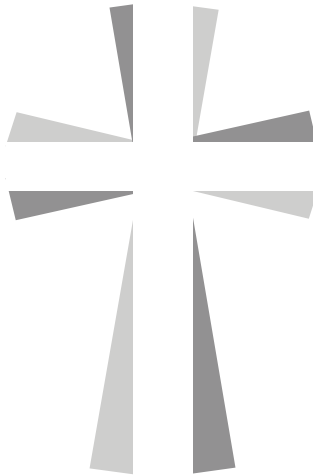


TRINITY

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January 4, 2026

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

What to expect this morning at Trinity Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Whether this is your first time at Trinity or you have been coming for a while, we are so glad you are here. Trinity Presbyterian Church is a church filled with sinners who have been saved and are being made new by the grace of Jesus Christ. We believe that every human being, including you, has been created by God to glorify him and enjoy him forever - and that purpose finds its fulfillment in worship. Whether you are a committed Christian or just exploring the Christian faith, we invite you to join us in worshipping God this morning.

You should see a Connect Card in one of the seat backs in front of you. We would love for you to fill out a card so we can get to know you better and give you more information about Trinity. You can drop your Connect Card in the offering plate when it comes by about 30 minutes into the service, or you can fill it out online by scanning the QR code.

We have provided some answers to questions about Children's Ministry and Christian Education in the right column, but you can also feel free to ask the person sitting next to you or one of the Deacons in the lobby (you'll recognize them by their name tags) if you have any further questions. If you think of some questions later, feel free to email our church administrator Bob Alley at admin@trinitymboro.com.

We pray you are encouraged by the Gospel of Jesus as you worship with us this morning!

With Joy,



Mitchell Carter, Senior Pastor

Children at Trinity

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We believe that Jesus welcomes even the little children to come to him. Though their worship and engagement will look different as they grow, we are glad for them to begin learning now.

We also recognize that there may be times when they need a break from the larger gathering. For that we have the following options:

Nursery

Birth - Pre K

Overflow Room

A room with video feed of the service for anyone who might need a break from the larger gathering.

Nursing Mother's Room

Just outside the sanctuary double doors, immediately to your left.

Christian Education (CE)

(Not meeting again until January 18)

Children (Infant - 6th grade) meet from 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Infant-4th grade meet in the children's hallway and 5th-6th grades meet in room 201 in the youth wing.

Youth (7th-12th grade) meet in the youth wing from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and are taught by Pastor Ryan Hudson.

Adults (older than high school) meet in the sanctuary from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and are taught by Pastor Mitchell Carter or one of our ruling elders.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 4, 2026
Epiphany Sunday

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Rev. Mitchell Carter

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us; and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration.....“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voi - ces rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1816, 1825); Music: Henry Smart (1867).

Confession of SinRev. Ryan Hudson

Let us now confess our sins together:

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.....“Kyrie”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where the notes are held. The first staff contains the lyrics: Ky - ri - e _____ E - - - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e _____ E - - - le - i - son! The second staff contains the lyrics: Chri - ste___ E - - - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e _____ E - - - le - i - son! The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests.

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**This Greek text is an ancient prayer of the church.
It means “Lord have mercy! Lord have mercy! Christ have mercy! Lord have mercy!”*

***Assurance of Pardon & Comfort**

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

From 1 Peter 2:24

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

From 2 Corinthians 5:17

***Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

At this time we greet those around us by saying "The peace of Christ be with you." This reminds us that the peace and forgiveness we have been freely given by Jesus also enable us to extend peace and forgiveness to others.

*Song of Renewal..... "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"



1. I___ will sing of my___ Re - dee - mer and His won - drous love to me;___
2. I___ will tell the won-drous sto - ry, how my lost es - tate___ to save,___
3. I___ will praise my dear Re - deem - er, His tri - um - phant pow'r I'll tell,___
4. I___ will sing of my___ Re - deem - er and His heav'n - ly love to me;___



on___ the cru - el cross He suf - fered, from the curse to set___ me free.
 in___ His bound-less love and mer - cy He___ the ran - som free - ly gave___
 how___ the vic - to - ry___ He giv - eth o - ver sin and death and___ hell___
 He___ from death to life___ has brought me, Son of God with Him to___ be___



Sing, O sing___ of my Re - deem - er! With His blood___ He pur - chased me. ___



on___ the cross___ He sealed my par - don,___ He paid the debt___ and made me free.

Words: Philip P. Bliss (1876); Music: James McGranahan (1840-1907).

Committing to God's Kingdom

*Confession of Faith

Christian, in whom do we believe?

We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic¹ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

¹The term "catholic" refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

Old Testament Reading - **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - **Ephesians 3:1-12**

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer) **Eric Klumpe**

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only begotten Son to the Gentiles—mercifully lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation.....“The First Noel”

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields where they lay, in fields where they lay
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
 to our heav - en - ly Lord, that hath made heav'n and

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 earth of naught, and with his blood man - kind hath bought.

