

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



As an open and affirming congregation  
the Mission and Purpose of Trinity Church is to:

Gather as God's people.

Grow in faith, love and service.

Go into the world as disciples and apostles.



**Epiphany Sunday**

**January 4, 2026**

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!  
If you are visiting, please sign our guest book or fill out a welcome card  
in the pew so we can better welcome you!

\* = Please rise in body or Spirit.

**We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our space fragrance-free.**

### Order of Worship

PRELUDE – *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The old year has passed)*  
BWV 614, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION OF THE MAGI

***“WE THREE KINGS”*** (UMH 254)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this holy season of Christmas,

**Christ comes to us again.**

In this quiet after the harried days of December,

**God invites us to pause and reflect.**

Our journey has led us here.

**The Spirit is with us now.**

Let us bow down as sages of old,

**and offer our worship to Christ.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Christ of power and justice, help us embrace the power that comes from love, and guide us to seek the justice that love reveals. Open our hearts and minds, that we may hear your wisdom in this time of worship. Open our lives in the year ahead to the power and strength of your loving Spirit. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

***“ON THIS DAY THE EARTH SHALL RING”*** (UMH 248, vv. 1. 3 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Star Words

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:1-12

SERMON – “Arise and Shine!”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Récit de Chromhorne*, François Couperin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together the Lord's Prayer, using whichever words or language are closest to our hearts (some versions may be found at UMH 894).

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Here at Trinity Church, we live in hope that love can bring renewal and healing to our world. Let us practice this world together, sharing what we have, taking care of each other, and bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (Glory to God on High)*, F. Zachau

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Let us pray... Gracious God, bless these gifts, that they may be as impactful as the gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Christ child by kings long ago. May our treasures bring honor to your name and support justice in your world. May our worship bring humility to our hearts, and may our time and talents bring love to life in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen..**

HOLY COMMUNION – using Musical Setting A from UMH 17

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Let us pray... We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence. We have been led, Eternal One, by your light. May we bask in this glow Now and forevermore. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                      **"ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL"** (UMH 147, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

\*BENEDICTION

Arise, shine, as you go into the world!  
**We will shine as we go into the world!**  
Shine with love and justice.  
**We will shine for all the world.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      **"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN"** (UMH 673, v. 1)

POSTLUDE – *Point d'Orgue sur les Grands Jeux (Pedal Point on the Grands Jeux)*,  
Nicolas de Grigny

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Lois Bascom

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Sherry Clark

Reader 1: Eileen McCusker Rauch

Videographer: Clare Chapman