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DECEMBER 24, 2017

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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

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. Brandon Eggar

PASTOR: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

PEOPLE: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

PASTOR: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and evermore.

ALL: **Hallelujah! The Kingdom of our God has come; his light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it!**

Adapted from Isaiah 9

*Prayer of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Christ Candle

The Troost Family

Isaiah 52:7-10

John 1:1-4

READER: We light the last candle of Advent, the Christ Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the promised seed of the woman, the Light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Carol

“Come, O Redeemer Come”

The Second Lesson

Jeff Straka

READER: Genesis 3:1-15

PEOPLE: **The Lord will give us a sign. Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Isaiah 7:14

The Carol

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

The Third Lesson

Karyn Hershberger

READER: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing before you."

Psalms 66:1-3

PEOPLE: **All the earth worships you and sings praise to you; they sing praises to your name!**

Psalms 66:4

READER: Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. Come and hear, all you who fear God, I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Psalms 66:5,16

PEOPLE: **All the earth worships you and sings praise to you; they sing praises to your name!**

READER: O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel whose origin is from of old, from ancient of days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now shall he be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Micah 5:2-5

PEOPLE: **All the earth worships you and sings praise to you; they sing praises to your name!**

The Carol "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")

The Fourth Lesson

Randy Thompson

READER: Matthew 1:18-25

PEOPLE: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government there shall be no end.**

Isaiah 9:6-7a

The Fifth Lesson

Patricia Pipes

READER: Luke 2:1-7

PEOPLE: **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own people, and his own people did not receive him. Lord, have mercy!**

John 1:9-11

The Carol

"What Child Is This?"

The Sixth Lesson

Necia Eggar

READER: Luke 2:8-20

PEOPLE: **To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born not of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. Thanks be to God!**

John 1:12-13

The Carol

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

The Prayers

Mr. Monty Hershberger

Christmas Meditation

Rev. Brandon Eggar

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: On this night before Christmas, we confess that we believe that the Son of God, very God of very God, was made Man, taking on Him, human nature of soul and body, and joining it with the Divine in the unity of His Person; that a woman named Mary did by the immediate operation of the Holy Spirit conceive Him within her womb, continuing still as before a pure Virgin, and in due time brought Him forth; and that so the Word was made flesh, being, without any original corruption, born of a woman under the law, that He might deliver us from the guilt of sin.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

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 gifts of God for 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!

Holy Communion

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin 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. Gluten free communion bread is in the glass dish in the serving basket.

*The Congregation stands

Spreading of the Light

PASTOR: Arise, shine; for your light has come. As our Lord Jesus himself has told us, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTOR: Behold, the Light of the world has come and the darkness will never overtake it!

As the candles are lighted say to one another, "Behold, the Light of the World!"

The Carols

"Silent Night"

"Joy to the World!"

*Benediction

PASTOR: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go forth in the peace of Christ.

ALL: **Glory to God in the Highest! And on earth peace among those with whom our God is pleased! Amen.**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Brandon Eggar
Director of Community and Youth: Monty Hershberger
Director of Music Ministries: Kimberly Robertson
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Lord's Day Worship

9:30 a.m.

Christian Education

Children 11:00 a.m., Adults 11:10 a.m.

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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.

Welcome Table: Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Table is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Trinity. Please help yourself to our Welcome Brochures and other resources.

Sign Up Table: Located in the hallway, this is used for those upcoming events for which you need to sign up.

Community Groups are small fellowships of twelve to twenty people meeting in homes in Murfreesboro. They are the first places where we share life together in pursuit of Jesus and learn to apply the gospel to our lives. For more information, please contact Monty Hershberger at monty@trinitymboro.com.

Church Leadership

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