

TRINITY

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DECEMBER 3, 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 3, 2023
First 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

"Lost in the Night"
Finnish Folk Song
Kyle Haugen, att.

Trinity Choir

***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: For behold I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

PEOPLE: **Be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy and her people to be a gladness.**

PASTOR: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

From Isaiah 65:17-19

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Adoration**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Confession of Sin

Rev. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins; so, we confess that we have broken your law.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PASTOR: You tell us not to cover our iniquity; so, we admit, that we have sinned not only in outward and obvious ways, but by internal hatred, pride, covetousness, and selfishness.

PEOPLE: **Christ, have mercy.**

PASTOR: We ask that you would forgive us, cleanse us, and renew us in the image of Christ by your Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

"Come Light Our Hearts"

***Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

PASTOR: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. *Ezekiel 36:25-27*

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**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Prophecy Candle

The Duke Family

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

READER: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us that the prophets foretold that our God would bring peace and salvation to people in trouble. May our God give us his peace in our hearts during this season and may we show his peace to one another and to all.

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

Paul Shearer

Common Prayer

LEADER: Let us now join our voices together praying:

ALL: **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in this time when our Lord Jesus came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal with him. Amen.**

Kingdom Giving & Meditation

"Come, O Redeemer, Come

***Doxology**

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

“Let Your Face Shine, That We May Be Saved”

Psalm 80

Series: Advent 2023

Rev. Mitchell Carter

(See insert for Sermon Notes)

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

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

“Immanuel”

*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: Jonathan Oldham & Jackie Pasarilla

Song Leaders: Rhonda McDaniel, Caitlyn Pasarilla, Kimberly Robertson,
& Laura Robertson

*The Congregation stands

This Week at TPC

Sunday, December 3	Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Corporate Worship 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Christian Education (CE) 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. School of Christian Theology 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Lessons & Carols Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5	No Men's Fellowship
Wednesday, December 6	TYG The Gathering 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. English Language Class 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9	Children's Christmas Party 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. TYG Cookies & Caroling 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Lessons & Carols Service | Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Join us tonight 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 | December 9 | 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Children and friends are welcome to join in celebrating Christmas with sweet treats, fun activities and games! Please bring an unwrapped gift or gift card for a foster child, any age, infant-teen. Bridge Family Ministry will deliver the gifts. Please RSVP by December 7th at the link in e-news or on the signup sheet at the Welcome Center.

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Advent Memorial Service | December 10 | 6:00 p.m.

While this season is a time of joy, it can also be a time of sadness for those who have lost loved ones. The Memorial Service is a time to give voice to that sadness and grief, while also resting in the expectant hope that we have in the coming of Jesus into the world. Please join us for this special service consisting of prayers, songs, Scripture readings, and a time to remember those whom we have lost. There will not be childcare for this service.

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 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. Please have orders in by Tuesday, December 12. On December 17 and 24, we will have a special publication in the bulletin denoting your loved one's name.

Gifts for Foster Children

Trinity has an opportunity to help provide Christmas gifts for kids in Rutherford County foster care. You can bring unwrapped toys for children and gift cards for teenagers to church and place them under the Children's Christmas tree in the lobby by Friday, Dec. 15. Contact Anna Morgan at bridgefamilyministries@gmail.com with any questions.

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

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Next week we will hear from Psalm 85. The following Sundays, we will hear from 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.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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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

“LET YOUR FACE SHINE, THAT WE MAY BE SAVED”

PSALM 80

INTRODUCTION

I. WHO IS ISRAEL?

II. WHY ARE THEY DISTRESSED?

III. WHAT ARE THEY LONGING FOR?

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
