

TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN (PCA) • MURFREESBORO



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 18, 2022
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

Ryan Hudson

LEADER: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I the LORD search the heart and test the mind.
Jeremiah 17:9

ALL: O Lord, you have not called us into darkness, rather you have brought us into the light of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace we are children of light, children of the day. You have called us to be awake and sober-minded, having put on the breastplate of faith and love as well as the helmet of the hope of our salvation. In light of this gracious reality, we ask that you would forgive us for living contrary to who we are in Christ and for denying him in our words and actions. Restore us, that we may seek to do good and honor you, our loving and merciful Father.
Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

"Come Light Our Hearts"

*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: 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**

LEADER: 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 The Liner Family

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-25

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)* Rev. Mitchell Carter

Common Prayer

PASTOR: 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 “What Child Is This?”

***Doxology**

SERMON NOTES

“THE PROMISED PRIEST”

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

WHAT DOES A PRIEST DO?

DO WE REALLY NEED A PRIEST?

JESUS IS THE TRUE PRIEST

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

MEMBER/GUEST INFO

Please fill in form and place in the offering plate or box in the foyer. Thank you!

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

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

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

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

"The Promised Priest"

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Series: The Promised One

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 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

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

"Immanuel (From the Squalor)"

*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: Barbara Ehresman, Marynelle Klumpe, Anna Robertson

Song Leaders: Rhonda McDaniel, Kimberly Robertson

This Week at TPC...December 18, 2022

Saturday Christmas Eve service 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Announcements

Christmas Eve Service - The season of Advent concludes this Saturday with our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of worship through prayers, songs, Scripture readings and a meditation, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. There will not be childcare for this service, but as always, children of all ages are welcome.

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.

Christian Education (Sundays, 11:00-noon) - We will not have CE for the rest of December but will resume classes on January 8. If you would like to join us for future classes or you would like any of the resources from the adult CE's 2nd-3rd Century Church class, please email Pastor Mitchell at mitchell@trinitymboro.com.

School of Theology (Sundays, 3:00-4:15 p.m.) - We are done with classes for the month of December, but will resume on January 8 looking at the Work of Christ. If you would like to join us for future classes or you would like any of the recordings or resources from previous classes, please email Pastor Mitchell at mitchell@trinitymboro.com. You can also visit our webpage for the schedule and more information under the Christian Formation tab.

Women's Bible Study - Ladies, Lynda Wambles will be leading a class on the study of Esther that will begin on Thursday, January 12 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. This will be a 10-week study meeting at the church.

2022 Stewardship Giving (as of 12.9.22)	YTD	Budget	% of Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 446,572	\$525,000	85.1%
Designated Giving and Events	\$ 3,941	\$ 1,025	384.5%
Building Fund-Contributed & Pledged	\$ 34,595	\$ 31,841	108.6%
Operating Expenses	\$ 409,232	\$ 475,057	86.1%
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings	\$ 491,918		

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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 or 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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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. 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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Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n: the

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Come Light Our Hearts

Words and Music by
Sandra McCracken

CHORUS

F

B \flat



For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait.

For

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F

B \flat

F



You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait.

Tru - ly our hope is in You,

3rd time to Coda

VERSE

10

C

F



tru - ly our hope is in You.

1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance

2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we

15

B \flat

C



shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em - man - u - el

find more than e - nough. We come as we are;

O heal and re -

18

F

D.C. al Coda



come, come light our hearts.

-store, come light our hearts.

For

Coda

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F



You.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

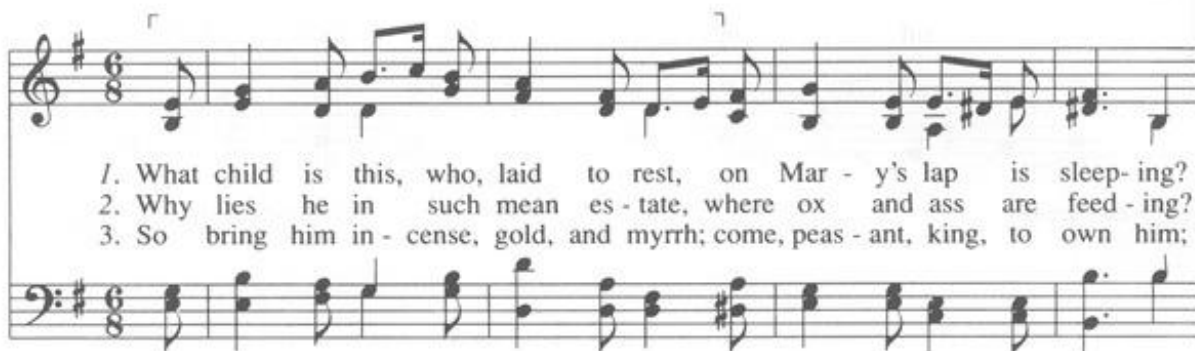
re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name,
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might,"
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

