

**THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

JANUARY 12, 2025

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH— 8:00 AM



THE SEASON IS...

Epiphany. The season of Epiphany is both a festive season and ordinary time. During this season we celebrate Jesus' manifestation to the world as the incarnate Son of God. It begins with the visit of the magi, wise men from the East, and concludes with the Transfiguration on the mountain top. We are invited to behold the miracle of the incarnation in the world around us. In ordinary time we seek to behold the extraordinary love of God.

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

NURSERY

For those with small children, we have nursery staff available for the 10 am and noon services in the Sunday School room. We also have the nursery room in the lobby open for all services for parents to go with their children, if needed.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector

David Simmons—Director of Music

Jerry Lucas—Reader/Intercessor/Server/Coffee Hour Host

Team 2: Toni Spille, Sarah Berninger, Rachel Berninger—Altar Guild

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The flowers are given by Christopher and Kathleen David
in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Owen and Lily.

Flowers arranged by Catherine Dean.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 117 (verses 1-3)

Brightest And Best Of The Stars Of The Morning

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria *Spoken in unison.*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when

you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29 *Prayed in unison*

*Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

*The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

*The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

*And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"*

*The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

*The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The Epistle

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of South Africa, and in our own diocese we pray for Christ Church, Milford, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, Kevin, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and for all the clergy and people, especially Patty and Marta, our priests, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord, especially Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Melissa Perry, Marilyn Serrano, Paquito Ocasio, Emiliano Morales, Andy Boutcher, Courtney Thompson, Phil Simmons, Diana Wood, Wayne Wilson, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Bett Malgieri, Josephine Otwell, Jesús Busto, Jerry Harrell, Jack Hallock, and Diana Hallock. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, especially those displaced by the forest fires in California, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Kennard Brown, Don Vavala, Layla Wilson, Susan Fullerton, Lynn Warner, and Matt Byorick.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

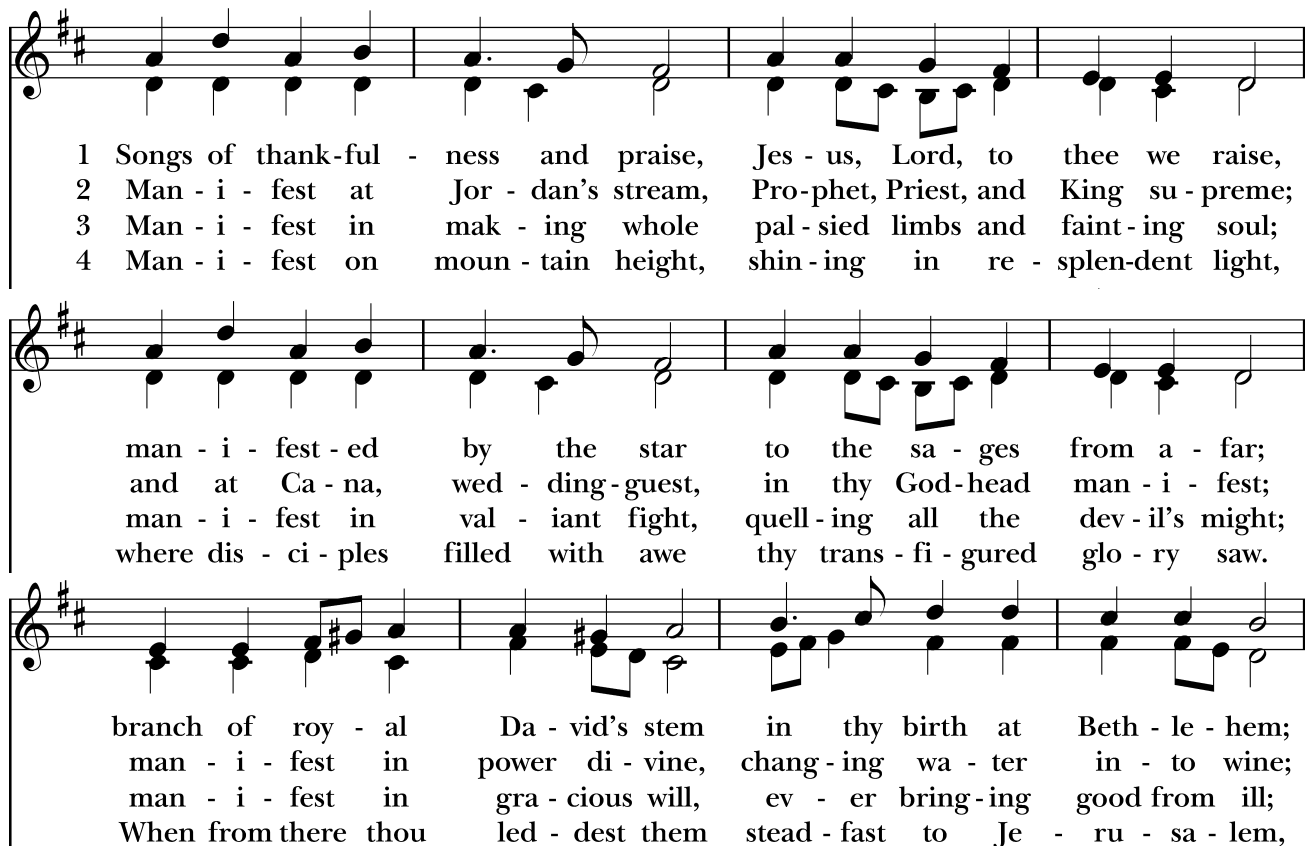
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 135

