

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“The message of Christmas is: ‘God knows you, he knows you need help, he knows you’ve wandered away, and he’s come to you anyway.’” - Matt Chandler.*

### God Calls Us to Worship Him

**Call to Worship:** **Revelation 12:10; Isaiah 9:6**

Leader: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.

**People: For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and His name shall be called,  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Let’s worship Him!

### Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn of Praise:** **Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!  
Trinity Hymnal #198**

### God Cleanses Us by His Grace

**Conviction of the Gospel:** **Ecclesiastes 7:20**

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

### Confession of Sin

**Comfort of the Gospel:** **Matthew 1:21**

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

### God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** **Once in Royal David’s City  
Trinity Hymnal #225**

### Advent Reading of Love:

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The Lord called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
3 And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
4 But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the Lord,  
and my recompense with my God.”

5 And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
6 he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

7 Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

### Hymn of Meditation:

**O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Trinity Hymnal #201**

### Prayer of Intercession:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* Children dismissed for Little Church

### Isaiah 49:1-7

### God Counsels Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading:

**Luke 2:1-20**

### Sermon:

**This Is For You. Yes, You!**

### God Commissions Us to Serve Him

### Profession of Faith:

**Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I 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.**

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

### Hymn of Response:

**Good Christian Men Rejoice!  
Trinity Hymnal #200**

### Benediction:

**Psalms 77:12-15; Luke 1:14**

May the God who works wonders,  
Who has made his strength known among His people,  
And by His power redeemed them,  
May He be your joy and delight in you always.