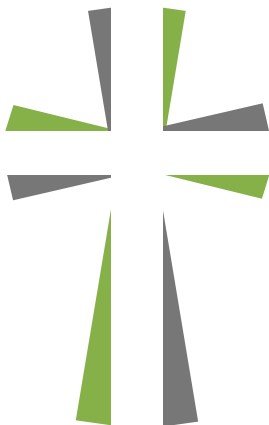


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JANUARY 7, 2024

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Honor God.  
Welcome All.  
Embody Christ's Reign.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 7, 2024  
Sunday after Epiphany

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

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### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Mitchell Carter

PASTOR: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen!

PASTOR: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

PEOPLE: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

PASTOR: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

ALL: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!  
*Psalms 96*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#### Confession of Sin

Rev. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Let us now confess our sins together:

ALL: Our God and Creator, we come before you and confess that we have sinned in all kinds of ways against you and our neighbors. We have not only sinned in obvious and outward ways, but we have also sinned by internal pride and distrust, impatience and hatred, greed and jealousy, lust and selfish ambition, as well as many other evils. You know our sins, O Lord, and that we deserve condemnation for every one of them.

Yet, you are merciful to those who repent and trust in your Son. Forgive us because of the righteousness of Jesus. And, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us walk in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Silent Confession

#### Song of Confession

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

#### \*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

*From 1 Peter 2:24*

ALL: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation! The old has passed away, behold the new has come!

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

**\*Extending God’s Welcome of Peace**

**PASTOR:** The peace of Christ be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

**\*Song of Renewal**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

**COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM**

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**Kingdom Reading**

Paul Pasarilla

Psalm 29

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

Mark 1:4-11

**LEADER:** This is the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**ALL:** Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

**Profession of Faith**

Hattie Jo Nunley

**Profession of Faith Vows**

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**Prayer of Intercession** (*followed by a season of silent prayer*)

Rev. Ryan Hudson

**Common Prayer**

**PASTOR:** Let us now join our voices together praying:

**ALL:** Lord, we ask you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also have grace and power faithfully to fulfill those things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Kingdom Giving & Meditation**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**\*Doxology**

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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“Eternal Life”

John 17:3

Rev. Mitchell Carter

*(See insert for Sermon Notes)*

## FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

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### Holy Communion (see insert)

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Christ for salvation, and who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Baptized covenant children who have not made profession of faith before the elders should abstain from communion until they are received as communing members by the session. TPC serves wine and grape juice for communion. The **clear** cups contain wine and the **purple** cups contain grape juice. The communion bread in the **purple** cups is gluten free.

### Song of Communion

“Jesus, I Come”

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

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### \*Song of Sending

“Be Thou My Vision”

### \*The Sending

PASTOR: We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. *1 John 5:20-21*

ALL: **With the Lord's help we will do this!**

### \*Benediction

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

ALL: **Amen.**

### \*Postlude

Musicians: Barbara Ehresman & Anna Robertson  
Song Leader: Kimberly Robertson

\*The Congregation stands

# This Week at TPC

Sunday, January 7	Churchwide Potluck   11:00 a.m. School of Christian Theology   4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 9	Men's Fellowship   6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	ELC Team Meeting   6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### **Church-wide Potluck | January 7 | 11:00 a.m.**

Join us today for a church-wide potluck after the service. Potlucks are a great opportunity for fellowship with our church family. Anyone is welcome to stay to eat with us whether you brought food or not.

### **Men's Fellowship | Tuesdays (beginning January 9) | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Men's Fellowship will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 9. Join us for food, fellowship, and bible study. Contact Matt Alexander with any questions at [matthewalexander215@gmail.com](mailto:matthewalexander215@gmail.com).

### **Congregational Meeting | January 14 | Immediately following worship**

Please be sure to join us for a congregational meeting to vote to re-elect Paul Vitolins back to the Diaconate and Paul Shearer back to the Session, following their sabbaticals. We expect this election to take approximately 20 minutes, and then we will continue with our regular Christian Education hour. Please contact any of the elders if you have questions regarding these men or their election.

### **Urgent Need for Sunday Morning Worship Volunteers**

Adults 18 and older are needed to help care for children during the Worship Service, in our Infant/Toddler Nursery and PreK Nursery. It is a great way to show little ones love and kindness and to get to know familiar faces that love Jesus. Please email [nursery@trinitymboro.com](mailto:nursery@trinitymboro.com) for more information.

