

THE PIPER

DECEMBER 27TH-JANUARY 11TH, 2026



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For Sunday December 28th

Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

For Sunday January 4th

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John1:[1-9] 10-18

Epiphany of our Lord, January 6, 2026



TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

3:00PM TROOP#375 CUBS MTG

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

6:15PM TROOP #375 MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

11:00AM LESSONS AND CAROLS

AT THE OAKS

5:45PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

NEW YEARS EVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

HAPPY NEWS YEAR!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

TRINITY EVENTS

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

11AM DEEPER WATERS

6PM GIRLS SCOUTS SERVICE UNIT MTG

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2026

6:00PM TROOP#375 MONTHLY MTG

6:15 TROOP#375 MTG

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2026

OUR LORD'S EPIPHANY

5:30 EXECUTIVE MEETING

5:45PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2026

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2026

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2026

SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH, 2026

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2026

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION &

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:00AM DEEPER WATERS



A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM PASTOR RON



Dear beloved of God,

At some point during the Christmas Season, we will share this passage from the Gospel of John the 1st chapter:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Perhaps not as well known or treasured as much as the Christmas Story from Luke or even the one from Matthew, but so wonderful news included in this passage. In the very beginning, i.e., Genesis, God created the universe by way of the Spoken Word. Now, that Spoken Word comes to us in Human Flesh, God incarnate in Jesus. God's story, (God's His-Story), continues now into this new age of which we are apart. Time, God's time in the world, truly marches onward.

As we celebration Christmas we also look forward to how we might live in light of this "grace upon grace" that we receive in Jesus. As the New Year looms we cannot get too caught up in our Christmas revelry to forget that it will pass are too quickly.

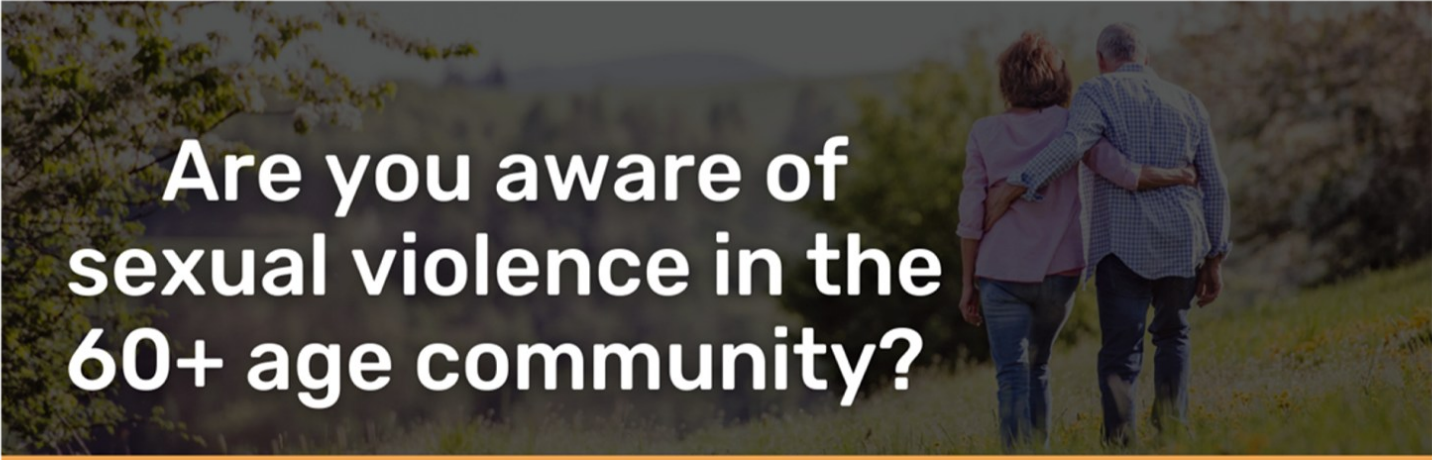
With that in mind a few things I want to highlight as informational for us as the turn the corner to 2026:

- On Christmas Eve a special basket was placed by the table with the bulletins and newsletters inviting worshipers to make a special gift for those in need. We have at least one young family struggling to make ends meet. While we do support Interfaith Human Services, we also want to provide additional support to our own disciples here at Trinity. Thanks for your financial gifts to this cause.
- AWARE is a program offered by Centre Safe (see flyer). It is to raise awareness concerning sexual assault in hospitals and senior care facilities. We will offer this educational and informational program here at Trinity on Wednesday nights, January 14, 21 & 28, as well as February 4, 2026. Dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by the program, 60 – 90 minutes. No need to sign up, just plan to attend. Please, invite others to join us for this important program!
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 18, 2026. Worship will be offered at 12 noon and 7 pm. Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will be included at both services.
- Midweek Lenten Soup & Salad dinners will once again be offered on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning, February 25 with 6 pm dinner followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm.

These are some of the plans made so far as we move into the New Year. Until then, may the Christ Child of Bethlehem, the Word-Made-Flesh bless you and your loved us with God's richest blessings as together we bear witness to the Light of the World, Christ the Lord!

Love, joy and peace,

Pastor Ron



Are you aware of sexual violence in the 60+ age community?

If you are a caregiver of someone over 60, or a staff member or volunteer, this is for you!

AWARE stands for **Addult Wisdom to Advance Respect and Empowerment. It is a comprehensive sexual violence education initiative for the 60+ age community, focusing on the promotion of healthy social norms and the creation of protective environments for this specific age group. Over the course of 4 sessions, you will learn about:**

Recognizing Sexual Violence

Learn about the prevalence of sexual violence, what it is, and how to identify and recognize the signs of sexual violence.

Creating Safe Spaces

Learn about boundaries, what they are, how to set them, and how to communicate them with others.

Bystander Intervention

Learn how to be an active bystander and ways you can safely intervene in a variety of situations.

Reporting and Resources

Learn what to do if someone discloses an act of sexual violence to you, how to support them, and available resources.



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Pastor
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Angela Garritano	1
Melissa Phillips	1
Eric Fedorko	5
Laurie Smith	5
Sean Belland	6
Elowen Kendall	9
Rick Whitmer	9
Alexa Oselinsky	11
David Oselinsky	12
Dee Frisque	13
Sean Grubbs	15
William Adams	16
Barbara Roberts	16
Noelie Garritano	17
Kevin Trostle	19
Dennis Weidel	23
Gina Motter	25
Brian Belland	27
Kylie Schoenauer	28
Liam Merritt	29
Scott Crain	30
Nancy Owens	31



WEATHER POLICY

Now that winter has seemingly arrived, just a reminder about cancelling church activities.

We rarely cancel activities due to the weather. If we do cancel;

we will do our best to notify everyone via email or on Facebook or our website.

If you feel uncomfortable driving in certain conditions, **STAY HOME.**

We want everyone to be safe and there is no need to take unnecessary risks.

If you have doubts about whether an event has been canceled,

call the church office or feel free to call Pastor Ron, 814-933-8514.

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