

TRINITY

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December 7, 2025

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)

(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 7, 2025
Second 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, Messiah!”
Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745, and Lloyd Larson
Tr. by Mary of St. Philip, 1877
Lloyd Larson
Trinity Choir, Tony DiPiero, and Amanda Scott

***Call to Worship**Rev. Mitchell Carter

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

Amen!

Our souls magnify the Lord!

And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The Mighty One has done great things for us!

His name is Holy and he is worthy to be praised!

Come then, and let us praise his name; for he is our Maker and our Redeemer. It is he who shows us mercy and grace.

From Luke 1:46-47, 49

***Prayer of Adoration**

*The Congregation stands

Regular text = Pastor; **Bold text = Congregation**

***Hymn of Adoration**..... “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
 5. He speaks and, lis - t'ning to His voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
 6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loo-sen'd tongues em - ploy;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.
 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 ye blind, be - hold your Sa - vior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words: Charles Wesley (1739); Music: Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829); Arr.: Lowell Mason (1839).

Confession of Sin Rev. Ryan Hudson

Let us now confess our sins together:

Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, we also acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ, your Son, to show mercy to us and to forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and even the smallest thought of our minds, may be guarded and governed by you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession.....“Create in Me a Clean Heart”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart___ O___ God and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart___ O___ God and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, O Lord, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me.____



Re - store un - to me___ the joy of Thy sal - va - tion and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.

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***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

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.....“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”



1. Je - sus! What_ a friend for sin - ners, Je - sus lov - er of_ my soul.
2. Je - sus! What_ a strength in weak - ness, let me hide my - self_ in Him.
3. Je - sus! What_ a help in sor - row, while the bil - lows o'er_ me roll.
4. Je - sus! What_ a guide and keep - er, while the temp - est still_ is high.
5. Je - sus! I_ do now re - ceive Him, more than all in Him_ I find.



Friends may fail_ me, foes as - sail_ me, He, my Sa - vior, makes me whole.
Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my com - fort, helps my soul.
Storms a - bout_ me, night o'er - takes me, He, my pi - lot hears my cry.
He has grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He_ is mine.



Hal - le - lu - jah what a Sa - vior, Hal - le - lu - jah, what a friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with_ me to the end.

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman (1910); Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1830).

Committing to God's Kingdom

Kindgom Reading.....Craig & Amy Snider

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the
nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰ And again it says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Bethlehem Candle

We light the second candle of Advent to remind us that the Lord Jesus, who is the light of the world, was born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king, the King who reigns over all.

Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer) Kim Sokoya

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Lord, we ask you, give ear to our prayers and, by your gracious visitation, lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation.....“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep__ si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of__ Mar - y, as of old on earth He__ stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of__ heav - en spreads its van - guard on the__ way,
4. At His feet the six - wing - ed ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with sleep - less__ eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in His__ hand,
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the__ blood;
as the Light of light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less__ day,
veil their fac - es to the__ pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly__ food.
that the pow'rs of hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: from *Liturgy of St. James* (5th cent.), adapted by Gerard Moultrie (1864);
Music: French melody (17th cent.), arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906).

*Doxology

Listening to God's Word

“The Lord Is with You”

Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Mitchell Carter

Sermon Series: Birth Announcements & Arrivals

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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...



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.....“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, 'ere the worlds be - gan__ to be, __
2. O that birth for - e - ver bless - ed, when the vir - gin, full__ of grace, __
3. This is He whom heav'n - taught sing - ers sang of old with one__ ac - cord; __
4. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him; an - gel hosts, His prai - ses sing; __
5. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, and O Ho - ly Ghost to Thee, __



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing, He. __
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of__ our race, __
 whom the scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word; __
 all do - mi - nions bow be - fore Him and ex - tol our God__ and King! __
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un - wea - ried prai - ses be: __



Of the things that are, that have__ been, __
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - - - er, __
 now He shines, the long ex - pect - - - ted, __
 Let no tongue on earth be si - - - lent, __
 ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - mi - - - nion, __



and that fu - ture years shall see, e - ver - more and e - ver - more! __
 first re - vealed His sa - cred face, e - ver - more and e - ver - more! __
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, e - ver - more and e - ver - more! __
 ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring, e - ver - more and e - ver - more! __
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, e - ver - more and e - ver - more! __

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413); Music: 12th century plainsong.

Going Out With God's Blessing

*Song of Sending.....“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”



1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - st'ry in the dawn - ing of the King.
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - st'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - st'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - st'ry, slain by death, the God of life.



He the theme of heav - en's prais - es robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
In His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, ne - ver trace, nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
Bring - ing ma - ny sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
Christ in po - wer re - sur - rec - ted, as we will be when He comes.

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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**

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, December 7	Christian Education Children 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Adults & Youth 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Lessons & Carols 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 9	Men's Fellowship & Study 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 10	Midweek Gathering 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. TYG 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 11	ELC Dinner 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	Children's Christmas Party 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one for Christmas, there will be a card at the sign up counter in the narthex to do so. Please fill out the card, designating the honoree, and place it in the box provided along with a check for \$10 per plant. Please indicate "poinsettia" on the memo line. On Dec. 14 & 21, we will have a special publication in the bulletin denoting your loved one's name.

Lessons and Carols | Tonight | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for this beloved advent service that tells the story of redemption through scripture and song. The Trinity Choir, Children's Choir, and other musicians have been preparing for months for this special service, and we hope to see you there! We especially urge you to invite friends and family so that we may proclaim the coming of our Savior not only to our church family but also to our local community. There will be a reception following the service, and we hope that you will stay to greet our guests and celebrate the Advent season with one another. (Childcare for infants - preschool children will be provided.)

Children's Christmas Party | Saturday, Dec. 13 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Infants - 6th graders come join in the fun as we celebrate this joyous season together! Please contact children@trinitymboro.com for more information. Friends and family are welcome!

Advent Memorial Service | December 14 | 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.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

Today, we will hear from Luke 1:26-38. In the coming weeks, we will hear from Luke 1:39-56 (Dec. 14), Luke 1:57-80 (Dec. 21) and Luke 2:1-20 (Dec 28). 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 7 | Lessons & Carols | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
11 | ELC Dinner | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
13 | Children's Christmas Party | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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 - 8:30 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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