

December 23, 2018



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship — Sunday, December 23, 2018

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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.

Prepare Him Room

By Rebecca Elliott and Dave Fournier

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CCLI Song # 7031880, CCLI# 1693489

O behold the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide you ancient gates for Christ is born today

Prepare Him room

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Let the King of Glory enter in

God with us the promise has come to be
This the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
to the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near for those with ears to hear

Prepare Him room ... (repeat)

Oh our hearts as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock don't say there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle cross and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names

Prepare Him room ... (repeat)

Explanation of Advent Theme: Kingdom — *John Tucker*

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 Gaynair 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 – *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.

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.

What Child Is This

*Music by Traditional English Melody "Greensleeves" and Chris Tomlin | Words by William Chatterton Dix and Chris Tomlin
CCLI Song # 7050422, CCLI# 1693489*

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

*This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary*

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

*Raise raise a song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary*

This this is Christ the King ...

*Nails spears shall pierce Him through
The cross He bore for me and you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary*

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.

A Baby Will Come

By Bill Wolf

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The kings of this world
Have torn it apart
But we can take heart
A baby will come

To the hungry and meek
To those who grieve
To the broken in need
A baby will come

We have known pain
We've felt death's sting
God help us believe
This baby will come

The angel appeared
Said do not fear
For peace is here
A baby has come

The advent of life
Let hope arise
We've our Savior and Christ
The baby has come

We've waited so long
God for Your mighty arm
May our doubts ever calm
For the baby has come

The proud will be low
The humble will know
They're valued and loved
For the baby has come

Cause the kings of this world
Won't have the last word
That God is Yours
For the baby has come

Angels We Have Heard On High

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Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo ...

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

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.

Song of Response

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

All The Poor And Powerless

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All the poor and powerless and all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess and know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah and we will cry out hallelujah

All the hearts who are content and all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left will know that You are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah and we will cry out hallelujah

(repeat)

Shout it go on and scream it from the mountains

Go on and tell it to the masses that He is God

(repeat)

We will sing out hallelujah and we will cry out hallelujah

We will sing out hallelujah God

(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

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: John 1:1-5, 9-14 (ESV)

Title: The Person of Christmas: The One We Need

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Intro: By your thinking, how real is the battle between good and evil?

THE LIFE & LIGHT OF MEN

What does the Bible mean by Light vs. darkness?

DARKNESS HAS NOT WON

Why does God's Word say that we live in darkness?

WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

In salvation, how does Jesus provide what no one else can?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that He has not hidden Himself but has revealed Himself instead. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He has provided for us love, riches, power and purpose that no one else can.
2. How have you lived in darkness, resisting or ignoring your Maker? Confess your rebellion to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you and by His power to conquer the powers of darkness in you and around you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for dwelling here with us so that we could finally see what flesh and blood had *never* seen before – God, with us. Thank Him for loving and saving people like us.
4. Who do you know that lives in darkness, whether spiritual, relational or intellectual? Ask the Lord to make Himself known to them as He has to you, even through your relationship with them on His behalf.
5. Where do you need to experience Jesus' *love*, to *know* Him? Where do you need His *glory*, His *surpassing worth and power*? How do you need to connect with His *prevailing purpose*? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you know that the Light of Christ cannot be overcome.

Communication

2019 CBR Journals – Community Bible Reading (CBR) journals will be available today. We will have them at both entrances for members and regular attenders of Trinity. If you would like to give a journal to a friend or family member or would like to sponsor the giving of journals they can be purchased for \$10. Questions? Contact the church office at trinity@trinitylakeland.org or 863-603-7777.

Christmas Eve Service – Monday, December 24, we will gather at 5p for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Year End Giving – All gifts must be received in the church office, made online or postmarked by Monday, December 31 (the church office will be open regular hours on this day) to be included on your 2018 Giving Statement. Please contact Frank McCaulley, 863-286-5007, to donate stock or arrange for gift pick up or drop off.

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 for questions or to reserve your spot!

Trinity Women's Retreat – Mark your calendars, April 26-28, 2019 for our retreat, *J-curve, Dying + Rising with Jesus in Everyday Life*. Information and registration details coming in 2019.



PROGRESS REPORT

GOAL:	\$957,000
COMMITTED:	\$1,013,200.56
GIVEN:	\$968,565.56

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.

* Childcare provided

SUNDAY (December 23)

8:00 am Prayer

* 10:15 am Worship Service

MONDAY (December 24)

* 5:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY (December 25)

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY (December 26)

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY (December 30)

8:00 am Prayer

* 10:15 am Worship Service
Lord's Supper

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

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December 24 - 29, 2018

Monday	Matthew 25 1 Samuel 20	Malachi 1 Ecclesiastes 7
Tuesday	Matthew 26 1 Samuel 21	Malachi 2 Ecclesiastes 8
Wednesday	Matthew 27 1 Samuel 22	Malachi 3 Ecclesiastes 9
Thursday	Matthew 28 1 Samuel 23	Malachi 4 Ecclesiastes 10
Friday	Jude 1 Samuel 24	Ecclesiastes 11
Saturday	Psalm 52	Psalm 149 Psalm 104

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

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 1:14 (ESV)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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
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