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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Worship With Us

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

Our Mission Statement

"Life in the Son"

Loving, Inviting, Faithful Examples, Serving Our Neighbors

The pastors and congregation will be in prayer this week for the following persons:

Dale & Mary Ann Sacharov Jennifer Sanders Bob & Gloria Scudder

Dru Sharpe Etta Shea Dennis & Faye Sierck

Please also keep our armed forces, police officers, first responders and teachers in your prayers.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Welcome to Trinity. We are so glad you are here to worship today.

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Where indicated (), please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Have Thine Own Way Lord" arr. by Diane Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION BY ASBURY HILLS

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*OPENING HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" NO. 581

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed NO. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

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. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts"

by Natalie Sleeth

*DOXOLOGY

NO. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

READING OF THE WORD **Micah 6:1-8**

6 Hear what the LORD is saying:

Arise, lay out the lawsuit before the mountains;
 let the hills hear your voice!

2 Hear, mountains, the lawsuit of the LORD!

Hear, eternal foundations of the earth!
 The LORD has a lawsuit against his people;
 with Israel he will argue.

3 "My people, what did I ever do to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 I brought you up out of the land of Egypt;

I redeemed you from the house of slavery.

I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you.

5 My people, remember what Moab's King Balak had planned,

and how Balaam, Beor's son, answered him!

Remember everything^[a] from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you might learn to recognize the righteous acts of the LORD!"

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⁶ With what should I approach the LORD
and bow down before God on high?

Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?

Should I give my oldest child for my crime;
the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?

⁸ He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you:

Reader: This is the Word of God,
for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON What is Good? Rev. Gene Aiken

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION NO. 12

*CLOSING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" NO. 593

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE "Make Sounds of Praise" Robert J. Hughes

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God for His many blessings and in honor of our new friends and family at Trinity UMC.

Given by Patti & John Denis

The rose on the altar is given to the Glory of God for His many blessings and in celebration of the birth of Asa Randall Yates born on January 18, 2026. He is first grandson of Tina Yates and the first great grandson of Bobby Yates.

Communion during the 11 am service: Trinity Kids are invited to participate in a service project and learn about Communion today. Children will leave the worship service during the first hymn at the 11:00 am service and meet Rev. Stephanie in the back of the church. From there, we will head to the AG Greene building for our activities. Children will return to participate in Communion and then sit with their families for the end of service. If you do not want your child to participate in Communion, please let Stephanie know. We hope to see you there!

**Attendance for Sunday,
January 25, 2026:**

8:30 am: **68**

9:45 am: **42**

11:00 am: **100**

In-Person Total = **209**

Online Total: **646**

Facebook Total: **971**



When filling out your checks to Trinity UMC, the bank has requested the use of blue or black ink only. Thank you!

Hearing amplification devices are available for anyone needing assistance hearing throughout the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Weekly Offering Week of
January 25, 2026**

Needed each week:	\$ 17,753.29
Received:	\$ 13,196.06
Received online:	\$ 5,134.59
Total received	\$ 18,330.65

Year to date

Received:	\$ 51,831.60
Expenditures:	\$ 19,996.08

Capital Campaign BF Contributions

Sunday offering:	\$ 330.00
Received online:	\$ 665.00
Loose Change	\$ 269.50
Total received	\$ 1,2643.50

Building Fund

Weekly Building Fund Offering:	\$ 1,2643.50
Current Bldg. Fund Bank Balance:	\$ 134,319.20
Current Bldg. Fund Bank Loan Balance:	\$ 579,269.82

Monday Golf for February

All skill levels welcome! Fun, fellowship, fresh air and exercise! Join us each **Monday in February at 2 pm** for golf at **Crown Park Golf Club** in Longs. We play a no-stress scramble format, 9 holes. Cost is \$20. Contact John Holleran at 412-420-7384 if you have any questions.

Trinity Prayer Shawl Makers

There will be a short gathering on Wednesday, February 4 at 9 am in the AG Greene building to share information, patterns, and ideas. All those already making prayer shawls or all those interested in becoming part of the prayer shawl ministry are invited to attend. Please come! Contact Linda Eichenbaum at lve2551@sccoast.net for more information.

Join Us for GriefShare: A Journey of Healing

Navigating grief can be challenging, but you're not alone. Our next GriefShare session begins **Wednesday, Feb. 11**, providing a safe space for healing and support. This 13-week group will meet every Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, ending May 6, in Trinity Hall Room 1. Everyone is welcome whether you're a church member or a friend from the community.

