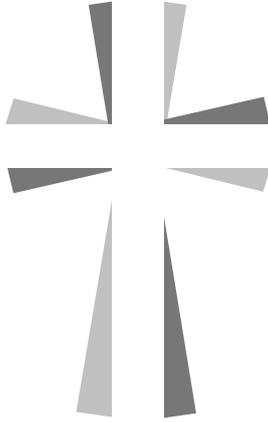


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DECEMBER 26, 2021

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

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 26, 2021

*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! 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: 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 anything that is your neighbor's.

*Adapted from Exodus 20:1-17*

ALL: **Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by rejecting your ways and following our own ways. Instead of trusting you as God, we want to be our own gods. And so, we have not worshipped you rightly; we have failed to honor authority; we have hated others; we have lusted after that which is not ours; we have stolen, lied, and coveted. Merciful Lord, we ask that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would help us to obey and follow after you. Let us see your law as beautiful and our sin as detestable. We pray this through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns eternally with you, God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### Silent Confession

#### Song of Confession

"Come, O Redeemer Come"

#### \*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: 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*

PEOPLE: **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 Cor. 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**

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**\*Confession of Faith**

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus?

PEOPLE: **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 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 and for our salvation, of the Virgin Mary, 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**

Dean & Stephanie Cardel

Psalm 148

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 2:41-52

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)*

**Common Prayer**

PASTOR: Let us 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Kingdom Giving and Song of Meditation**

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendour”

**\*Doxology**

## SERMON NOTES

“Made Like Us”

Hebrews 2:9-18

OUR PLIGHT

THE SON OF GOD’S CONDESCENSION

WHY IS THIS GOOD NEWS?

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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.

## 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 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

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 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

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## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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"Made Like Us"  
Hebrews 2:9-18  
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 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. The bread in the purple cups is gluten-free.

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

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### \*Song of Sending

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

### \*The Sending

PASTOR: Therefore, my dear family, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain! *1 Cor. 15:58*

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 Cor. 13:14*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

### \*Postlude

Interim Pastor: Rev. Mitchell Carter  
Director of A/V: David White  
Director of Children's Christian Formation: Sherry Nowlin  
Director of Music Ministries: Kimberly Robertson  
Director of Youth: Reilly Liner  
Nursery Coordinator: Rachel Ehleben  
Musician: Jackie Pasarilla  
Song Leader: Caitlyn Pasarilla

# This Week at TPC...December 26, 2021

Today No CE, No School of Christian Theology  
Monday The church office will be closed.  
Saturday Happy New Year!

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

**Church Office Closed** - We will be closed December 31 & January 3 for the New Year holiday.

**Christmas Decorations** - We will reset the church for the Epiphany season following worship on January 2. Please plan to stay and help if you are able.

**End of Year Giving** - Keep in mind that for your end of year gifts to count toward your 2021 tax deductions, donations must be received by 12/31/2021. If you opt to mail your check, it must be postmarked no later than 12/31/2021. You can also give online at trinitymboro.com under the About Us/Giving to TPC tab. Online donations must be submitted no later than 12/31/2021 to count toward your 2021 tax deduction. Please note that the church office will be closed Dec. 31.

**Poinsettias** - If you ordered a poinsettia(s), plants can be taken home after the service today.

**Next CE Class** - You've probably heard of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms. If you know anything about them, you know that they are really old documents (written in the 1640s) that function as the doctrinal standards for our church. But, like our church bylaws and policies, they probably sit on a shelf somewhere collecting dust. On Jan. 9, we will begin a CE class to try to convince you otherwise. These almost 400-year-old documents are extremely careful, warm, helpful, and pastoral explanations of what the Bible teaches. In this class, we will jump around to the Confession, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism to show you some of the places where the beauty and helpfulness of these documents can be seen most clearly. And we hope to convince you that these are more than church bylaws, shelf ornaments, or academic literature but useful tools in the hands of Christians of all ages.

**Upcoming Sermon Schedule** - Rev. Weston Duke and Rev. Brian Phillips (pastor at Parish Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN) will preach the next two weeks. January 16, Pastor Mitchell will begin a series preaching through the book of 1 Peter.

