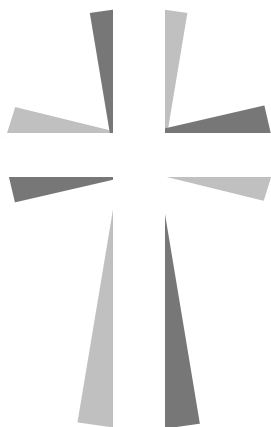


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DECEMBER 25, 2022

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

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 25, 2022

*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

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### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Mitchell Carter

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 Immanuel, 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 and Isaiah 57*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Hymn of Adoration

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

### Confession of Sin

Ryan Hudson

LEADER: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.

*Adapted from Exodus 20:1-17*

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

"Lord Have Mercy"

### \*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

LEADER: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *John 11:25*

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**

LEADER: 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**

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**\*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 of one substance with us as regards to 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 Godbearer; 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** Paul Pasarilla  
  
Psalm 98

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
ALL: Thanks be to God!

John 1:1-5, 9-14

READER: 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)* Jim Harris

**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**

## SERMON NOTES

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

LUKE 2:1-20

I. THE EVENT OF JESUS’S BIRTH (v. 1-7)

II. THE INTERPRETATION OF JESUS’S BIRTH (v. 8-14)

III. THE RESPONSE TO JESUS’S BIRTH (v. 15-20)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ I would like more information about Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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

## **LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

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“Joy to the World”

Luke 2:1-20

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**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

## **GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

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### **\*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*

PEOPLE: **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*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

### **\*Postlude**

Musician: Barbara Ehresman

Song Leaders: Tim and Debbie Dunn, Caitlyn Pasarilla

\*The Congregation stands

## 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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# This Week at TPC...December 25, 2022

Monday      Church office closed

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mitchell@trinitymboro.com). You can also visit our webpage for the schedule and more information under the Christian Formation tab.

**Women's Bible Studies this Spring** - Ladies, we will be having two women's Bible studies again this Spring. Please email [office@trinitymboro.com](mailto:office@trinitymboro.com) to RSVP or for more information.

Tuesday evenings: Lauren Carter will be hosting a study beginning on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at her house. This study will be following along with Paige Brown who is sharing her study on the book of James via live stream each week. Paige is a sister from West End Community Church (PCA) in Nashville. The live stream posts on Wednesday mornings, so you'll have a week to listen to the lesson, and then Tuesday nights we will discuss some study questions and spend time in fellowship together. Children are welcome.

Thursday mornings: 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](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.

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Eric Klumpe†

Rick Malone, Clerk

Paul Pasarilla

Ron Phillips

Peter Robertson

Paul Shearer, Treasurer†

Kim Sokoya

Randy Thompson†

Pleun Troost

### 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

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