.

Save the Date! Super Bowl party at the Appler's home Sunday, February 9th. More information to come after the holidays

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 19th Blue Christmas Service
- Sunday, December 22nd Christmas Pageant during 10:30 worship. Let us know if you are interested in participating.
- Sunday, December 22nd our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing **Handel's Messiah** at 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music
- Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend!
- Sunday, December 29th one combined service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 5th the Bishop will be here
- We are also asking those interested to go ahead and sign up for Las Posadas. This will help us determine what day we need to begin their journey. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

*Las Posadas-Four years ago, we started a new tradition by participating in Las Posadas. Las Posadas is a novena (a nine-day devotional prayer). The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (Posadas is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") Parishioners created 3-foot wooden figures of Mary, Joseph, and a donkey. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. You can sign up to host Mary & Joseph in your yard for a day as a way to remember and prepare for the Christ Child. On the night you host Mary & Joseph, you decide how to offer them hospitality. You may light a candle and enjoy quiet scripture and prayer time or invite family and friends to sing carols and talk about the meaning of Christmas. *By signing up, you are agreeing to transport the figures to the next stop or making arrangements to have it moved. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.*

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Nancy Dixon	LECTOR	Pat Clark
Mike Wilson	CHALICE BEARER	Jim Couture
Pat Sanderson	GREETER	Ted Ashby
Mike Wilson	ACOLYTE	Jim Couture

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Wendy Tatman	LECTOR	David Silvia
Jesse & Brenda	CHALICE BEARER	Karen & Roxann
Sandy & Ann	GREETERS	Margie & Martha
Jane Ciancio	ALTAR GUILD	Margie Martin
Wendy Tatman	VESTRY	Ann Vaughn
Jesse Slate	ACOLYTE	Karen Nealis

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Lunch	
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Roxann Moore, Jessica Simandle,
Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers

*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*