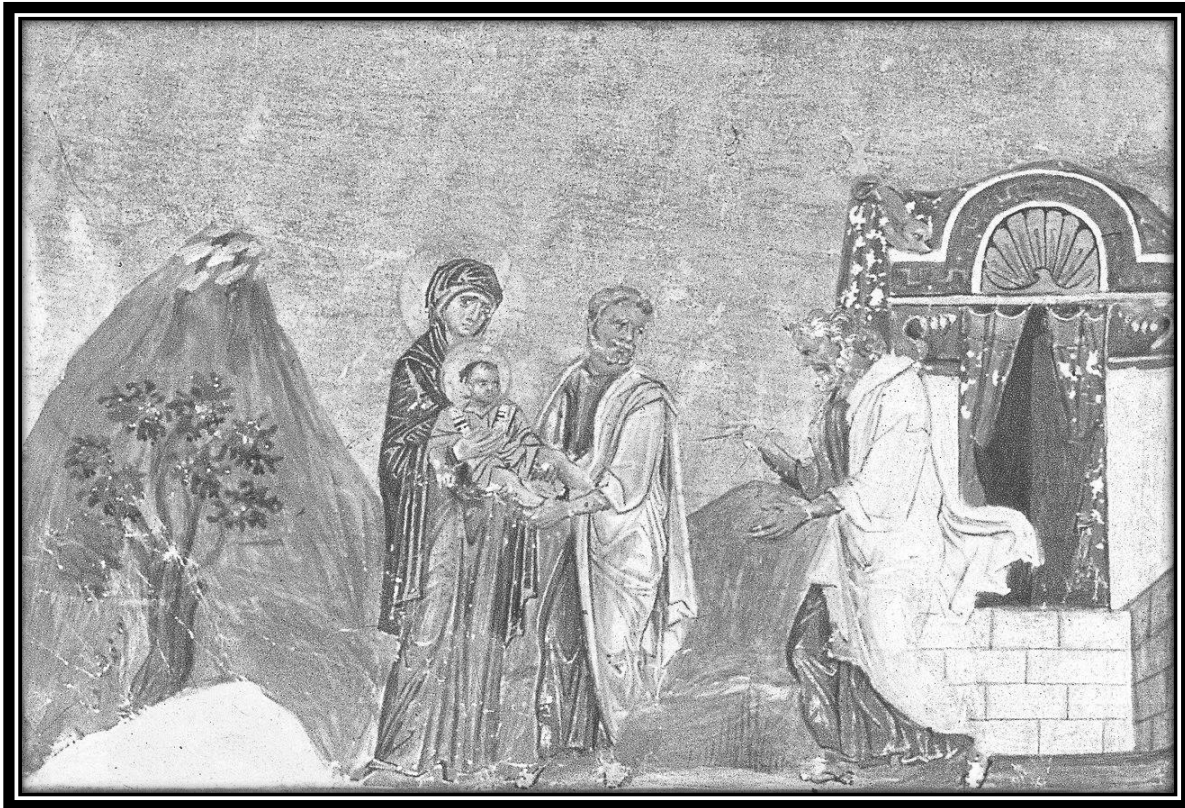


# TRINITY CHURCH

*First Sunday after Christmas*

*December 31, 2023*

*9:30 a.m.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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**Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi**

# 9:30A.M. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – MORNING PRAYER

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Prelude

Opening Hymn #102 (st. 1, 2, 4, 6)

*Once in royal David's city*

Opening Sentences

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Officiant: Let us pray. Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children: Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. *Amen.*

Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

Officiant and People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. 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. Alleluia!*

Officiant: Alleluia. For us a child is born:

All: *O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.*

Venite Hymn #96 (st. 1, 3, 4)

*Angels we have heard on high*

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Word of the Lord

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 8, responding with the italicized verses.

12 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*

praise your God, O Zion,

*13 who has strengthened the bars of your gates, \**

*who has blessed your children within you.*

14 For the Lord has established peace on your borders \*

and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

*15 The Lord sends out a command to the earth, \**

*and this word runs very swiftly.*

16 The Lord gives snow like wool \*

and scatters hoarfrost like ashes

*17 and hail like bread-crumbs; \**

*who can stand against such cold?*

18 The Lord sends forth the word and melts them, \*

blowing with the wind and the waters flow.

*19 The Lord declares the word to Jacob, \**

*statutes and judgements to Israel.*

20 The Lord has not done so to any other nation; \*

to them these judgements have not been revealed. Hallelujah!

#### Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn #248

*To the Name of our salvation*

#### A Lesson from the Gospel

John 1:1-18

Officiant: A Lesson from the Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Officiant: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He

who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Reflection Activity

The Whole Congregation

*The congregation is invited to reflect on the following meditation and question. You may write a response to the question on the sheet provided and place those offerings in the plate in front of the altar.*

Officiant: We are called to be witnesses to the one true light and if we receive, believe, and know him, we are granted the power to become the children of God.

