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DECEMBER 11, 2022

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

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 11, 2022  
*Third 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

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**Prelude**

"He Is Born"

Children's 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:** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills and all the nations shall flow to it.

**PEOPLE:** And many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

**PASTOR:** For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples.

**PEOPLE:** And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

**ALL:** O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD and worship him in truth.  
*Isaiah 2:2-5*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

"Prepare the Way, O Zion!"

**Confession of Sin**

Ryan Hudson

**LEADER:** Let us now confess our sins:

**ALL:** Our God, we come to you confessing that although we have begun by the Spirit and are to live and walk by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh, and as a result we become conceited, we provoke one another, we envy one another, and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus our Lord. Gracious God, forgive us for trusting in our own strength, to your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for your renewal, asking that you would be pleased to fill us with your Breath of Life, who is none other than the Spirit of the Living God. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Song of Confession**

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"  
*verse 1*

**\*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

**LEADER:** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*1 John 1:5,9*

**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**

LEADER:   The peace of Christ be with you!  
PEOPLE:   **And also with you!**

**\*Song of Renewal** “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

**COMMITTING TO GOD’S KINGDOM**

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**Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Shepherds’ Candle** The Ehleben Family

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

READER:   We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherds’ Candle, to remind us that the announcement of Christ’s birth was made to humble ordinary men, for God came and called the meek of the earth.

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

**Common Prayer**

LEADER:   Let us now join our voices together praying:  
ALL:       **O Lord, because we are sorely hindered by our sins from glorifying and enjoying you, let your bountiful grace and mercy come to help and deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**Kingdom Giving & Meditation** “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

**\*Doxology**

## SERMON NOTES

“THE PROMISED KING”

2 SAMUEL 7:8-17

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ I would like more information about Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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

I would like to order #\_\_\_\_ poinsettias in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

## FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

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### Celebration of Communion

#### 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 the 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...**

#### 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...**

PASTOR: The holy gifts of God for holy the 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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## **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

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“The Promised King”

2 Samuel 7:8-17

*Series: The Promised One*

Rev. Mitchell Carter

*(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 receiving 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**

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### **\*Song of Sending**

“Joy to the World”

### **\*The Sending**

**PASTOR:** Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

**PEOPLE:** **By God's grace, may we learn to long for and love our Lord's appearing!**

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

### **\*Benediction**

**PASTOR:** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

**ALL:** **Amen!**

### **\*Postlude**

Musicians: Jackie Pasarilla, Kimberly Robertson

Song Leaders: Tim Dunn, Kimberly Robertson

# This Week at TPC...December 11, 2022

- Today

Christian Education 11:00 a.m. (children & youth); 11:10 a.m. (adults)  
School of Christian Theology 3:00 p.m.  
Advent Memorial service 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday

Men’s Fellowship & Study 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday

ELC Banquet 6:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

**Season of Advent** - Make plans to attend our Advent evening services at 6:00 p.m.:

- Dec. 11 - Memorial

(no childcare)
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

(no childcare)

The Children’s Ministry has provided Advent booklets for each family. These can be found in a basket on the long table in the narthex.

**Advent Memorial Service** - 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. The service consists of prayers, songs, Scripture readings, and a time to remember those whom we have lost. Please join us for this special service this evening at 6:00 p.m.

**Corporate Worship on Christmas Day** - Since Christmas day falls on a Sunday this year, we will be gathering for corporate worship that morning. However, we will begin our service just a bit later than normal (10:00 a.m.) and will not have childcare during the service.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one for Christmas, please fill out the bulletin insert designating the honoree and place it in the offering plate or prayer box in the main room along with a check for \$10 per plant indicating “Poinsettia” on the memo line. On Dec. 18 & 24, we will have a special publication in the bulletin denoting your loved one’s name.

**Christian Education (CE)** - CE will meet today for adults, youth, and children. If you would like any of the resources for the 2nd-3rd Century Church in the adult class please visit our website where you will find them under the Christian Formation tab.

**School of Christian Theology** - We will meet today from 3:00-4:15 p.m. to discuss “The Person of Christ”. Please check our website at [www.trinitymboro.com](http://www.trinitymboro.com) and under the Christian Formation tab you will find a link of the dates and updated class schedule.

