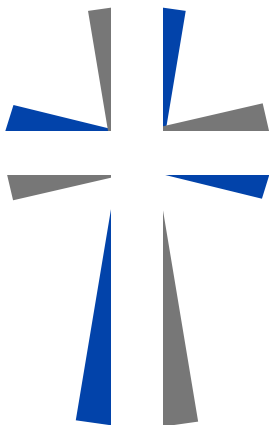


TRINITY

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DECEMBER 24, 2023

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

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 24, 2023
Fourth 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

*Call to Worship

Rev. Mitchell Carter

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

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

PASTOR: Let all who adore Christ Jesus say, "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

PEOPLE: **Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is at hand!**

PASTOR: The Lord is at hand; therefore, do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

PEOPLE: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

From Philippians 4:4-7

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"
(verses 1-3)

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, Your Son. He came into this world to seek and save the lost, so let us come to him admitting and grieving our sin, and finding salvation in him. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

"Kyrie"

***Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

PASTOR: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. *Romans 8:1-2*

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**

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Angels’ Candle

Jeremy & Kate Cardel

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:26-38

READER: We light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angels’ Candle, to remind us that hosts of Heaven proclaimed Jesus’ arrival, an arrival that has brought God’s peace on earth.

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

Rick Malone

Common Prayer

LEADER: Let us now join our voices together praying:

ALL: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a home prepared for himself. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Meditation

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

***Doxology**

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

“Awaiting the King”

Psalm 132

Series: Advent 2023

Rev. Mitchell Carter

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

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

*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: Debbie Dunn, Barbara Ehresman, Marynelle Klumpe, & Abby Shearer
Song Leaders: Debbie Dunn, Tim Dunn, & Kim Keck

*The Congregation stands

This Week at TPC

Sunday, December 24	Corporate Worship 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25	Church Office Closed
Monday, January 1	Church Office Closed

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve Service | December 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us this evening to worship and celebrate the ending of Advent with the birth of Christ. This service will include prayer, singing, Scripture readings, a homily, and the celebration of communion. There will not be childcare for this service.

Congregational Meeting | January 14 | Immediately following worship

Please be sure to join us for a congregational meeting to vote to elect Paul Vitolins to the Diaconate and Paul Shearer to the Session (which requires 30 days' notice per our Book of Church Order). 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.

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.

Women's Winter Retreat | February 16 - 17

We are delighted to announce the details of our 2024 Women's Winter Retreat: Redeeming Friendship: How to Spot Cultural Lies and Embrace Biblical Understanding. Registration is open until January 21. Please find retreat details and payment envelopes at the welcome center in the lobby. There you will find the QR code for online registration, or paper registration forms if you prefer. Cost is \$75 which includes overnight lodging at beautiful Deer Run Retreat Center near Thompson Station, three meals, snack and drink service, winter hiking and outdoor activities, and retreat booklet. Of course we will have cozy indoor activities too! Payment in cash or check can be turned into the office or offering plate. Reduced registration fees are available by checking the reduced fee box on the registration form. Registration is not complete until payment is received. Check-in is 4:00 p.m. on Friday and departure is 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please email Laurie at women@trinitymboro.com with questions. We cannot wait to spend this time with you!

Christian Education in 2024

Our Adult Christian Education (CE) classes are done for the winter. If you want to go back and view the class videos and handouts from "Ephesians" or "Christian Worship," you can do so on our webpage: <https://www.trinitymboro.com/adult-christian-education>. We will begin CE again 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."

Coffee Service Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of more volunteers to set up coffee service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering, email admin@trinitymboro.com

2023 Stewardship Giving	YTD	Budgeted YTD	2023 Budget	% of Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 552,430	\$ 538,274	\$ 555,000	99.5%
Operating Expenses	\$ 523,005	\$ 507,040	\$ 522,795	100%

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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

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. 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.

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SERMON NOTES

“AWAITING THE KING”

PSALM 132

TWO LONGINGS:

I. GOD TO DWELL WITH US

II. A KING ON THE THRONE

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

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