**We wish everyone a very Happy New Year!**

2021 Stewardship Giving	YTD	Budget	% of Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$458,442	\$525,000	87.3%
Designated Giving and Events	\$ 6,074	\$ 8,300	73.2%
Building Fund-Contributed & Pledged	\$ 21,734	\$ 82,075	26.5%
Operating Expenses	\$444,295	\$508,725	87.3%
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings	\$512,055		

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## Lord's Day Worship

9:30 a.m.

## Christian Education

No CE until January 9

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of the Nashville Presbytery. For more information about Trinity Presbyterian, visit [www.trinitymboro.com](http://www.trinitymboro.com). For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America, visit [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).

**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 Center:** Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Center is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Trinity and includes an area to sign up for upcoming events. Please help yourself to our brochures and other resources. There are also Bibles for use on the side table next to the sofa including giant print editions.

**Community Groups** are small fellowships of people meeting at the church or in homes around Murfreesboro. They are primary places where we share life together in pursuit of Jesus as we learn to apply the gospel to our lives. For more information, please contact Mitchell Carter at [mitchell@trinitymboro.com](mailto:mitchell@trinitymboro.com).

**Hearing Impaired Headsets:** We have headsets for the hearing impaired at the sound booth in the Sanctuary.

## Church Leadership

### ELDERS

Jim Harris\*  
Eric Klumpe\*  
Rick Malone, Clerk  
Paul Pasarilla  
Ron Phillips  
Peter Robertson  
Paul Shearer, Treasurer\*  
Kim Sokoya  
Randy Thompson\*  
Pleun Troost

### DEACONS

Dean Cardel  
Andy Englehart, Chair\*  
Monty Lee  
Allen Pffingsten  
Brent Pierce  
John Pipes  
Paul Vitolins\*  
Dan Widener

\*Deacon on duty

\*Not currently on the Session

# O Come All Ye Faithful

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to  
2. God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Light; \_\_\_\_\_ lo, he ab - hors not the  
3. Sing choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ sing, all ye cit - i - zens of  
4. Yea Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing: \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, to the \_\_\_\_\_ be all

Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels;  
Vir - gin's womb: ver - y \_\_\_\_\_ God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ a - bove; glo - ry to God \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ high - est;  
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

# Come, O Redeemer Come

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega  
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## [ VERSE ]

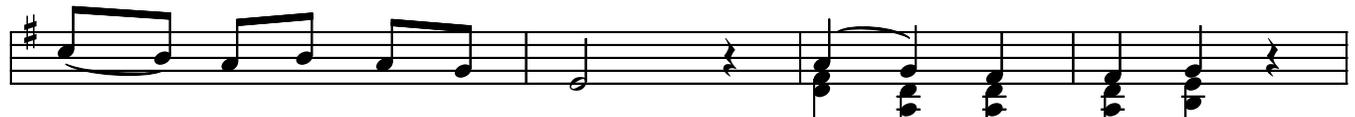


1. Fa - ther en - throned on high, ho - ly ho - ly



an - cient, e - ter - nal Light hear our prayer.

## [ CHORUS ]



Come, oh Re - deem - er, come; grant us mer - cy.



Come, oh Re - deem - er, come; grant us peace.

2. Lord, save us from the dark of our striving  
Faithless and troubled hearts weighed down.

*(Chorus)*

3. Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.  
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

*(Chorus 2x)*

# On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Words from Traditional English Carol  
Music from Sussex Carol, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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*Unison*

1. On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the  
2. Then why should men on earth be sad, Since our Re - deem - er

*Harmony*

an - gels bring; On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the  
made us glad: Then why should men on earth be sad, Since our Re - deem - er

*Unison*

an - gels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
made us glad: When from our sin He set us free,

*Harmony*

News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
All for to gain our lib - er - ty.

3. When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;  
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All... for... to... see the newborn King.

4. All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;  
All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now... and... for...evermore. Amen."

# Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -  
2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -  
3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -  
heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -  
make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

# Before the Throne of God Above

Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft Music by Vikki Cook  
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1. Before the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect  
plea, a great High Priest whose name is "Love", who e - ver lives and pleads for  
me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His  
heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence de -  
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.

2. When Satan me. tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I AM", the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Him now I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God.

Because sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

# Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17*

*Unison*

(Ref.) Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth rang  
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born, and

hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.