

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
January 14, 2024 A.D.  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.

**P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**P: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**P: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. Therefore, let us praise his holy name this day. Amen.**

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Together, with boldness, let us confess our sins unto the Lord who hears all. Let us pray . . .

In Unison: ***Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits and old grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow that past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from***

***sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.***

**Pastor:** Friends, as far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our sins from us. Believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

\*Our Response

***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what  
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because  
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

The Children's Moment

\*Hymn - ***God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand #262***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Romans 7:14-25

<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Sermon: ***A New You, A New Me, and A New Year!***

\*Hymn - ***O for a Closer Walk with God #396***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Meryl Davis

Soloist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Beth Davis & Josh Coy

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of our son Ryan. Given by: Ken & Cathy Jones  
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