

December 2, 2018

THE  
OF PROMISE  
CHRISTMAS

*He's coming!*



TRINITY  
Presbyterian Church

# Order of Worship — Sunday, December 2, 2018

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*Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.*

## Celebrating the Season of Advent - 2018

*The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the fruit until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Advent culminates in the arrival of Jesus-Messiah in the flesh, born as a human child to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!*

### Song of Gathering and Preparation

*The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134).*

*We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart  
Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne  
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### Explanation of Advent Theme: Creation – John Tucker

*By the finger of God. Who alone can come against the forces of spiritual darkness in this world and beyond? Only One more powerful than, higher than and above all created things. Only One who holds the very creative force of the universe in His hands. Amazingly, this One became a little baby, with dirty, fragile and soft fingers reaching out for the warmth and protection of His mother – showing us just how powerful He is and also showing us the way we too can have this King and His Kingdom. Today we light a candle to reflect on the greatness of God in His creation. In remembering the creation, we also reflect on God's awesome power to save and His ability to use whatever means He chooses to reveal His Holy Love to humanity.*

## **Call to Worship/Lighting of Advent Candle**

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.*

*The Springer Family – Isaiah 42:5-9 (ESV)*

*Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."*

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession – John Tucker**

*We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Isaiah 53:3-6 (ESV)*

*He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

## **Worship Through Giving**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **Behold The Lamb of God**

*Words by Andrew Peterson. Music by Andrew Peterson and Laura Story  
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*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away our sin  
Behold the Lamb of God the life and light of men  
Behold the Lamb of God who died and rose again  
Behold the Lamb of God who comes to take away our sin*

*Broken hearts (Behold our broken hearts)*

*Fallen far (We need you)*

*Behold the sin of man*

*Behold the Lamb of God ...*

Son of God (Emmanuel)  
Son of Man (We praise you)  
Behold the Lamb  
The hope of man  
Behold the Lamb of God  
*Behold, the Lamb of God ...*

## **Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.*

### **Because He Lives (Amen)**

*by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher and William J. Gaith*  
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I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

*Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives*  
*Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends*  
*Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away

*Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives*  
*Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives every fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand

*Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives*  
*Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends*  
*(repeat)*

Because He lives  
*(repeat)*

## **Kids' Worship Dismissal**

*Infants - Kindergarten are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

## **Greeting**

*Just as the Apostle Paul urged fellow believers to be hospitable, in the Gospel, Jesus has welcomed us - the worst of sinners - into His home and family. In the same spirit we greet each other to show the hospitality of Jesus.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession — John Tucker**

*We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.*

## **Proclamation of God's Word — Tim Rice, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.*

## **Confession of Faith**

*As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.*

*The 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 dead and 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.

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.*

## **Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding**

*By John Kent and Sandra Webb*

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Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding  
Ransomed souls the tidings swell  
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding  
Who its breadth or length can tell  
On its glories let my soul forever dwell

What from Christ that soul can sever  
Bound by everlasting bands  
Once in Him in Him forever  
Thus the eternal covenant stands  
None shall take Thee from the Strength of Israel's hands  
Heirs of God joint-heirs with Jesus  
Long ere time its race begun  
To His name eternal praises  
O what wonders love has done  
One with Jesus by eternal union one  
On such love my soul still ponder  
Love so great so rich so free  
Say while lost in holy wonder  
Why O Lord such love to me  
Hallelujah grace shall reign  
Hallelujah grace shall reign  
Hallelujah grace shall reign eternally

## Song of Response

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

## The Lion And The Lamb

*By Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson & Leeland Mooring*

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He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty  
*Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

*Our God is the Lion ...*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty (*repeat*)

*Our God is the Lion ...*

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

*May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.*

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## **Seasons of the Cross**

Midnight blue for Advent: Blue has historically been associated with this season, a picture of the darkness before the dawn. In Romans, Paul writes, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God ... in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." Freedom begins with the birth of the Christ. (ref. Rom 8:19, 20b, 21)

## Scripture Passage and Sermon Outline

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-6 & 13-18 (ESV)

**Title:** The Promise of Christmas: He's Coming!

**Teacher:** Tim Rice

*1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ... 13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."*

**Intro:** When have you seen a long-held promise kept? (e.g. Narnia)



## SCANDAL & MIRACLE

This story tells of a scandal (sin) and a miracle (salvation) in the midst of a *national* scandal in desperate need of a miracle ...

### HOW IS THE PROBLEM DEFINED?

People may debate whether or not they believe the Bible, but clearly it tells the story of Creation, Sin & Redemption. What resolutely will not help?

### THE HOLY CHILD

Why do we believe that Jesus is special – *that He is holy*?

### YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His love, power and wisdom. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for how He has worked even through shame, loss, suffering and death in order to redeem sinners like us.
2. How have you lived denying either that you are a scandal (*in sin*) or that there are miracles (*because you can solve your own problems*)? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He has worked to save us. Thank Him for becoming a scandal in our place, which IS a miracle – that God would work so radically to save us when He could justly destroy us.
4. Who do you know that struggles with minimizing their sin or need for a Savior? Ask the Lord to help them, to open their eyes to their true peril without Jesus and to use you to help them find hope in Christ.
5. *Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of patience.* Pray for the wisdom to think well about Jesus' promise to return in light of His promises kept at His first coming, and that the Spirit would sustain you in hope.

## Communication

**Budget Meetings** - TODAY, December 2, in the Fellowship Hall, directly after the service, we will have a question & answer session regarding the 2019 proposed budget. Join us again the following Sunday, December 9, for our annual congregational meeting to approve our 2019 church budget.