### **Newcomers' Dessert | January 18 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

If you are new to Trinity and would like to get to know a bit more about the church, we would love for you to join our pastors and other church leaders and members at the upcoming Newcomers' Dessert on Thursday, January 18 at the church. Please RSVP to [admin@trinitymboro.com](mailto:admin@trinitymboro.com).

### **Women's Bible Studies | Mondays & Wednesdays (Beginning January 15 & 17)**

You're invited to join one of our Winter Bible Study groups studying the book of Daniel. Groups will meet Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings following the teaching of Paige Brown by Livestream video. Sign up in the lobby or by clicking the link in e-news, which includes an opportunity to serve the women in these studies by providing refreshments or assisting in childcare for one week of the study. Childcare is available on Wednesday mornings, and registration is necessary. Please register for your group by January 10 and for childcare by January 11. Email Laurie at [women@trinitymboro.com](mailto:women@trinitymboro.com) with any questions. See group details below:

- Mondays: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (beg. Jan. 15) | led by Laurie Newman in the Newmans' home
- Wednesdays: 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. (beg. Jan. 17) | led by Kimberly Robertson and Laurie Newman at Trinity

### **Women's Winter Retreat | February 16 - 17**

Please join us for our 2024 Women's Winter Retreat: Redeeming Friendship: How to Spot Cultural Lies and Embrace Biblical Understanding. Please register by January 28 via the e-news link, or find paper registration forms in the lobby. Cost is \$75 which includes overnight lodging at beautiful Deer Run Retreat Center near Thompson Station, three meals, snack/drink service, winter hiking, cozy indoor activities, and three teaching sessions utilizing TGC Retreat teaching videos and materials. Reduced registration fees are available. Please email Laurie at [women@trinitymboro.com](mailto:women@trinitymboro.com) with questions, or look for our retreat registration table in the lobby on Sunday mornings beginning January 7. We cannot wait to spend this time with you!

### **Christian Education in 2024**

We will begin back our Christian Education (CE) on January 14, 2024. That day we will have a quick congregational meeting immediately following service, after which the kids will go to their CE classes. The adults will stay in the sanctuary to hear about a new opportunity for discipleship and fellowship called Grow Groups, which we are beginning in February. On January 21, we will begin our next adult class titled "Faith and Work: How Christianity Changes Our Vocations."

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**Guests!** We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Please take time to fill out the Guest Info Slip on the insert and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer. If you have any questions about our church, feel free to email Pastor Mitchell at [mitchell@trinitymboro.com](mailto:mitchell@trinitymboro.com)

Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Center has resources available such as weekly sermon manuscripts, ministry brochures, sign-ups, and our most current church member directory. There are also Bibles for use on the side table including large print editions.

**Hearing Assistive Devices** are available at the sound booth.

## Church Leadership

### ELDERS

Mitchell Carter, Moderator  
Jim Harris  
Eric Klumpe†  
Rick Malone, Clerk  
Phil Newman  
Paul Pasarilla  
Ron Phillips  
Peter Robertson  
Paul Shearer, Treasurer†  
Kim Sokoya†  
Randy Thompson†  
Pleun Troost

### DEACONS

Charles McGaughy, Chair  
Dean Cardel  
Monty Lee  
Chris Nowlin  
Allen Pfingsten  
Brent Pierce  
John Pipes

†Not currently on the Session

TPC Family, please know that if you are in need of physical or financial help, let our deacons know by reaching out to them personally or by emailing the chair of the Diaconate, Charles McGaughy, at [deacons@trinitymboro.com](mailto:deacons@trinitymboro.com). And if you are in need of counsel or prayer, please let our elders know by reaching out personally or emailing Mitchell, who is the moderator of the Session, at [mitchell@trinitymboro.com](mailto:mitchell@trinitymboro.com).

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# SERMON NOTES

“ETERNAL LIFE”

JOHN 17:3

I. THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL: ETERNAL LIFE

II. WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

III. HOW CAN I KNOW GOD?

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## MEMBER/GUEST INFO

Please fill in form and place in the offering plate or box in the foyer. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I would like more information about Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- ☐ \*I want to receive the weekly E-news.

## FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

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### The Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PASTOR: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

### Prayer of Consecration

#### Words of Institution

#### Response of the People

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: Hallelujah!

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hallelujah!

PASTOR: And now Our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and to say:

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASTOR: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

### Prayer Request

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