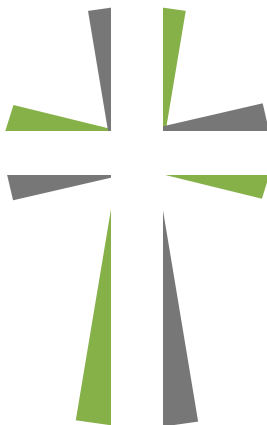


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NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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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

November 26, 2023

*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*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: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

PEOPLE: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

PASTOR: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

PEOPLE: The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

PASTOR: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

PEOPLE: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

*From Psalm 147*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

#### \*Hymn of Adoration

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#### Confession of Sin

Rev. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Let us now confess our sins together:

ALL: Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by rejecting your ways and following our own ways. Instead of trusting you as God, we want to be our own gods. And so, we have not worshipped you rightly; we have failed to honor authority; we have hated others; we have lusted after that which is not ours; we have stolen, lied, and coveted.

Merciful Lord, we beg your forgiveness, not for our goodness or remorse, but for your mercy and the sacrifice of Jesus. And we ask that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would help us to see your law as beautiful and our sin as detestable. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

#### Silent Confession

#### Song of Confession

"Trisagion"

#### \*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Titus 3:3-6*

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** “Satisfied”

**COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM**

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**Confession of Faith**

PASTOR: Christian, in whom do we believe?  
ALL: We believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Apostles’ Creed*

<sup>1</sup> The term “catholic” refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

**Kingdom Reading** Ron Phillips

Psalm 100

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Colossians 4:1-18

LEADER: This is Word of the Lord.  
ALL: Thanks be to God!

**Prayer of Intercession** Paul Pasarilla

**Common Prayer**

LEADER: Let us now join our voices together praying:  
ALL: We ask you, O Lord, to stir up the wills of your faithful people, that they  
may abundantly bring forth the fruit of good works, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

**Kingdom Giving & Meditation** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**\*Doxology**

## **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

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"It Is I"

Matthew 14:22-36

Series: The Gospel According to Matthew

Rev. Ryan Hudson

*(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

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

## **GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

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\*Song of Sending

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

\*The Sending

PASTOR: Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

*Matthew 16:24-25*

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

\*Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

\*Postlude

Musician: Jackie Pasarella

Song Leader: Kimberly Robertson

\*The Congregation stands

# This Week at TPC

Sunday, November 26	Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal   8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Christian Education (CE)   11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. School of Christian Theology   4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal   6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 28	Men's Fellowship   6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29	TYG The Gathering   6:00 - 8:00 p.m. English Language Class   6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 2	Women's Christmas Brunch   10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### **Hanging of the Greens**

Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 26, during the CE hour, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is a family event to enjoy Christmas cookies, desserts, and hot chocolate while the church is being decorated for Advent and Christmas. Children will meet in their CE classrooms to decorate ornaments for the church tree. Look for the link in e-news to sign up to bring two dozen of your favorite cookies!

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one for Christmas, email Sabrina at [admin@trinitymboro.com](mailto:admin@trinitymboro.com) or order via the link in e-news. Cost is \$10 per plant. Checks can be made out to Trinity Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. On December 17 and 24, we will have a special publication in the bulletin denoting your loved one's name.

### **Women's Christmas Brunch**

We are excited to invite you to our annual Women's Christmas Brunch on December 2 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Trinity. To help with our planning, please RSVP by November 29 using the sign up sheet in the lobby, or the e-news link. We will enjoy brunch, singing, advent readings, door prizes, and some creativity as Lori White leads us in ornament and potpourri making.

### **Just Two Spots Left for Brunch Table Decorators**

Ladies, we invite you to share your love of hospitality by decorating one of our Women's Christmas Brunch tables for seven guests. You will provide plates, napkins, water glasses, coffee mugs, and a centerpiece. Silver plastic utensils can be provided by TPC, or you may provide your own. White tablecloths are provided by the church. Table set up takes place November 30 and December 1. Sign up in the e-news or email Laurie at [women@trinitymboro.com](mailto:women@trinitymboro.com)

### **Lessons & Carols Service, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for this beloved advent service that tells the story of redemption through scripture and song. The Trinity Choir, Children's Choir, and other musicians have been preparing for months for this special service, and we hope to see you there! We especially urge you to invite friends and family so that we may proclaim the coming of our Savior not only to our church family but also to our local community. There will be a reception following the service, and we hope that you will stay to greet our guests and celebrate the advent season with one another. Childcare is available for children four and under.

### **Children's Christmas Party**

Save the date! The Children's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 9, 10:00—11:30 a.m. Friends are welcome!

### **Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

Next week we will begin the season of Advent. We will hear from Psalm 80. The following Sundays, we will hear from Psalm 85 (Dec. 10), Psalm 126 (Dec. 17), and Psalm 132 (Dec. 24). Reading the sermon passage before coming to worship is a great way to prepare your heart and mind to receive God's word.

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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

Paul Vitolins

Dan Widener

†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

“It Is I”

MATTHEW 14:22-36

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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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