**Parker Street Ministries' Annual Christmas Store** - Setup & Pricing Night is Friday, December 7, 6:30p. Volunteers are needed! Please bring an unwrapped new toy to Trinity, and look for the collection box by December 2. For questions or to sign up, email [volunteer@psmlakeland.org](mailto:volunteer@psmlakeland.org) or call 863-682-4544.

**Women's Ministry: Celebrating the Season** - Mark your calendar! Saturday, December 8, 8:45-11a, hosted by Tina Harrell (1645 Hollingsworth Creek) you are invited to come and enjoy the holiday sounds of Harrison School of Arts. Bring a new, unwrapped gift for Parker Street Ministries' Christmas Store. Invite a friend, relative or neighbor! For questions or to RSVP, call or text Deanna Bayless at 863-559-1762. RSVP by December 2.

**Church-wide Christmas Breakfast** - Sunday, December 16, 8:45a, in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be a potluck, so pull out all of your award-winning recipes! Sign up to bring food by visiting [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) (Last Name: Trinity, Password: Christmas) or call the church office at 863-603-7777.

**New Member Class** - Friday, January 25, 6-9p and Saturday, January 26, 8:30-11:30a. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about Trinity. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP so materials may be prepared. Contact Molly Murphy at [molly@trinitylakeland.org](mailto:molly@trinitylakeland.org) for questions or to reserve your spot!

## Employment Opportunity

**Bookkeeping Assistant** - The purpose of this full-time position is to assist in the bookkeeping for Trinity, our church plants and Campus Outreach. For information, please e-mail Frank McCaulley at [frank@trinitylakeland.org](mailto:frank@trinitylakeland.org).



### PROGRESS REPORT

GOAL:	\$957,000
COMMITTED:	\$1,012,650.56
GIVEN:	\$966,015.56

### PROJECTS

**COMPLETED:** Roof & Continued Church Planting Support

**IN DESIGN:** Accessible Restroom, Railing & Sanctuary Renovation

### Ushers

Matt Tucker, HEAD

Mike Wells, HEAD

Debbie Blankenship

Ken Breathitt

Gary Blankenship

JR Pierce

Bill Bracken

Greg Valentine

# CALENDAR

For more information and additional calendar items,  
visit our website at [trinitylakeland.org](http://trinitylakeland.org).

\* Childcare provided

## SUNDAY (December 2)

8:00 am Prayer

\* 10:15 am Worship Service  
Lord's Supper

12:00 pm Budget Q & A Meeting

1:00 pm Elder Meeting

6:00 pm College-ish (offsite)

## WEDNESDAY (December 5)

12:00 pm Person of Jesus Lunch Study

6:00 pm Middle & High School Worship

## SATURDAY (December 8)

8:30 am Women's Ministry  
Celebrating the Seasons

## SUNDAY (December 9)

8:00 am Prayer

8:45 am CG Leader Cohort

\* 10:15 am Worship Service

12:00 pm Budget Congregational Meeting

6:00 pm College-ish (offsite)

# WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Name (Please Print)

Gender:  Male  Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address: Street

City/State

Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

- First-Time Visitor
- Regular Attendee
- Member
- College Student @ \_\_\_\_\_
- Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

- Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

- Joining a Community Group
- Upcoming New Member Class
- Women's Bible Study
- Student Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Volunteering with children
- \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Bible Reading

[joincbr.com](http://joincbr.com)

December 3 - 8, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Matthew 10</b> 1 Samuel 5	<b>Haggai 2</b> Proverbs 23
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Matthew 11</b> 1 Samuel 6	<b>Zechariah 1</b> Proverbs 24
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 12</b> 1 Samuel 7	<b>Zechariah 2</b> Proverbs 25
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Matthew 13</b> 1 Samuel 8	<b>Zechariah 3</b> Proverbs 26
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Matthew 14</b> 1 Samuel 9	<b>Zechariah 4</b> Proverbs 27
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 49</b>	<b>Psalms 146</b> Psalm 101

(3-year plan: read **bold passages** | 1-year plan: read all)

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

*Matthew 2:6 (ESV)*

*6 “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

## Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?  
Please use the space below to tell us.

## Ministry Leaders

Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting  
 Tim Strawbridge, Director of Spiritual Life  
 Luke Wolfe, Associate Pastor & Director of Community Groups  
 David Springer, Director of Campus Outreach  
 Shayne Bass, Director of Student & College Ministries  
 Brown Peterson, Assistant Director of Student Ministry  
 Callie Sandman, Director of Children’s Ministry  
 Krissa Valentine, Children’s Ministry Administrative Assistant  
 Jason Jacobs, Director of Worship  
 Rachel Plating, Worship Creative Lead  
 Jarrod Hurd, Worship Administrative Lead  
 JoAnn Johnson, Director of Women’s Ministry  
 Dwight Smith, Director of Missions Team  
 Frank McCaulley, Director of Operations  
 Molly Murphy, Ministry Resource Coordinator  
 Ashley Moats, Communications Assistant  
 Sasha Jacobs, Bookkeeper

## Ruling Elders

Clark Buurma  
 Jerri Gable  
 Dick Greene, Clerk  
 Holland Henderson  
 Jason Jacobs  
 Shawn Jones  
 Scott McBride  
 Frank McCaulley  
 Jack Plating  
 Jim Prevatt  
 Dwight Smith  
 Tim Strawbridge  
 John Tucker  
 Justin Wilson

## Teaching Elders

Josh Floyd  
 Stan McMahan  
 Tim Rice  
 Ben Turner  
 Luke Wolfe

## Deacons

Braxton Bone  
 David Boulware  
 Robbie Davis  
 Andrew Eisner  
 Bruce Gaynair  
 Jeff Sandman  
 Adam Spafford, Chair  
 James Spence

## Office Hours:

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