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December 14, 2025

Honor God.

Welcome All.

Embody Christ's Reign.

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

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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)

(after worship)

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

December 14, 2025 Third 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

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Meditation....."Come, Lord Jesus"

Words by Jim Ailor

Rowland H. Prichard, 1830 and Traditional English Carol

Jim Ailor, arr.

"Patapan"

Words from a traditional French Carol and Terry D. Taylor

Bernard de La Monnoye

Terry D. Taylor, arr.

Children's Choir, Tony DiPiero, Caitlyn Pasarilla, Laura Robertson, and Amanda Scott

*Call to WorshipRev. Ryan Hudson

Our help is in the name of the LORD!

For he is the Maker of heaven and earth!

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills and all the nations shall flow to it.

And many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD and worship him in truth.

Isaiah 2:2-5

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration....."(Rejoice, the Lord Is King"



Let us now confess our sins together:

Our God, we come to you confessing that although we have begun by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh and as a result we become conceited, we provoke one another, we envy one another, and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus our Lord. Gracious God, forgive us for trusting in our own strength, to your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for your renewal, asking that you would be pleased to fill us with your Breath of Life, who is none other than the Spirit of the living God.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

From 1 John 1:5,9

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is well pleased!

From Luke 2:14

*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.....""My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



Words: Edward Mote (1834); Music: William B. Bradbury (1863).

Committing to God's Kingdom

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

- ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!
 Behold, your God
 will come with vengeance,
 with the recompense of God.
 He will come and save you."
- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
- ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

- ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
- And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Shepherds' Candle

We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherds' Candle, to remind us that the announcement of Christ's birth was made to humble ordinary men, for God came and called the meek of the earth.

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy come to help and deliver us through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom—with you and the Holy Spirit—be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation....."O Little Town of Bethlehem"



*Doxology

Listening to God's Word

"What Is the Song of Your Heart?"

Luke 1:39-56

Rev. Ryan Hudson

Sermon Series: Birth Announcements & Arrivals

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

- ⁴⁶ And Mary said,
- "My soul magnifies the Lord,
- ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

- ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
- ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
- ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

- ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
 - and exalted those of humble estate;
- ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
- ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
 - in remembrance of his mercy,
- 55 as he spoke to our fathers,
 - to Abraham and to his offspring forever."
- ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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.

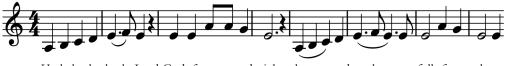
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

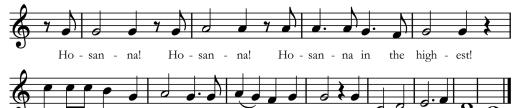
Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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.



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

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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......"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"



Words: James Montgomery (1821), based on Psalm 72; Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1864).

Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending....."Prepare the Way, O Zion!" high; Ο Zi aw - ful deeps, rise pare the way, on! 2. Fling wide thy por - tals, Zi and hail thy glo - rious king; on, He com - eth not with pomp and not with war riors, and show, The throne which He eth in heav'n bove; cend fixed Sink ve tow'r - ing moun tains, the Lord is draw - ing nigh, His tid - ings of sal tion ev - 'ry peop - le bring, va to smit - eth with yet He ter ror, sin, death, and ev - 'ry foe. His sanc - ti - fied do light love. min ion a - lone and fore the right - eous King glo told sa - cred ry, time. who wait - ing yet ness would still His prais - es in sad sing. The Spir - it's sword He wields to give to death fat - al blow. His praise sound grace and peace and love. be ev - er ing for tid - ings of fort and com - fort and com joy, joy, fort tid ings of com and joy!

Words: Frans Franzen (1812); Music: Traditional English melody (18th cent.).

*The Sending

Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

By God's grace, may we learn to long for and love our Lord's appearing!

Adapted from Revelation 22:20 and 1 Timothy 6:8

*Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

Amen!