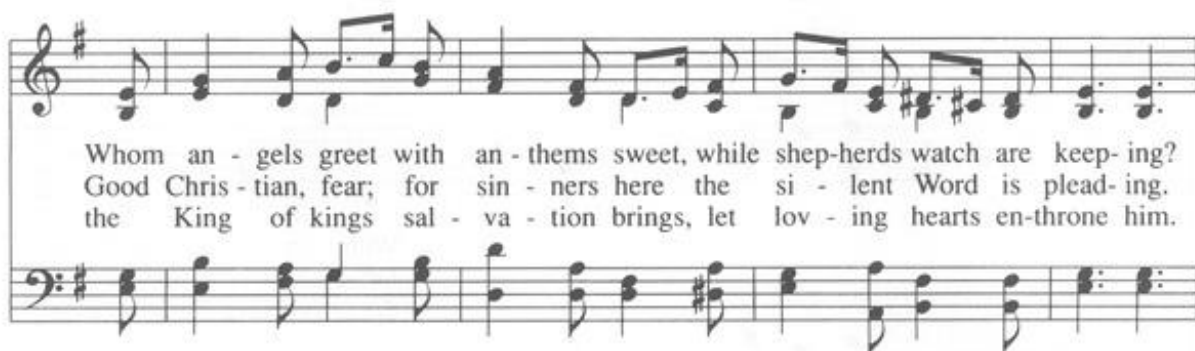
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What Child Is This

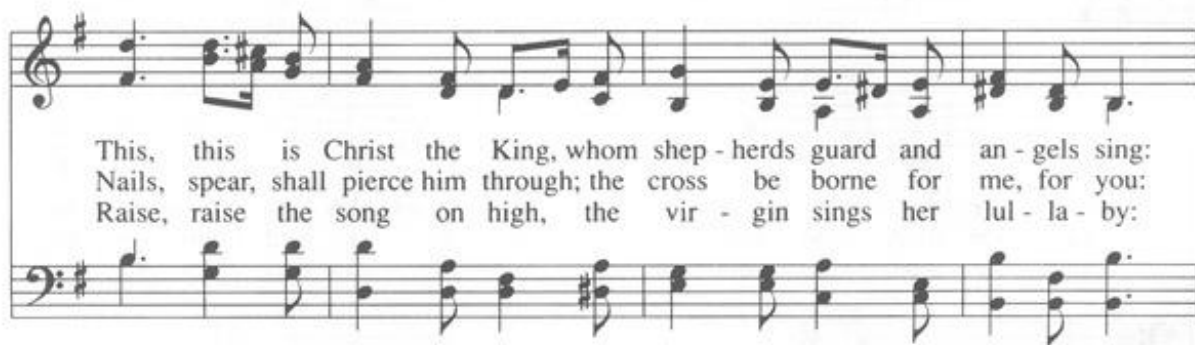
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

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Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

FROM THE SQUALOR

(Immanuel)

Words & Music **Stuart Townend**

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Chord diagrams: D⁵, Bm⁷, Em⁷, D/G, A^{sus4}

Chord diagrams: D⁵, Bm⁷

1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a
4. Now He's standing in the place of honour, crowned with glory on the

Chord diagrams: Em⁷, D/G, A^{7sus4}, D⁵

virgin's faith; to the anguish and the shame of scandal
Father's hands, filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
cruel cross; He was punished for a world's transgressions,
highest throne, in exchange for His own beloved

From the squalor (Immanuel)

Bm A7sus4 D5

came the Sa - viour of the hu - man race! But the
filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man. Yes, He
He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. He
till His Fa - ther calls to bring them home! Then the




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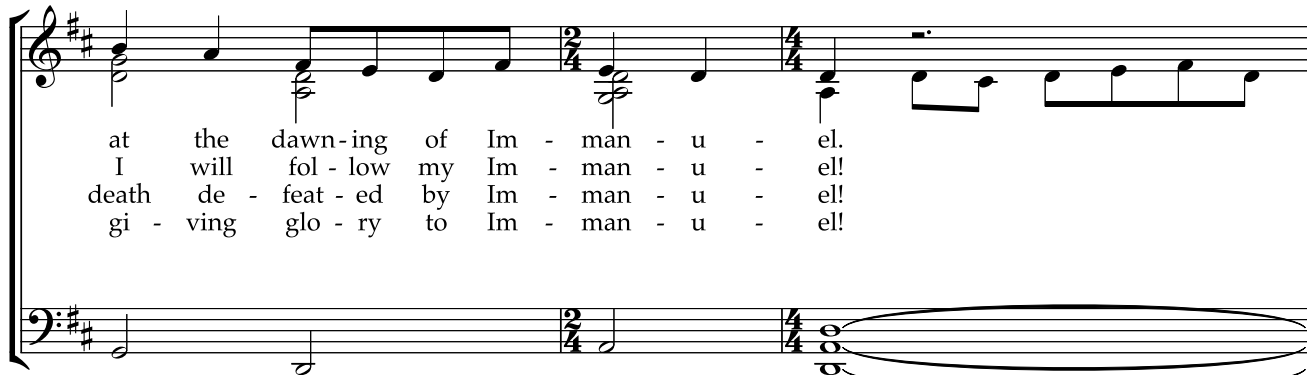
skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep - herds lis - ten as the
walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor - rows that I
fights for breath, He fights for me, loos - ing sin - ners from the
skies will part as the trum - pet sounds hope of hea - ven or the

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



an - gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man
know so well; yet His right - eous steps give me hope a - gain -
claims of hell; and with a shout our souls are free -
fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lo - ver's arms,

From the squalor (Immanuel)



at the dawn-ing of Im - man - u - el.
 I will fol - low my Im - man - u - el!
 death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - el!
 gi - ving glo - ry to Im - man - u - el!

To end

