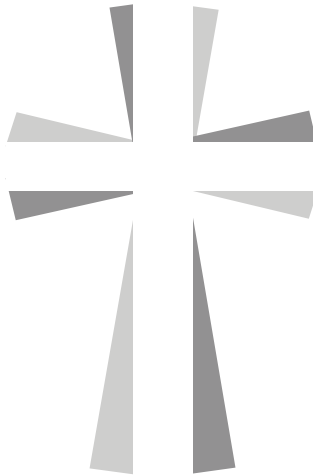


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December 28, 2025

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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](mailto: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.

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### 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.

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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 28, 2025

*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

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** .....Rev. Ryan Hudson

Our help is in the name of the LORD!

**For he is the Maker of heaven and earth!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

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.

**Praise Jesus our King, our Emmanuel, God with us, for he is our light, our love, and our life!**

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!

**Glorify him!**

*From Psalm 113*

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

\*Hymn of Adoration.....“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:—

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 lo, He ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb:  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
 Je - sus to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n.

come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels.  
 ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted.  
 glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
 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!

Words: Latin hymn, attr. to John Francis Wade (1751), trans. Frederick Oakeley (1841);

Music: John Francis Wade (1751).

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## Confession of Sin

Let us now confess our sins together:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, 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.....“Trisagion”

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,'. The second staff contains 'ho - - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy, have'. The third staff begins with a first ending bracket labeled '1.2.' and ends with a repeat sign, followed by a second ending bracket labeled '3.' which continues the melody. The lyrics for the third staff are 'mer - cy on us. mer - cy, have mer - cy.' The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics 'have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and a fermata over the word 'God'.

Ho - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy on us. mer - cy, have mer - cy.

have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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**\*Assurance of Pardon & Comfort**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

**Christ our God has come in the flesh! 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**

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.....“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”



1. On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing to hear the news the an - gels bring;
2. Then why should men on earth be sad since our Re - deem - er made us glad;
3. When sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
4. All out of dark - ness we\_\_ have light which made the an - gels sing this night;



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news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.  
an - gels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.  
“Glo - ry to God and peace to men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.”



Words: Traditional English carol; Music: from Sussex Carol, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1919).

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## Committing to God's Kingdom

### \*Confession of Faith

Christian, what do we believe about Jesus Christ?

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 men and for our salvation, of Mary the virgin, 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.*



Old Testament Reading - Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

    praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;

    praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon,

    praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,

    and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD!

    For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> And he established them forever and ever;

    he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,

    you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist,

    stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,

    fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock,

    creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,

    princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together,

    old men and children!

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,

    for his name alone is exalted;

    his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,

    praise for all his saints,

    for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

    This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## New Testament Reading - Hebrews 2:10-18

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

<sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Intercession** (followed by a time of silent prayer) .....Jim Harris

### Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

**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 & Song of Meditation.....“Angels We Have Heard on High”

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: Traditional French carol; Music: Traditional French melody, arr. Edwin S. Barnes (1937).

\*Doxology

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## Listening to God's Word

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“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Ryan Hudson

Sermon Series: Birth Announcements & Arrivals

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed] who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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## Feasting at God's Table

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### 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

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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.....“What Child Is This?”

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Christ - ian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

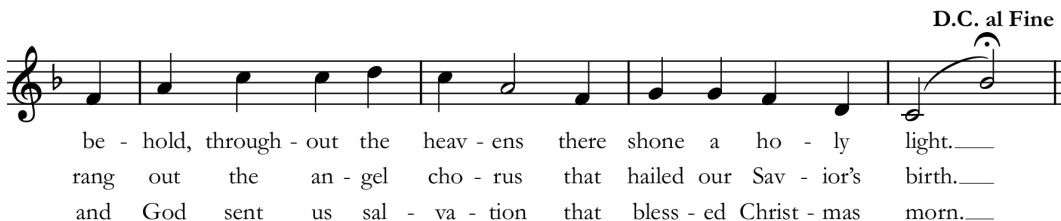
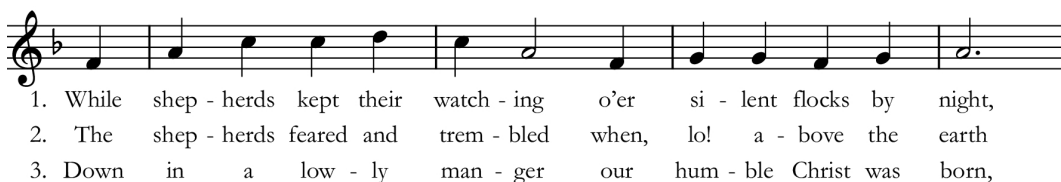
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## Going Out With God's Blessing

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\*Song of Sending.....“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”



Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual.



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### **\*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**

### **This Week at Trinity**

Sunday, December 28	No Christian Education
Wednesday, December 31	TYG   5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 1	Church Office Closed

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **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](mailto:mitchell@trinitymboro.com)) or ask another member of the Session.

#### **Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

Today, we will hear from Luke 2:1-20. In the coming weeks, we will hear from Luke 1:21-38 (Jan 4) and Philemon (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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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Jim Harris, Clerk	Peter Robertson
Eric Klumpe †	Paul Shearer, Treasurer
Kevin Krahenbuhl	Kim Sokoya †
Rick Malone †	Randy Thompson †
Phil Newman	Pleun Troost
Paul Pasarella	

† Not currently on the Session

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Dean Cardel †	Allen Pfingsten
Joe Ehleben	Brent Pierce
Monty Lee	John Pipes †
Charles McGaughy	Dan Widener †
† Not currently on the Diaconate	

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](mailto: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](mailto:mitchell@trinitymboro.com).

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