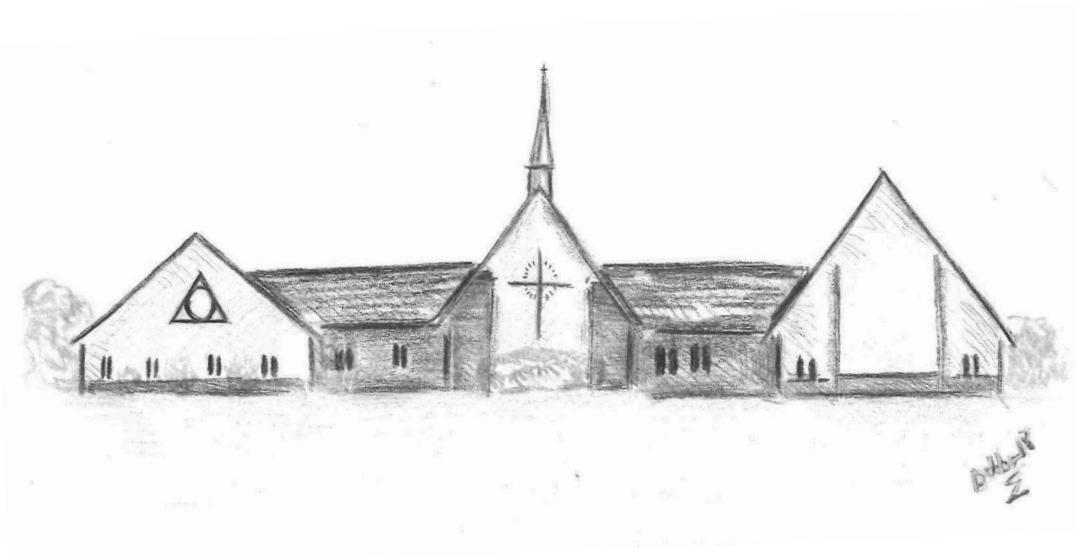


Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026



OUR MISSION:
*To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.*

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Oscar & Cedar Kennedy by Jenny Anderson.

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ACS 976

Come and See

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle is in bass clef, and the bottom is in bass clef. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first line 'What are you looking for?' and 'Come,' appearing in the first measure. The second line 'see, come and see.' appears in the second measure. The third line 'What are you' appears in the third measure. The fourth line 'looking for? Come and see. Come and see.' appears in the fourth measure. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are also dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,
C **you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

P The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in [☩] Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

WOV 646 (SOLOS ON VERSES 2, 3, 4)

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of Orient are;
2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain,
3 Frank-in-cense to of-fer have I;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume breathes a
5 Glo-rious now be-hold him a-rise, King and



bring to crown him a-gain; field and foun-tain,
owns a de-i-ty nigh; king for-ev-er,
life of gath-er-ing gloom; prayer and prais-ing,
God and Sac-ri-fice; heav'n sings al-le-



ceas-ing nev-er, o-ver us all to reign.
glad-ly rais-ing, wor-ship-ing God Most High.
bleed-ing, dy-ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
lu-ia: al-le-lu-ia the earth re-plies.



Refrain
Oh, star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright;



west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

L ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C ⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

L ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high upon a rock.

C ⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

L ⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

C ⁸ **My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”**
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

L ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation.

P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



F C/E Gm⁷ C C/B_b F/A

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



B_b C Dm F/A B_b² Csus

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dm Gm⁷ C⁷sus C F/A B_b C F

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



F/A B_b² Csus Dm Gm⁷ C⁷sus C F

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:12-23

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers.

¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

ELW 798 "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

VERSE 1, SOLO

VERSE 2, 4 & 5 ALL

SING ADDITIONAL CHORUS AFTER VERSE 2, 4, 5

CHORUS

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

BLESSED ARE YOU, HOLY ARE YOU

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

YOURS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

L Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Diane & Joan.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Tommy, John, Sharon, Bianca, Wayne, Peggy, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Margie, Ray, Rick, Steve, Frank, Bob, Susan, Jim, Lori, Melissa, Sarah, Christian, Elena, Waine, Gene, Georgia, Tony, Karen, Jim & Justin.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength:
Meg, Adam, Latisha & Andrey.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

L Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff starts with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a tempo of 70 BPM. The lyrics are: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -". The bottom staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!". The chords indicated above the top staff are Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7. The chords indicated above the bottom staff are Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb, Bb.