**Upcoming Sermon Schedule** - For the remainder of the Advent season we will be looking at the promises that Jesus came to fulfill in 2 Samuel 7:1-17 (today), and Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Dec. 18).

2022 Stewardship Giving (as of 11.20.22)	YTD	Budget	% of Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 421,922	\$525,000	80.4%
Designated Giving and Events	\$ 3,151	\$ 1,025	307.4%
Building Fund-Contributed & Pledged	\$ 34,595	\$ 31,841	108.6%
Operating Expenses	\$ 377,229	\$ 475,057	79.4%
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings	\$ 461,712		

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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 our church administrator, April Lafrenz at [office@trinitymboro.com](mailto:office@trinitymboro.com) or 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†

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Peter Robertson

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### DEACONS

Charles McGaughy, Chair

Dean Cardel

Monty Lee

Brent Pierce\*

John Pipes

Paul Vitolins

Dan Widener\*

\*Deacon on duty today

†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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***Prepare the Way, O Zion!***  
***Sung to the tune of “God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen”***

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high;  
Sink low, ye towering mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;  
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred time.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Fling wide thy portals, Zion and hail thy glorious king;  
His tidings of salvation to every people bring,  
Who, waiting yet in sadness, would still His praises sing.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

He cometh not with warriors, and not with pomp and show,  
Yet smiteth He with terror sin, death, and every foe.  
The Spirit's sword He wields to give to death a fatal blow.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

The throne which He ascendeth is fixed in heav'n above:  
His sanctified dominion is light alone and love.  
His praise be ever sounding for grace and peace and love.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

*Words:* Frans Franzen, 1812

*Music:* Trad. English Carol – GOD REST YOU MERRY

## Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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1. Ho-ly Spir-it, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will -ing soul.



Bring the pres-ence of the ris - en Lord to re - new my heart and make me whole.



Cause your Word to come a - live in me, give me faith for what I can - not see,



give me pas-sion for your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.

# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by  
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa  
and Michael Bleecker

Steady Celtic Groove ♩ = 78

A D Gadd9 D Asus A

1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry in the dawn - ing of the King; He the  
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry He the per - fect Son of Man; In His  
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry Christ the Lord u - pon the tree; In the  
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry Slain by death the God of life; But no

Bm7 Gadd9 Asus D

theme of hea - ven's prai - ses Robed in frail hu - ma - ni - ty. In our  
liv - ing, in His suf - fering Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the  
stead of ru - ined sin - ners Hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the  
grave could e'er re - strain Him Praise the Lord; He is a - live! What a

G D/F# Bm7 Asus Gadd9

long - ing, in our dark - ness Now the Light of Life has come; Look to  
true and bet - ter A - dam Come to save the hell-bound man; Christ the  
price of our re - demp - tion See the Fa - ther's plan un - fold; Bring - ing  
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance How un - wa - ver - ing our hope; Christ in

D/A Bm7 G Asus

Christ, Who con - de - scen - ded Took on flesh to ran - som  
great and sure ful - fill - ment Of the law; In Him we  
ma - ny sons to glo - ry Grace un - mea - sured, love un -  
po - wer re - sur - rec - ted As we will be when He

1.2.3.

D D/F# Gma7 Bm7 Aadd4

us.  
stand.  
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comes.

2. Come be -  
3. Come be -  
4. Come be -

4.

D G D/F# Bm7 Asus

comes. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance How un - wa - ver - ing our

Gadd9 D/A Bm7 rit. G Asus D

hope; Christ in po - wer re - sur - rec - ted As we will be when He comes.

## Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2*

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;  
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.  
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.  
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her  
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will  
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all

that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.*  
Ps. 72:7

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;  
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;  
 from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.  
 his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

Based on Psalm 72  
James Montgomery, 1821, 1828; alt. 1990

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Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

# Lead Sheet      Joy To The World

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Words by Isaac Watts  
Music by G.F. Handel

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

6  
 ceive her King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glor - ies of His right - eous -

11  
 room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

15  
 sing, and hea'vn and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

15  
 heav'n and na - ture sing.