*In what manner will you plan to witness to the light this year?*

### Announcements

### Christmas Carols Hymn-Sing

*The congregation is welcome to request favorite Christmas hymns. A list of carols from The Hymnal 1982 is printed at the end of the service on page 6.*

### Apostles’ Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Apostles’ Creed.

All: *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again 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.*

## The Prayers

### The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: *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.*

Intercession Prayers

Reader: Jesus the Word, we pray for the confidence of your peace in our lives.

Jesus the Word, we pray for all those who live amid violence or uproar.

Jesus the Word, we pray for the earth, knowing we have broken its peace.

Jesus the Word, we pray for all those in need of good news this night: Here, you may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

*(Silence.)*

Reader: With the angels and shepherds that first Christmas, O Jesus, the Word made flesh, may we trust in and share the joy of your incarnation.

Jesus the Word, now dwell among us.

*(Silence.)*

Reader: We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Erin Coote, Oakley Stenroos, Sue Trepanier, Diane Novak, and Mulungi Ladisrouss. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Reader: God, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for: Barbara, Jamie, John, Scott, Joe, Dick, Ryah, The Right Rev. Thomas Ely, Patty, Iris, Ben, Pat. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Reader: God, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, and all those who have been remembered with the Christmas flowers this year, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Reader: God, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Officiant: Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem: Bless us with every spiritual blessing, that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. *Amen.*

Choral Anthem

*Carol of the Light*

*David Barton*

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant and Congregation*)

Officiant: Please join in the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

*Officiant and People: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions*

as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.  
Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #92

*On this day earth shall ring*

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!  
People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

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Christmas Hymns from The Hymnal 1982

77 From east to west, from shore to shore

78 O little town of Bethlehem

79 O little town of Bethlehem

80 From heaven above to earth I come

81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

82 Of the Father's love begotten

83 O come, all ye faithful

84 Love came down at Christmas

85 O Savior of our fallen race

86 O Savior of our fallen race

87 Hark! the herald angels sing

88 Sing, O sing, this blessed morn

89 It came upon the midnight clear

90 It came upon the midnight clear

91 Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light

92 On this day earth shall ring

93 Angels, from the realms of glory

94 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

95 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

96 Angels we have heard on high

97 Dost thou in a manger lie

98 Unto us a boy is born

99 Go Tell It on the Mountain

100 Joy to the world! the Lord is come

101 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

102 Once in royal David's city

103 A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia

104 A stable lamp is lighted

105 God rest you merry, gentlemen

106 Christians, awake, salute the happy morn

107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

108 Now yield we thanks and praise to Christ

109 The first Nowell the angel did say

110 The snow lay on the ground

111 Silent night, holy night

112 In the bleak midwinter

113 Duérmete, Niño lindo (Oh sleep now, holy baby)

114 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

115 What child is this, who, laid to rest

## Announcements

**Potted Plants Need Homes**—Please take home a plant! They need a “forever” home.

**WOT Meeting Next Sunday**—The Women of Trinity (and friends) will meet in the library next Sunday (January 7) following our worship service.

**Newcomer’s Welcome Event**—We will host a special coffee hour event to welcome all newcomers to Trinity Church on Sunday, January 14. Come and share fellowship, one and all!

**Annual “Socks for Souls” Drive**—Our annual sock drive will be held from Christmas Eve (that’d be today) through our Annual Parish Meeting (January 28). There is a “sox box” receptacle in the narthex for donations.

**Boy Scouts’ Tree Pickup Service**—Rutland Boy Scout Troops 105, 110, 120, and 2019 will collect discarded Christmas trees at the end of the holiday season, with pickup dates scheduled for Saturdays, January 6 and 13. To schedule your tree pickup, please call 802-438-8721 or email [RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com](mailto:RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com). (This is their major fundraiser, so donations are greatly appreciated and accepted at pickup.)

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Brunch**—Grace UCC will host the NAACP who will offer a brunch on January 15, 2024 from 10:30am to 2:00pm. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online (<https://freedomfund.rsvpify.com>) or by mailing a check to Rutland Area NAACP, PO Box 311, Wallingford, VT 05773 by January 3. The keynote speaker for the day’s program is Shirley Jefferson of the VT Law School.

**Supporting Companions in Wholeness**—Trinity continues to help provide meals on Tuesdays and if you’d like to join the team, please contact Ellie McGarry ([emcgarry222@hotmail.com](mailto:emcgarry222@hotmail.com)) at Rutland United Methodist Church. Also, Mondays are usually a high-need days as well and some Trinity parishioners may choose serve on that day instead.

