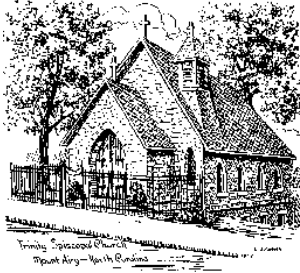


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The Epiphany
January 5, 2025

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 # 76 *(standing as you are able)*

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

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.*

(8:30 service only)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria S-236

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *Deus, iudicium*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay
tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in
distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and
violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 128 *(standing as you are able)*

- 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 2:1-12 (*stand as you are able*)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

An Epiphany Message

Kellan Wilsonwithers

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

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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

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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.**

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

Preface

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, #128

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: WLP # 761

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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 # 112

- 1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.

- 3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngèd the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipèd the belovèd
with a kiss.

4 What can I give him,
 poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd,
 I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise man,
 I would do my part;
 yet what I can I give him—
 give my heart.

Communion Meditation WLP # 764

*Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
O taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
of the Lord.*

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.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Onlybegotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn in Procession # 127 (*standing as you are able*)

- 1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
more beauteous than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King,
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
- 2 True spake the prophet from afar
who told the rise of Jacob's star;
and eastern sages with amaze
upon the wondrous token gaze.
- 3 The guiding star above is bright;
within them shines a clearer light,
and leads them on with power benign
to seek the Giver of the sign.

- 4 O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek thy face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of thy light to use.
- 5 To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.

Dismissal

Go in peace,
to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

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

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Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Ascension Fork, Advance
Christ Church, Albemarle
Good Shepherd, Asheboro

Birthdays

January 5th Jay Vaughn, 6th Richard Stiefel, 7th Tom Fawcett
9th Pat Clark, 10th Karen Springthorpe, 11th Nehemiah King

Anniversaries

January 1st Tom & Pam Dickenson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. This offering helps the Rector provide pastoral care, medicines, utilities, rent and other assistance.

First Sunday Pot Luck Lunch is today! Join us for good food and fellowship in the Parish Hall for a potluck lunch after the 10:30 service, approximately 12:00 p.m.

Caregiver/Grief Support Holiday Luncheon will be Thursday, January 9th at 12:30 p.m. at Cross Creek Country Club. Please RSVP to Jan by Wednesday.

The **2025 Stewardship Campaign** To date, for the current year, we have received 55 pledges totaling \$231, 155. We thank you for your past, present and future support.

What we take from scripture depends to a large degree upon what we put into it. The study of interpreting the Bible is called hermeneutics. Examining various traditions of approaching our Bible study helps us appreciate the depth and complexity of Christian revelation. All are welcome to join **Theology Group** for a look into hermeneutics on Thursday, January 9th at 5:30. Supper will be served.

We have a **new nursery attendant** named Maddie Tate. **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 - We will reconvene on Wednesday, Jan 8th, and begin our next book, *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, by D. Kraybill, S. Nolt, & D. Weaver-Zercher. If you have any questions, or need help finding a copy of the book, please call Wendy Tatman.

From Heresies to Doctrines[©]

—A continuation of our study of the early development of the Christian faith—

Part 3: The Trinity

—*The Evolution of a Defining Christian Doctrine*—

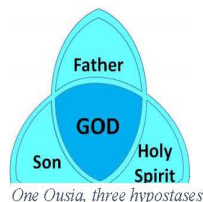
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Your choice of dates and locations. Cost: \$15 donation at the door*

Saturday, December 7, 10 am–1 pm Jamestown Friends Meeting, 509 Guilford Rd, Jamestown, NC	Saturday, January 11, 10 am -- 1 pm Trinity Episcopal Church, 472 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC
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In this session we will examine the progressive illumination of the foundational Christian doctrine of the **Trinity**. It will include:

- Trinitarian Terminology
- Pre-Nicene Perceptions of a Triadic God
- Conventional Christian Doctrine of the Trinity
- Professed Trinitarian Scriptural Support
- Hellenic and Second-Temple Judaic Influence
- Heresies Necessitating Doctrinal Development
- Western and Eastern Foundational Christian Apologists
- Augustine's Seven Trinitarian Principles
- Development of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
- Progression Through the Great Ecumenical Councils
- The Filioque Controversy
- Medieval Theological Contributions and Challenges



To register and help with the planning please notify Jack at Jcian@surry.net of which location above you plan to attend. Put **H2D in the subject line.**

***IF you want a printed copy of the power point presentation (\$5.00) please order no later than 7 days before your chosen session date.**

Note: For information on how to sponsor the “*Introduction to Medieval Theology*” seminar, or any of the topics covered in this series, as a Christian educational fund raiser contact Jack at jcian@surry.net. Put **MTC** in the subject line.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	12:00 noon	First Sunday Potluck
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	4:00 p.m.	Caregiver/Grief Support
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

TRINITY VESTRY

Jane Ciancio, Steve Delacroix, Brenda Goings,
Pam Smith, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson,

*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*