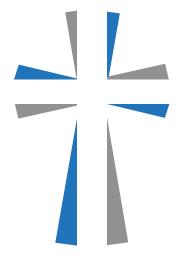
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December 21, 2025

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)

(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

December 21, 2025 Fourth 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

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

Amen!

Let all who adore Christ Jesus say, "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is at hand!

The Lord is at hand; therefore, do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

From Philippians 4:4-7

*Prayer of Adoration

^{*}The Congregation stands



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Confession of Sin

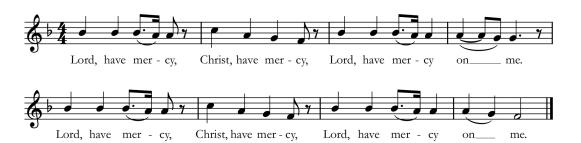
Let us now confess our sins together:

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 beg your forgiveness, not for our goodness or remorse, but for your mercy and the sacrifice of Jesus, your son. He came into this world to seek and save the lost, so let us come to him admitting and grieving our sin and finding salvation in him. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession....."Lord Have Mercy"



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*Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

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....."God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" 1. God gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis rest you, mer - ry, 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa ther a bless - ed an - gel came; then," said the gel, "let 3. "Fear not, an noth - ing you af fright; re - joic - ed much in The shep - herds at those tid ings mind, mem - ber Christ our Sav ior day, was born on Christ - mas cer - tain and un - to shep - herds brought tid - ings of same; this is born Sav ior of bright, dav pure vir gin and left their flocks feed ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind; all from Sa pow'r when tan's were gone to save us we stray; how that in Beth - le hem was born the Son of God by name. those who Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might." to free all trust in Beth - le - hem straight - way, the of God to and went to Son find ings fort and tid of joy, com - fort and com joy,

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Committing to God's Kingdom

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Angels' Candle The Rollman Family

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - Romans 1:1-6

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Shepherds' Candle

We light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angels' Candle, to remind us that hosts of Heaven proclaimed Jesus' arrival, an arrival that has brought God's peace on earth.

Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer).......Pleun Troost

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a home prepared for himself. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation....."Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor"



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*Doxology

Listening to God's Word

"The Tender Mercy of Our God" Luke 1:57-80

Rev. Mitchell Carter

Sermon Series: Birth Announcements & Arrivals

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us:

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

- ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
- ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."
- ⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

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.

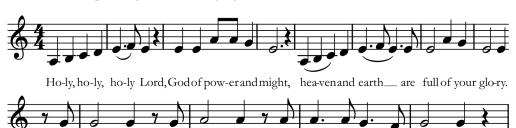
Lift up your hearts.

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...





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....."Immanuel"



- 1. From the squa-lor of a bor-rowed sta-ble, by the Spi-rit and a vir gin's faith;
- 2. King of hea-ven, now the Friend of sin-ners, hum-ble ser-vant in the Fa-ther's hands,
- 3. Through the kiss es of a friend's be tray al, He was lift ed on a cru el cross;
- 4. Now He's stand-ing in the place of hon-or, crowned with glo-ry on the high est throne,



to the an-guish and the shame of scan-dal came the Sav - ior of the hu-man race! filled with pow-er and the Ho - ly Spi - rit, filled with mer-cy for the bro-ken man. He was pu-nished for a world's trans-gres-sions, He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. in-ter-ce - ding for His own be - lov - ed 'til His Fa - ther calls to bring them home!



But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep-herds lis - ten as the an - gels tell Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor-rows that I know so well; He__ fights for breath, He__ fights for me, loos - ing sin-ners from the claims of hell; Then the skies will part as the trum-pet sounds hope of hea-ven or the fear of hell;



of the Gift of God come down to man at the dawn-ing of Im - man - u - el. yet His right - eous steps give me hope a - gain — I will fol - low my Im - man - u - el! and __ with a shout our __ souls are free — death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - el! but the Bride will run to her Lo-ver's arms, giv - ing glo - ry to Im - man - u - el!

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Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending....."Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"





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*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

Harold Amonett	Dan & Sharon Amonett		
Jan Schortinghuis	Dan & Sharon Amonett		
Ed Cothran	Kay Cothran		
Myra Oliver	Kay Cothran		
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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		
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Tim Ehresman	The Robertson Family		
Joe & Marie Stastny	Jim & Linda Stastny		
Olin & Sylvia Seal	Jim & Linda Stastny		
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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 21 No Christian Education

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

Thursday, December 25 Church Office Closed

Upcoming Events

Family Bags for Christmas Greetings

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

Christmas Tree Drop-Off

Church members and friends are invited to drop off 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.

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 1:57-80. In the coming weeks, we will hear from Luke 2:1-20 (Dec 28), 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 24 | Christmas Eve Service | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. January 4 | Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cookoff | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. 11 | Congregational Meeting | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Kevin Krahenbuhl	Kim Sokoya†	Monty Lee	John Pipes †
Rick Malone †	Randy Thompson †	Charles McGaughy	Dan Widener†
Phil Newman	Pleun Troost	† Not currently on the Diaconate	
Paul Pasarilla			
† Not currently on the Session			

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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