

TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN (PCA) • MURFREESBORO



DECEMBER 10, 2023

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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow!"
African American spiritual
Mark Patterson, arr.

Children's Choir

*Call to Worship

Rev. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **For he is the Maker of Heaven and earth!**

PASTOR: Our souls magnify the Lord!

PEOPLE: **And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

PASTOR: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

PEOPLE: **His name is Holy and he is worthy to be praised!**

PASTOR: Come then, and let us praise his name; for he is our Maker and our Redeemer.
It is he who shows us mercy and grace.

From Luke 1:46-47, 49

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Confession of Sin

Rev. Mitchell Carter

PASTOR: Let us now confess our sins:

ALL: Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, we also acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ, your Son, to show mercy to us and to forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and even the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be glorifying to you. 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: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is well-pleased. *Luke 2:14*

***Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

***Song of Renewal**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Bethlehem Candle

The Krahenbuhl Family

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

READER: We light the second candle of Advent to remind us that the Lord Jesus, who is the light of the world, was born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king, the King who reigns over all.

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

Phil Newman

Common Prayer

LEADER: Let us now join our voices together praying:

ALL: Lord, we ask you, give ear to our prayers, and by your gracious visitation, lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Meditation

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

***Doxology**

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

“Restore Us Again, O God of Our Salvation”

Psalm 85

Series: Advent 2023

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FEASTING AT GOD’S TABLE

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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

*The Sending

PASTOR: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

ALL: By God’s grace, may we learn to long for and love our Lord’s appearing!

Adapted from Revelation 22:20 and 1 Timothy 6:8

*Benediction

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

ALL: Come quickly Lord Jesus! Come quickly! Amen.

*Postlude

Musicians: Weston Duke, Barbara Ehresman, & Amanda Scott
Song Leaders: Rhonda McDaniel, Kelley Pellegrin, & Kimberly Robertson

*The Congregation stands

This Week at TPC

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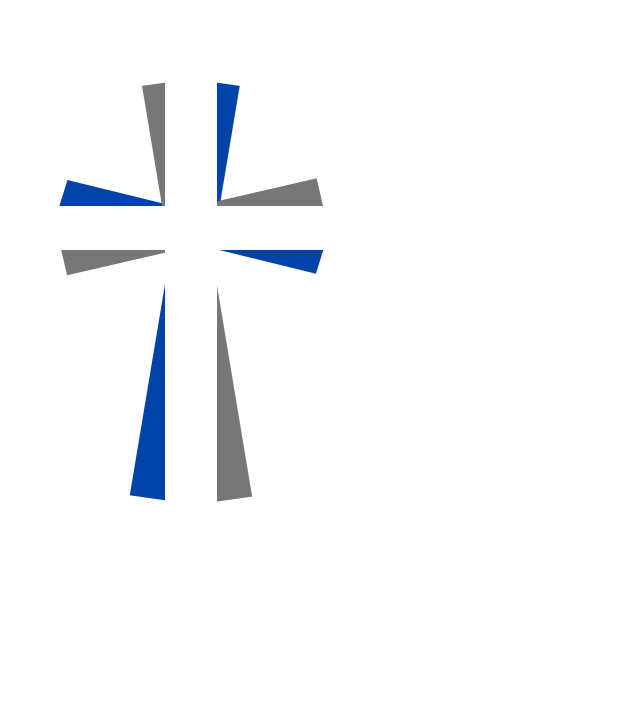
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SERMON NOTES

“RESTORE US AGAIN, O GOD OF OUR SALVATION”

PSALM 85

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THE LORD SEEMS ANGRY?

- CRY OUT TO HIM HONESTLY

- REMIND OURSELVES WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE

- LISTEN TO HIM AND TRUST IN HIS PROMISES

MEMBER/GUEST INFO

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☐ *I want to receive the weekly E-news.

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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. And we praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, by whom you have sent a new Light to shine upon this world, that we who rejoice in that light may be found cleansed from our sins and without fear when he shall come again to judge the world in righteousness. 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