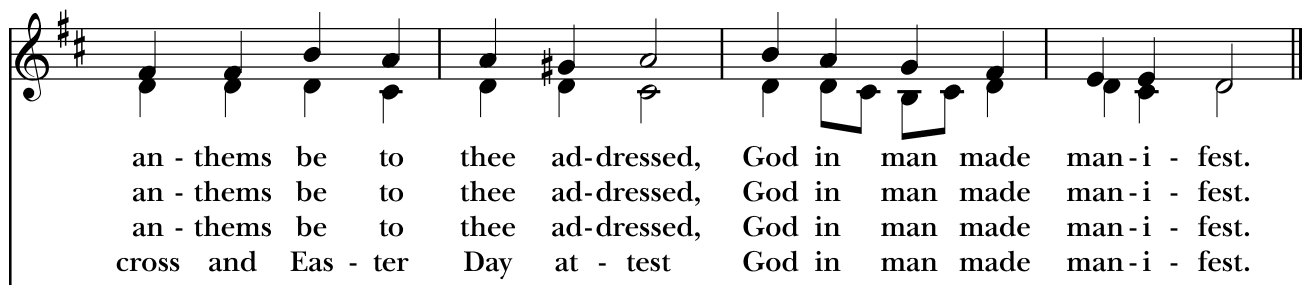
Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Come hear about New Life Furnishings after the 10 AM service TODAY in our conference room. Friends from Westminster Presbyterian Church will be doing a presentation about their new ministry for those who are interested. New Life Furnishings collects used furniture and furnishings then distributes them to clients who are moving from homelessness to permanent housing. Grab a coffee and come to the conference room to hear about this new ministry.

Childcare on Sundays – We love to have children in worship with us. Children are welcome to receive communion (we do have gluten free hosts if necessary) as well as sing out. We also offer childcare and Sunday School. Currently, we are down a staff member for the nursery so we ask that all children join us in the Sunday School room. The nursery is always available for use by families. We are working on adding a screen that will allow viewing of the live streamed service. If you have any questions, please ask Alyse our Sunday School coordinator or any member of the staff.

MLK weekend events. There is a peace march scheduled for Monday January 20th at 10:30am. We will meet at the Jefferson Street Center (1801 Jefferson Street Wilmington 19802). Later, at 6pm there is the Interfaith Ministerial Action Council’s annual MLK celebration service at New Destiny Fellowship 906 E.16th Street, Wilmington 19802.

Saturday, February 8th—Please join Bishop Brown for a Congregational Growth and Vitality workshop as part of our call process for the next rector. The workshop will be held at 10 am—2:30 pm in the dining room. Lunch will be provided so please do sign up to attend so we know how much food to purchase.

TRINITY CHOIR – Rehearsals Resume for 2025! – COME JOIN US! Have you made a New Year resolution to add more music and more fun to your life?!? COME SING WITH THE TRINITY CHOIR! Maybe you sang in high school or college, or in a church choir years ago, and want to get back into singing? We welcome both experienced singers as well as people who have NEVER sung in a choir. EVERYBODY is welcome and encouraged to become a part of the musical life of our congregation through participation in this wonderful vocal ensemble. Trinity’s Choir has lots of fun making music together and we are always

looking for new voices to join us in the choir loft. We rehearse on Thursdays at 7 pm. Come give it a try! There is always room for new voices in the choir!

Trinity provides meals for Clark House the first Monday of each month and Epiphany House the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Presently, you would be preparing for 10 to 12 people, which includes staff. You are also welcome to join them for the meal. The entire year is open because we have not requested since April of last year because you all are so great about signing up in advance!! Several of our regular meal preparers have moved away this year and will no longer be signing up so please consider participating in this ministry. Sign up in the lobby or contact Sarah Berninger: berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422.

ENCORE CHORALE returns to Trinity for Spring 2025 Season! CALLING ALL SINGERS 55 & OLDER! The Encore Chorale of Wilmington begins its Spring 2025 rehearsal/concert season here at Trinity on Wednesday, January 29th. Registration is now OPEN online for the spring semester at EncoreCreativity.Org No prior singing experience is necessary and no audition is required. Encore focuses on creating musical excellence while also having a ton of fun. David Simmons, Trinity's Director of Music, is the conductor of the Encore Chorale of Wilmington. Each semester is 15 weeks in length and culminates in a public performance here at Trinity. Weekly rehearsals are held at Trinity on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For more details, email David at david@trinityparishde.org .

RADIO RHYTHMS come to Trinity on Sunday, February 16! The Arts At Trinity (TAAT) opens the 2025 concert season on Sunday, February 16, at 4:00 pm, when it presents the one of a kind ensemble THREE FOR A SONG in RADIO RHYTHMS! Alex Hassan, Doug Bowles and Jennifer Timberlake are purveyors of and specialists in the fabulous music of the 1920s and 1930s. Hassan, a master of the "piano novelty" style, brings his more-than-ten-fingers approach to making a piano sound like an orchestra. Bowles and Timberlake will "warble" you tunes of the Broadway stage and popular scene with authenticity, raucous fun and romantic sweep - with a special focus paid to the women composers and lyricists of the era. You will feel like you're in the audience at a 1930s radio broadcast as they entertain, inform and delight you. You may even be the first audience in the world to hear some new discoveries of "lost songs." You can never go wrong with THREE FOR A SONG!