**Giving Envelope Sets**—There are box sets of 2024 giving envelopes (organized by last name) in the chapel narthex for those who prefer having envelopes. If you’d like envelopes, but don’t find a box with your name, please email the office and we’ll get you set up.

**Year-End Giving Statements**—The statements for 2023 giving will be emailed the week following January 7. Paper statements for those without email will be available in the chapel narthex for pickup. We will not be mailing statements except by special request. Please check your statements carefully and contact Wendy in the office if you have any questions or find any errors.

**Annual Reports Due**—Please make sure any reports for the 2023 year are submitted to the office no later than January 18. The Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 28, 2024 following our worship service.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN MEMORY OF:

**The Christmas Memorials**

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**Our Staff:** *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Gil Nell

**Our Vestry:** *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; *Members:* Melissa Alarie; Elizabeth Bushey; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; Krey Kellington; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

**Today’s Liturgical Assistants:** *Altar Guild*— Lois Jaworski, Sue Beriau, Melissa Slenker, Karen Cartier; *Old Testament Reader*— Sarah Danner; *Epistle Reader*— Larry Jensen; *Intercessor*— Sue Beriau; *Ushers*— OPEN; *Live Stream Tech*— Dana Peterson;

# 2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

## 2023 DEATHS:

Carol Minogue  
Eileen Henry  
Gloria Hawley  
Sylvia Markcrow  
Peter Franzoni



William B. Thomas  
Jules & Norma Diosy  
Gil & Luella Nell  
Nikole Taylor  
Alberta Grazini  
Walter & Janice Patrick  
Peter Svahn, Sr.  
Alexis J. Smith  
John & Shirley Dumouchel  
Betty Dumouchel  
Karen Welch  
Ethel Dumouchel  
Ernie Wright  
William H. & Leone Fryer  
Alfred & Patricia Peterson  
Doris F. (Dotty) Scott  
Wesley D. (Mike) Scott  
John C. Kaufman  
Anna A. Kaufman  
Mary Ellen Harder  
James & Iris Harder  
William Harder  
William & Mary McFie  
Robert McFie  
Edna Dadson  
Mr. & Mrs. Garell Readnour  
Mr. & Mrs. Hudson Readnour  
Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Readnour  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stefanchik  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stefanchik, Jr.  
Dorothy Conry  
Jean Toth  
Michael Stefanchik, III  
Christopher & Pamela Peplau  
Robert & Helen Kinney  
Rita Keeler & Robert Morgan  
Florence & Charles Perry  
Robert Perry  
Henry Perry  
John Jaworski  
Arnold Swope  
Peter Hall

Warren & Sue Romans  
Gail Norwood  
Pasquale & Antoinetta Di Sarno  
Domenic & Jenny Palo  
Geraldine Palo  
Mary Jo Cardinale  
Charles Brush Chahanovich  
Richard A. Clark  
Charles "Harry" Brush  
Audreta Joyce Brush  
Tyler C. Webb  
Shirley M. Parker  
Judith G. Franzoni  
Charles Franzoni  
Raymond Franzoni  
Norm Anderson  
Gertrude Stacy  
Cindy Riddle  
John & Marion Riddle  
Mabel K. Riddle  
Jeffrey Thompson  
Charles and Virginia Thompson  
Gladys E. Milliman  
Harry and Estelle Beer  
David Mudgett  
Guy & Marion Blosser  
Francis & Ruth Holden  
William Holden  
Robert Holden  
Francis "Buck" Reis  
Bill & Beverly Reardon  
Carlene Bennett  
Lindsay Langrish  
Ruth Seward  
Dorothy Mainolfi  
John Musetti  
Susan Rubach Beggs  
Herman Rubach  
Vernon & Margaret Thurmer  
Frank & Lucille Lemmerman  
Jennie Trepanier  
Ann Cantwell  
Charles & Louise Eichel  
Jack & Gilma Ruth  
Bob Weisel  
Janet Orr  
Lori Francis  
Jim Ruth  
Ruth Earle  
Duke Trombley

Ira Earle  
Donald Kemnitzer  
Gloria & Stanley Hawley  
Paul Cassese  
Oren & Helen Bates  
Dick & Betty Congdon  
Ed & Flossie McDonnell  
Jean Haseltine  
Doug Leary  
The Novak Family  
Paul Monteleone  
Mary V. Phillips  
Lillian Ann Perry  
Joan Briggs  
Patricia Rowell  
Joel Williams  
Jeremiah Warner  
Sarah & Lexi Oliver  
Rod Phillips  
Dorothy Mainolfi  
John B. Musetti  
Ruth & Gus Crowell  
Gustavus V. Crowell, Jr.  
Ransom (Bud) Towsley  
Joseph M. "Pickett" Wright, Jr.  
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Clara Spagnola  
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