P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Music score for the Sanctus hymn, featuring three staves of music with lyrics in English below each staff. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless-ed is He who comes
i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

Chords indicated above the music:

- Staff 1: G, Am, F, Dm⁷, G, C, G
- Staff 2: Am, Em, F, Am, G, C, G, Am
- Staff 3: F, Em, F, G, C

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

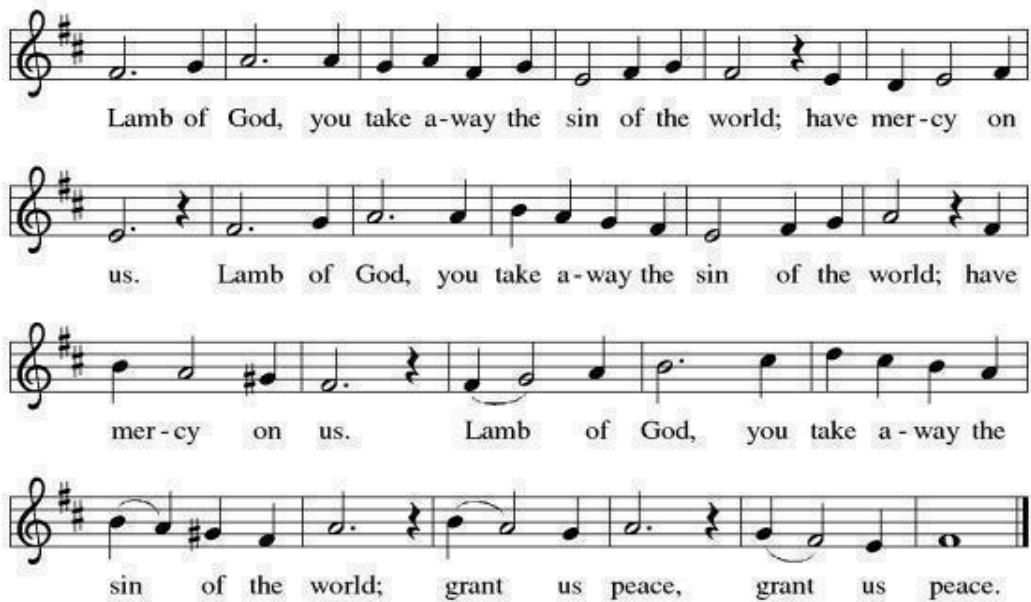
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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,
forever and ever. Amen.

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



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

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

*Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.
A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.*

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father,  and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW 677

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
C Thanks be to God.

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This Week at Trinity

Sunday January 25: Ticket sales for the Pancake Supper begin today.

Thursday January 29: TAG games group meets at 1 pm.

Saturday January 31: Installation service at 2PM for Allison Clark of KenCrest Services.

Looking Ahead

Sundays in January: We are collecting blankets during the Food Drive for donation to the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

Wednesday, February 4: Juliet's will be meeting for lunch at noon at the Longhorn Steakhouse. If you are interested in attending please text Marilou Doughty at 610-496-5511.



Serving Today 1/25	
Lector	Drina Ditzler
Greeter	Priscilla Myers
Communion Assistants	Marilou Doughty & Judy Flanigan
Ushers	Peter & Lynne Schell
Coffee Hour	Ann Dungan & Lynn Chialastri
Building Opener	Ann Dungan
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Lori Peltier, Meg Smith
Serving Sunday 2/1	
Lector	Linda Stone
Greeter	Anne Meibohm
Communion Assistants	Bob Graves & Paul Myers
Ushers	Dan & Drina Ditzler
Coffee Hour	Set Up & Clean Up Needed
Building Opener	Alma Nowmos
Altar Guild	Priscilla Myers
Counting Team	Chris & Rick Cole

