

Christ THE LORD

I AM THE RESURRECTION

JOHN 11:17-27, 38-44



TRINITY

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 22, 2019

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CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2019

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 & 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.

Prince of Heaven

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME: KINGDOM | John Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE | The Tucker Family - Psalm 37:1-9 (ESV)

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

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 & 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 | 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7 (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.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ... For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

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.

At The Foot Of The Cross

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.

A Baby Will Come

Because He Lives (Amen)

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.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL

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

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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 & 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.

Jesus Paid It All

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: John 11:17, 21-27 & 38-44 (ESV)

Title: I AM the Resurrection

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ...
²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ... ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Intro: What is the impact of someone's death for everyone who survives?

THE CONVERSATION

Why do we believe that words matter?

THE PROBLEM

Why is death universal - and infuriating?

THE MIRACLE

What did no one see coming?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the Great I AM for how He is the source of all life and the victor over death. Praise God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His power and ability to call life out of death and turn tragedy into joy.
2. How have you denied the stench of death and spiritual decay in your own life? Confess your unbelief, guilt and wreckage to Jesus, asking Him to rescue you as He did Lazarus.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for both His Word and His work. Thank Him for His explanations and promises (giving us meaning) and His work to save us (atoning for our sin by His death; conquering sin, death, Satan and hell by His resurrection).
4. Who do you know that struggles with the impact of death and the corruption of the human heart? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to see Jesus' victory as the Resurrection and the Life.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of joy. Pray for His work in your life to help you learn Jesus' Word more, and empower you to live in the joy of Jesus' Resurrection and Life.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here.

Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

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

Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?

Community Bible Reading

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December 23-28, 2019

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

Monday	Matthew 24 Ecclesiastes 6	1 Samuel 19 Malachi 1
Tuesday	Matthew 25 Ecclesiastes 7	1 Samuel 20 Malachi 2
Wednesday	Matthew 26 Ecclesiastes 8	1 Samuel 21 Malachi 3
Thursday	Matthew 27 Ecclesiastes 9	1 Samuel 22 Malachi 4
Friday	Matthew 28 Ecclesiastes 10	1 Samuel 23
Saturday		Psalms 52 Psalms 150

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 11:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



[Christmas Eve Candlelight Service](#)

December 24, 5:30p

The whole family is invited to worship together.



[High School MidWinter - Southland](#)

January 10-12

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.



[Women's Bible Study](#)

Starting January 14

Contact [Cara Roland](#) for information.

Office Hours:

Mon - Thur | 8:30a - 5:00p & Fri | 8:30a - 12:00p

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