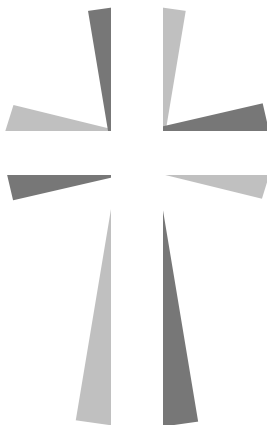


TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN (PCA) • MURFREESBORO



DECEMBER 31, 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 31, 2023

First Sunday of Christmas

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. Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

PASTOR: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

PEOPLE: **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

PASTOR: But remember, He also dwells with the lowly and contrite of heart, for our God has come near, for Christ has been born, and in Him Heaven and earth have become one.

PEOPLE: **Praise Jesus our King, our Emmanuel, God with us, for He is our Light, our Love, and our Life!**

PASTOR: He is your Life; therefore, come and praise Him! Give your hearts to Him, for He is your God who graciously saves! Christ is born!

PEOPLE: **Glorify him!**

From Psalm 113

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: Let us now confess our sins together:

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, in word, and in deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

"Trisagion"

*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

ALL: Christ our God has come in the flesh! Hallelujah! 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**

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

***Confession of Faith**

PASTOR: Christian, in whom do we believe?

ALL: Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

Definition of Chalcedon, 451 A.D.

Kingdom Reading

Jim & Kaye Harris

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Luke 2:22-40

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

ALL: Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

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

Common Prayer

LEADER: Let us now join our voices together praying:

ALL: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Meditation

"Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor"

***Doxology**

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

“Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace”

Philippians 2:1-11

Rev. Ryan Hudson

(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

“What Child Is This?”

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*The Sending

PASTOR: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:9*

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: Kimberly Robertson, Callie Widener, Ella Widener, Graham Widener,
& Grant Widener

Song Leaders: Debbie Dunn, Tim Dunn, & Paul Shearer

*The Congregation stands

This Week at TPC

Sunday, December 31Corporate Worship | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 1Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 7Churchwide Potluck | 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Churchwide Potluck | January 7 | 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a churchwide potluck on Sunday, January 7 at 12:00 pm. Potlucks are a great opportunity for fellowship with our church family. Sign up in the lobby or by using the link in e-news.

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 Bible Studies

We would love to have you join one of our Winter Bible Study groups studying the book of Daniel. We will have discussion groups on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings following the teaching of Paige Brown by Livestream video.

The Monday evening group will meet at the Newman’s home from 6:00—8:00 p.m., January 15 - March 4, led by Laurie Newman. The Wednesday morning group will meet at TPC from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m., January 17—March 6, led by Kimberly Robertson and Laurie Newman.

Please sign up for these groups 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 morning and registration is necessary. We can’t wait to grow with you in our knowledge of God through his Word. Please email Laurie at women@trinitymboro.com with any questions.

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

“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE”

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

I. THE HUMILITY OF THE KING

II. THE EXALTATION OF THE KING

III. THE CHARACTER OF THE KING’S PEOPLE

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