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words and Music: Traditional English carol, transcribed by John Hutchens (ca. 1816), harm. John Stainer (1868).

*Doxology

Listening to God's Word

“My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation.”

Luke 2:21-40

Rev. Mitchell Carter

Sermon Series: Birth Announcements

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Feasting at God's Table

Holy Communion

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Jesus 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 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. Please hold your cups and we will take them all together.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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...



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Words: Traditional. Music: Jennifer Martin and Karin Simmons. Arr.: Liam McBane

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Response of the People

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

Hallelujah!

Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

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. . .

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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!

Song of Communion.....“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an - gels bright,
 4. This flow'r whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Ma - ry, who felt our hu - man woe;

of Jes - se's line - age com - ing, as men of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was born on earth this night.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where.
 O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know,

It came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter,
 To show God's love a - right she bore to men a Sav - ior,
 To Beth - le - hem they sped and in the man - ger found him,
 True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he saves us
 bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heav - en

when half - spent was the night.
 when half - spent was the night.
 as an - gel her - alds said.
 and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 and to the end - less day.

Words: German hymn ca. 1500. St. 1-2 trans. by Theodore Baker (1894), 3-4 by Harriett R. Spaeth (1875),
 5 by John C. Mattes (1914); Music: German melody (15th cent.), arr. by Michael Praetorius (1609).

Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending....."All Glory Be to Christ"

1. Should no - thing of our ef - ferts stand, no___ le - ga - cy sur - vive;
2. To you who boast to - mor-row's gain tell___ me what is your life?
3. His will be done, His king - dom come, on___ earth as is a - bove,
4. Let li - ving wa - ter sat - is - fy the___ thirst - y with - out price;
5. When on the day the great I Am, the___ faith - ful and the true,
6. Be - hold, our God shall live with us and___ be our stead - fast light.

un - less the Lord does raise the house, in___ vain its build - ers strive.
A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all___ glo - ry be to___
who is Him - self___ our dai - ly bread; praise Him, the Lord of love.
we'll take a cup___ of kind - ness yet; all___ glo - ry be to___
the Lamb who was___ for sin - ner's slain, is___ mak - ing all things new.
And we shall e'er___ His peo - ple be; all___ glo - ry be to___

Christ. All glo - ry be___ to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll e - ver sing, all___ glo - ry be to Christ!

***The Sending**

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

With the Lord's help we will do this!

***Benediction**

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.
From 2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen!

***Postlude**

Musicians: **TBD**
Song Leaders: **TBD**

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, January 4	No Christian Education Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cook-Off 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 6	Men's Fellowship & Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 7	Midweek Gathering 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. TYG 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 8	ELC Team Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cook-Off | Tonight | 5:00 p.m.

Join us at Trinity as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany with a church-wide bonfire and chili cook-off tonight at 5:00 p.m. Our celebration will include a Christmas tree bonfire, indoor chili cook-off, and s'mores! Follow the link in the e-News to sign up to bring a pot of chili. The Chili Cook-Off winner will claim the highly sought-after "Golden Ladle Award"!

CE Break During Holiday Season

We will not have Christian Education classes on January 4 and 11. There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on January 11 and CE will resume on January 18.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers | January 11 | Following Worship

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 11, to elect the following officers: Dean Cardel (returning deacon), Josh Dunn (deacon), Rick Malone (returning ruling elder), Jason Pellegrin (deacon), John Pipes (returning deacon), Kim Sokoya (returning ruling elder), Ben Whisenant (ruling elder), and Dan Widener (returning deacon). All communing members of Trinity are encouraged to come and vote, although visitors and regular attenders are welcome to stay and observe as well. After the election, we will have a few brief updates for 2026. There will not be childcare during the meeting to allow all communing members to vote. If you have any questions, please email Mitchell (mitchell@trinitymboro.com) or ask another member of the Session.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Today, we will hear from Luke 1:21-40. In the coming weeks, we will hear from Phillemon (Jan. 11). Reading the Scripture passage before you hear it preached is a great way to prepare your mind and heart to receive God's word each week.

Service Opportunities

Golf Cart Ministry

Drivers are needed to transport those who may need assistance from the parking area to the main entrance of the church. If you would be willing to help, please sign up in the narthex.

Volunteers for Children's Midweek Gatherings | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Children's Volunteers Needed- We had a fabulous Fall Semester of Mid-Week Gatherings! We look forward to the Spring Semester which starts next Wednesday, January 7! We are in need of adult volunteers to serve on Wednesday nights in the Children's Hall. We have set teachers, we just need assistants. If you can help on one or more nights, please go to the following link to sign up. To be honest, we are low on volunteers and need help in continuing to make Wednesday nights run smoothly. Thank you so much for your time! Please email Sherry Nowlin at children@trinitymboro.com with any questions.

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