To register, visit griefshare.org, sign up through Realm or the bulletin insert. We look forward to supporting you on this journey.

Angel's Embrace

Have you felt adrift after losing a sweet child? Whether it was a newborn, teen, adult, or any age in between, they are a part of you that has been lost. Your loss can be new or can be many years ago no matter the time. Sharing with people who understand can help you.

At Angel's Embrace we want to find you a safe space to share your story. Meet with us to get support from people who understand what you are going through. This group is open to all. Please join us at Timber Ridge Village Clubhouse, 1101 Timber Ridge Trail, NMB on Tuesdays at 2 pm. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Sue Kerschner 704-796-6835 or angelsembrace2025@gmail.com or Sandy Roberts 910-713-8612 or cursanroberts@hotmail.com.

Missing Hearing Devices

We like to provide hearing assistance devices to hard of hearing people in our congregation, however, at this time all seem to have gone missing. If you currently use one of our devices and may be inadvertently taking it home at the end of service, please return it at your earliest convenience to an usher after each service. They will be cleaned, and the earbuds, will be replaced so that those at our other services may also benefit from them. Thank you in advance.

February Mission Appeal

The North Strand Community Home (A Compass Community) exists to provide emergency and transitional shelter for vulnerable neighbors, helping them regain independence to re-enter the community. They serve families with children, veterans, and individuals. You are invited to provide one or more of the designated items from their needs' list (or a cash donation earmarked: Mission Committee Feb. Appeal). Bring to the Volunteer Office or place in the containers provided in the hallway. A list of items are available at the ushers' tables.

Meetings This Week

Today	<i>Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)</i>
2/1	<i>Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 9:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>Adult Sunday School Classes: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rm. 2 & Trinity Hall Mtg. Room 2)</i> <i>Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)</i> <i>Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)</i> <i>Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>New Member Class: 12:30 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i> <i>Youth Group: 5:00 pm (Youth Room)</i>
Monday	<i>Weight Watchers: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room & New Kids' Room)</i>
2/2	<i>Trinity Book Club: 1:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i> <i>Monday Golf Outing: 1:00 pm (Crown Park Golf Club)</i> <i>Worship Committee Meeting: 5:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i> <i>SPRC Meeting: 6:00 pm (Library)</i> <i>Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
Tuesday	<i>Susanna Wesley Circle: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
2/3	<i>Bible Study—<i>A Disciple's Path</i>: 10:00 am (Trinity Hall)</i> <i>SAG Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
Wednesday	<i>Bridge: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
2/4	<i>Prayer Shawl Meeting: 9:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i> <i>Master's Meal: 12 noon (Trinity Hall)</i> <i>Trinity Kids: 4:30 pm (AG Greene Building)</i> <i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal: 4:30 pm (Sanctuary)</i> <i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)</i>
Thursday	<i>Love Circle: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
2/5	<i>Alzheimer's Support Group: 10:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i> <i>Bible Study—<i>Cultures in Conflict</i>: 10:00 am (Library)</i> <i>Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)</i> <i>Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)</i>
Friday	
2/6	
Saturday	
2/7	

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

Volunteers this Week

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ushers:	Bob & Kathy Slack, Kenneth McIver, Mike Walters	Michelle & Don Godwin, Scott Keziah, Cindy Burgio, Jackie Stanley
Altar Guild:	Pam Early and Susan Douglas	

Trinity Staff

Ministers:	The Congregation
AV Technician:	Kyle Frankman
Child Care:	Tera Velez
Church Sexton:	Lee Ann McDonald
Director of Contemporary Music:	Richard Schellinger
Director of Traditional Music:	Dr. Kenneth S. Klaus, Ph.D.
Financial Secretary:	Heather Ensor
Office Manager:	Jennifer Piccolo
Organist/pianist:	Melanie Welborn
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. Edmond Daniel
Pastors:	Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Stephanie Schellinger

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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The Nursery with professional child care is available during all of the Sunday services.

Nursery (ages 0-3) AG Greene Nursery

Children/Youth Sunday School (4 yr. old - 5th Grade)

9:45 am during Passing of the Peace in the AG Greene Building's *New* Trinity Kids' Room

11:00 am following the Children's Sermon in the AG Greene Building

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:45-10:45 am

Young + Young at Heart 2nd Floor, Room 2

XYZ Young Adults Library - 2nd Floor, Room 4

Trinity Kids (Grades 1-5) meets Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the AG Greene Building.

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Youth Room.