

ISAIAH

**THE END OF
OPPRESSION**

ISAIAH 25:1-9



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 19, 2021

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CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2021

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing. It is 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, Born in the flesh to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!

SONG OF GATHERING & 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.

Joy To The World

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME

CALL TO WORSHIP | Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

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

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

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 | Galatians 3:23, 4:4-6 (ESV)

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

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ... But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

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 His church and the kingdom of God.

Ancient of Days

PRAISE & 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.

It Is Done

More Than Conquerors

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 New City Catechism:

Q. 51. Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

A. Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

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 and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Sydney Curls

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

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 & 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.

Lord I Need You

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.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Isaiah 25:1-9 (ESV)

Title: Isaiah: The End of Oppression

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, ⁵ like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Intro: For most of us, tyranny is not part of our daily life ...

WHAT IS THE TENSION?

What is the threat of tyranny vs. the beauty of freedom?

WHO IS THE VICTOR?

How has the LORD worked to overthrow all oppression?

WHAT HAPPENS TO HIS PEOPLE?

What happens when the LORD takes away death?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise the LORD for His almighty goodness and final victory over all evil. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is kind to deliver us from sin's oppression and faithful to overthrow all pride and evil.
2. How have you been blind to your slavery to sin and self? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you by His death, and to free you by His resurrection power.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His delivering work. Thank Him for bearing the load of your guilt to take away your reproach (by His death) and swallowing up death forever (by His resurrection).
4. Pray for someone that you know is needy. Ask the Lord to be to them a shelter or a shade from oppression. Ask Him also to provide for them and also to move you to help them however you can.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray for His work to secure you in Jesus so firmly that you can confidently share the reason for your hope in Him.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering box.

Name (Please Print) Gender Male Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

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:

- Children's Ministry Student Ministry
 College Ministry Volunteering
 Community Group Women's Ministry
 Men's Ministry Worship
 New Member Class

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

December 20-25, 2021

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

Monday	Matthew 21 1 Samuel 16	Zechariah 11 Ecclesiastes 3
Tuesday	Matthew 22 1 Samuel 17	Zechariah 12 Ecclesiastes 4
Wednesday	Matthew 23 1 Samuel 18	Zechariah 13 Ecclesiastes 5
Thursday	Matthew 24 1 Samuel 19	Zechariah 14 Ecclesiastes 6
Friday	Matthew 25 1 Samuel 20	Malachi 1 Ecclesiastes 7
Saturday	Psalm 52	Psalm 149 Psalm 104

Scripture Memory for the Week:

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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 5p

Contact the church office for details.



Fourth Sunday Prayer Gathering

January 23, 4p

Contact the church office for information.



Person of Jesus (POJ) Lunch Study

Wednesdays, 12p - Starting back up in January.

Contact [TimO Strawbridge](mailto:TimO.Strawbridge) for information.

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