*Postlude



Memorial Poinsettias Christmas 2025



In Memory Of

Given By

11/1/2011/01/5/05	Given 29		
Harold Amonette	Dan & Sharon Amonett		
Jan Schortinghuis	Dan & Sharon Amonett		
Ed Cothran	Kay Cothran		
Myra Oliver	Kay Cothran		
Charles Pittman Klumpp	Denise Daigle		
Rev. & Mrs. Reuben Sulc			
Mark Sulc	Tim & Debbie Dunn		
Beverly Bourne	Tim & Debbie Dunn		
Dr. & Mrs. Tom Dunn	Tim & Debbie Dunn		
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Marie Huff Brown	Robyn Ehleben		
Doug & Jan Ehleben	Robyn Ehleben		
Eric Hoenigmann	Mary Hoenigmann		
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Kinard	Chris Kinard		
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Beverly	Chris Kinard		
Myra Oliver	Monty & Shawn Lee		
Mary Lower	Monty & Shawn Lee		
Jerry Lee	Monty & Shawn Lee		
Burt Bordine	Monty & Shawn Lee		
Mary Lower	James Lower		
Stan & Linda Lunday (Parents)	James Lunday		
John Pellegrin	Jason & Kelly Pellegrin		
Tim Ehresman	Kimberly Robertson		
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David & Lori White			
The Carter Family	,		
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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 14 Christian Education

Children | 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Adults & Youth | 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Advent Memorial Service | 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 Men's Christmas Party | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17 TYG Christmas Party | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Advent Memorial Service | Tonight | 6:00 p.m.

While this season is a time of joy, it can also be a time of sadness. The Advent Memorial Service is a time to give voice to that sadness and grief, while also resting in the expectant hope that we have in the coming of Jesus into the world. Please join us for this special service consisting of prayers, songs, Scripture readings, and a time to remember those whom we have lost. We will have a light reception after the service for those who would like to stay and spend some time in fellowship. There will not be childcare for this service.

Family Bags for Christmas Greetings

Join us in wishing our church family a very Merry Christmas! Each family in the church will have a bag with their name on it on a table by the back door during the Advent season. Prepare your Christmas greetings or cards and drop them in the bags by Christmas Eve. Each family can pick up your bag after the Christmas Eve service to enjoy. There is a list of all 140 families next to the bags.

TYG Christmas Party | December 17 | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

All students grades 7-12 are invited to join us for our Trinity Youth Group Christmas Party at the church on Wednesday, December 17, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Follow the link in the e-News to sign up to bring an appetizer, and bring an inexpensive gift for "White Elephant" (under \$5). We'll enjoy food, games, Christmas karaoke, and more! Don't miss it!

Christmas Tree Drop-Off

Church members and friends are invited to drop of your discarded Christmas trees at Trinity between December 26 and January 4. There will be a marked area in the back-right corner of the church parking lot. These trees will be used for our Epiphany Bonfire!

Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cook-Off | January 4 | 5:00 p.m.

Join us at Trinity as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany with a church-wide bonfire and chili cook-off on January 4 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 December 21, 28, January 4 and 11. There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on January 11 and CE will resume on January 18.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Today, we will hear from Luke 1:39-56. In the coming weeks, we will hear from Luke 1:57-80 (Dec. 21), Luke 2:1-20 (Dec 28) and Luke 1:39-56 (Jan 4). 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.

We want to offer nursery for ages 0-3 and have Children's Hall Hosts that assist as needed and music helper (no music skill required). If you are a member of TPC or have been a regular attendee for 6 months+ and would like to serve in these areas, please contact Sherry Nowlin at children@trinitymboro.com. One can sign up for a single or multiple evenings. A background check and online video child safety training will need to be completed.

Upcoming Church Events

December 14 | Advent Memorial Service | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

16 | Men's Christmas Party | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

17 | Youth Christmas Party | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

24 | Christmas Eve Service | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

January 4 | Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cookoff | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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, Paul Vitolins, 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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