



*Of the increase of his government and of peace there will
be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to
establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness
Isaiah 9:7 (ESV)*

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Order of Worship — Sunday, December 18, 2016

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Celebrating the Season of Advent

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons of time spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the apple 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! 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)

Song of Gathering and Preparation – Sonshine Kids

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.

What A Glorious Night

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The shepherds came to see the baby
Stood by His mother's side
Here laid the Savior inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

*I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
Let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
(I heard that) Jesus Christ is born
(Yeah yeah)*

The shepherds wondered they couldn't hide it
They told ev'ryone in sight
All were amazed when they heard how God came
Down on the glorious night
God came down on this glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah...

Glorious glorious what a glorious night

Glorious glorious what a glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah...

(2x)

All is calm now all is quiet

A star shining in the sky

Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping

Oh what a glorious night

Oh what a glorious night

Explanation of Advent Theme – Stan McMahan

Your redemption is drawing near. The King is coming! Be ready; forsake all other loyalties; lay down every other plan and desire and wait with great expectation. How can we, 21st century people, live in anticipation of the day that will come with delight for all who belong to the King and with utter dread for those who fail to look for his coming? Except for the shepherds, the streets of Bethlehem were empty that night. On this last Sunday of Advent, we hail the King and pledge allegiance to his kingdom. The King's invasion started with the cry of a baby in a manger. He musters an army of those who know they cannot fight without him, whose banner of loyalty is the white flag of surrender and repentance. With this light, we burn with one desire: come Lord Jesus!

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 Wolfe Family – Psalm 37:1-9 (ESV)

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession – Stan McMahan

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).

Song for the Advent of Our Savior

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. We sing a song that expresses the longing of our hearts to see our Savior even as we celebrate his first coming.

Behold The Lamb of God

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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...*

Assurance of Pardon

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

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French Carol, PD

*Angels we have heard on high / Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply / Echo back their joyous strains
Shepherds, why this jubilee / Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be / Which inspire your heav'nly song*

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see / Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee / Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Gloria in excelsis Deo...

See within a manger laid / Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid / With us sing our Savior's birth

Gloria in excelsis Deo...

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.

For Your Glory And My Good

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I bring my every need confessing everything / Lord I am desperate for Your healing
I'm broke in every part my unbelieving heart / I need the faith to even ask You

So I'm not bargaining / For nothing's hidden from Your sight

I would be a fool

If I could be made new

Come ruin come ridicule

Recklessly I come I run to You

I come expectantly because You're calling me / There is no healing but from Your hand
So whether suffering or free from laboring / It's for Your glory and my good

I would be a fool... (3x)

So whether suffering or free from laboring / It's for Your glory and my good

I would be a fool...

Almighty God

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Almighty God to You all hearts are open / Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy / Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open / With gratitude we raise our song to You
Come and fill the praises of Your people / In grace and truth You make us new again

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Almighty God to You all hearts are open / We long for more than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us / But Your river deep floods over everything

Hallelujah...

Almighty God to You all hearts are open (6x)

Hallelujah...
(repeat)

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.

From the Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 72. Does the outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

A. No, only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

Q. 73. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

A. God has good reason for these words, intending to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ wash away our sins just as water washes away dirt from our bodies. But more important, God intends to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that the washing away of our sins spiritually is as real as physical washing with water.

Receiving New Members

As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Rich & Shari Moulton

Sacrament of Baptism

The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).

Oliver Zayne Bass

Heath David Plating

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Stan McMahan

We again 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 & world.

(Children, Infants – Kindergarten, are dismissed for Kid's Worship.)

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.

Song of Response

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

More Than Conquerors

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When my hope and strength is gone / You're the one who calls me on
You are the life / You are the fight that's in my soul

Oh Your resurrection pow'r / Burns like fire in my heart
When waters rise / I lift my eyes up to Your throne

*We are more than conquerors through Christ / You have overcome this world this life
We will not bow to sin or to shame / We are defiant in Your name
You are the fire that cannot be tamed / You are the power in our veins
Our Lord our God our Conqueror*

I will sing into the night / Christ is risen and on high
Greater is He / Living in me than in the world

No surrender no retreat / We are free and we're redeemed
We will declare / Over despair You are the hope

We are more than conquerors through Christ...

Nothing is impossible / Ev'ry chain is breakable
With You we are victorious / You are stronger than our hearts
You are greater than the dark / With You we are victorious
(repeat)

We are more than conquerors through Christ... (repeat)

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.*

Seasons of the Cross

Blue for Advent: The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons of time spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the apple until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. 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. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, 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." (Rom 8:19-21) Freedom begins with the birth of the Christ.

Scripture Passage and Sermon Outline

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Revelation 22:1-7, 14-17 (ESV)

Title: The Healing of All Wrongs

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." ⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Intro: How is your countdown going?

RUINED & HELPLESS

How has sin left us not merely guilty but also profoundly broken?

GRACE, HEALING & BLESSING

How does God turn what is broken & cursed into what is whole and blessed?

WAITING UPON THE LORD

What does it mean to live in light of such a promise, **patiently waiting**?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD our Healer. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He not only creates but also forgives and restores.
2. How have you lived impatiently, in despair or self-reliance in the face of suffering? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and also to restore you in your heart to trust Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to heal us and restore us. Thank Him for being broken so that you could be made whole; for being cursed in your place so that you could be blessed!
4. Who do you know that needs hope in their waiting? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them in their heart, and that He would use you to encourage them because of Jesus' trustworthiness.
5. Read Titus 2:11-14. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of patience while you wait for Jesus to make every wrong right. Pray that the Spirit would help you live securely in Christ, while you wait for His return.

Communications

Poinsettias – If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be picked up after the Christmas Eve service, please place a check in the offering plate for \$7 with “Poinsettia” in the memo.

Christmas Services – Join us as we celebrate the birth our Savior! Our Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, December 24 at 5p. Childcare will be available for children under 23 months. On Christmas Day Corporate Worship will begin at 9a. Childcare will be available for children infants to kindergarten.

Church Office Closed – The church office will be closed December 26-30 for Christmas and New Year’s. We will reopen on Monday, January 2.

No Education Hour – There will be no Education Hour on either Sunday, December 25 or January 1. Education Hour will resume on January 8 at 8:45a.

Year End Giving – All gifts must be received in the church office, made online or postmarked by Saturday, December 31 to be included on your 2016 Giving Statement. Please contact [Frank McCaulley](#) to donate stock or to arrange for gift pick up/drop off when the office is closed at 863-286-5007.

Officer Nominations – Officer candidate nominations will begin in January.



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For more information and additional calendar items,
visit our website at www.trinitylakeland.org or
call the office: 863-603-7777

* Childcare provided

SUNDAY (December 18)

7:30 am Prayer

8:45 am Church-wide
Christmas Breakfast

* 10:15 am Worship Service

SATURDAY

* 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY (December 25)

* 9:00 am Worship Service

MONDAY-FRIDAY (December 26-30)

Office Closed

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December 19 - 24, 2015

Monday	Revelation 14 1 Samuel 21	Isaiah 2 Nehemiah 9
Tuesday	Revelation 15 1 Samuel 22	Isaiah 3 Nehemiah 10
Wednesday	Revelation 16 1 Samuel 23	Isaiah 4 Nehemiah 11
Thursday	Revelation 17 1 Samuel 24	Isaiah 5 Nehemiah 12
Friday	Revelation 18 Psalm 7	Isaiah 6 Nehemiah 13
Saturday	Psalm 27	Isaiah 7 Psalm 126

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

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Revelation 22:3-4 (ESV)

³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Prayer

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

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