



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY    JANUARY 22, 2023

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

Jim Glenn, soloist

My God is a Rock  
traditional spiritual, arr. Shaw

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One:     People of God-rejoice! We live sustained by God's steadfast love.  
          As we mourn the wounds of God's children,  
Many:    God weeps with us.  
One:     As we give thanks for our siblings who have lived in faith,  
Many:    God gives thanks with us.  
One:     As we struggle for justice,  
Many:    God struggles with us.  
One:     As we strive for peace,  
Many:    God strives with us.  
One:     As we work to build the beloved community,  
Many:    God works with us.  
One:     People of God-rejoice  
Many:    Let us worship God!

### † GATHERING HYMN

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 620*

[Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven](#)

LAUDA ANIMA

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus, shake us from our sleep with you imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as in heaven. Amen.

## TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

### KYRIE ELEISON

Lord Have Mercy



### † WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: We confess the depths of our hearts, knowing that God hears us in full.  
Have faith, then, in the good news:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### † THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –  
And also with you!

### † GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582*

[Glory to God](#)  
GLORY TO GOD

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### MORNING WATCH

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4: 12-23

#### ANTHEM

Zachary Hugo, baritone

The people that walked in darkness (from Messiah)  
G. F. Handel

#### SERMON

*The Gift of Turning Around*  
Dr. Steve Lindsley

## WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 721*

[Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore](#)  
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We believe that God made us for life in community. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. Since every human being is made for communion with God and with others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well. We acknowledge God's freedom and grace. God has chosen us as servants for the sake of the world and destined us to be his daughters and sons, giving us love and life, calling us to worship and honor God.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR Code to the right.



## OFFERTORY

Our Father in Heaven  
J.S. Bach

## † [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## † PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

## † SENDING HYMN

*Glory to God, Hymnal No. 463*

[How Firm a Foundation](#)  
FOUNDATION

## † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Prelude in G  
Bach

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, and Sara Martin liturgists; Dr. Justin Smith, director of music; Michael Rowland, organist; and the Trinity choir.

*For those in need of hearing assistance, our Sanctuary is equipped with a "loop system" that broadcasts the audio into your hearing aids using t-coil technology. Alternately, headphones can be accessed in the Narthex.*

## MUSIC NOTES

When possible, we like to sing the words of the scripture reading on Sundays; or at least sing something theologically related to the day's lesson. But sometimes, we just like to minister from the choir loft with really fantastic sacred music - such is the case with today's Introit, the Robert Shaw arrangement of the spiritual tune "My God is a Rock in a Weary Land," which features our wonderful barit-tenor Jim Glenn in a solo role. Shaw's arrangement masterfully builds from an initial unison, quiet pronouncement of the theme towards an overwhelming climax, then just as quickly dissipates into a quiet, resigned finish - reminding us that spirituals were songs to be sung while performing excruciatingly hard labor, while yearning for a free tomorrow. The anthem is (unusually) an aria but continues our Handel theme for this season with his well-known "The People that Walked in Darkness" from Messiah, setting part of the scripture reading for today. Handel's mastery of conveying the text through musical gesture is on full display here, as the heavy footsteps of the people searching for Christ are mirrored in the organ's duple groupings of half steps, sounding very much like plodding steps. It mirrors the textual ideas found in "My God is a Rock" - overwhelming, heavy weariness without the redemption and presence of Christ.

-Justin Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MICHAEL ROWLAND ORGAN RECITAL** – Today at 3:00 p.m., Michael Rowland our beloved church organist bids farewell to Trinity with an afternoon recital celebrating our restored organ. Admission is Free. There will be a reception to celebrate Michael on **January 29** in the Parlor immediately following Worship. We hope to see you there!

**EXPLORE THE GOSPEL OF MARK-** Join us as we explore the Gospel of Mark. We will dive into Mark's theology, how this Gospel impacts our faith, and influenced the other Gospels we know so well. Hope to see you on Sunday!

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ROOM IN THE INN – JANUARY 29 & 30-** Many of you have volunteered for Room in the Inn. A big THANK YOU to you! For **January 29** and **30**, we are in need of a few more volunteers to fill the slots and serve our neighbors - evening rider, dinner volunteer, morning clean-up volunteer, and morning rider. Thanks in advance and sign-up <https://bit.ly/3XQIXne>.

**SING WITH THE TRINITY CHOIR** - The Trinity Choir is seeking new members - come worship in song with us! No audition or experience necessary, and all are welcome. For more information, contact Justin Smith at [eroica999@gmail.com](mailto:eroica999@gmail.com) or simply show up at a rehearsal any Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.