



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and  
the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his  
name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Order of Worship — Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

*Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.*

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

## 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*

*Prepare Him room*

*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)*

## Lighting of First Advent Candle

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

*Jack, Rachel, Maggie, Charlotte, Rorie & Heath Plating – Micah 5:1-5a (ESV)*

*Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.*

## 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).*

## 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*

## **Lighting of Second Advent Candle**

*The Scriptures alone tell us the true story of Christ's coming to earth. They are true life, true hope and true wisdom for today and forever.*

*Sean, Lisa, Kate & Julia Malott – Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)*

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

## **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

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*O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear*

*O come Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cause Thy light on us to rise  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel*

O Come O come true prophet of the Lord  
And turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's side

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall by His Word our darkness dispel*

O come our great High Priest and intercede  
Thy sacrifice our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear  
Thy precious blood has brought us near

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Has banished every fear of hell*

O Come Thou King of nations bring  
An end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease  
And reign now as our Prince of Peace

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell*

### **Lighting of Third Advent Candle**

*The Scriptures alone tell us the true story of Christ's coming to earth. They are true life, true hope and true wisdom for today and forever.*

*Mo Zaban & Collins McBride – Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)*

*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. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 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. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.*

# 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...*

# O Come All Ye Faithful

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O come all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him

Born the King of angels

*O come let us adore Him*

*O come let us adore Him*

*O come let us adore Him*

*Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above

Glory to God

All glory in the highest

*O come let us adore Him...*

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come let us adore Him ...  
O come o come adore Him  
Gather round the throne before Him  
O come o come adore Him  
Christ the Lord  
(repeat)  
O come let us adore Him ...

### **Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle**

*The Scriptures alone tell us the true story of Christ's coming to earth. They are true life, true hope and true wisdom for today and forever.*

*Holland, Allie, Sadie & Finn Henderson – Luke 2:1-20 (ESV)*

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

## **Scriptural Lesson**

*“The Light of the Whole World” From The Jesus Storybook Bible Written by: Sally Lloyd-Jones; Illustrated by: Jago*

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

*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 and world.*

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Gary & Karen Mehler – John 1:1-5; 10-14 (ESV)*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 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.*

## **Scriptural Meditation – 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.*



## Congregational Candle Lighting

### O Holy Night

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O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;  
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!  
Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, Oh praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!  
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!  
(repeat)

### Song of Response

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

### Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Michael Guy Chislett, Ben Tan, Dylan Thomas and Melodie Wagner  
Original Words and Music by Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
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Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King*

Christ by highest heaven adored Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel

*Hark the herald angels sing...*

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace hail the Son of righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth born to give them second birth

*Hark the herald angels sing...*

Hark the angels sing  
Hark the angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
(repeat)

Come Desire of nations come fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise the woman's conquering seed bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface stamp Thine image in its place  
Final Adam from above reinstate us in Thy love

*Hark the herald angels sing...*

*\*Please extinguish your candles at the conclusion of Hark the Herald Angels Sing.*

## **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**

*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)*

# Calendar

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

\* Childcare provided

## SUNDAY (December 24)

8:00 am

Prayer

\* 10:15 am

Worship Service

\* 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

## MONDAY-FRIDAY (December 25-29)

Office Closed

## SUNDAY (December 31)

9:00 am

Prayer

\* 10:15 am

Worship Service  
Mercy Offering

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday from 8:30a to 5:00p  
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# Welcome to Trinity!

We're so glad you are here.

Name (Please Print)

Gender

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

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☐ Children's Ministry

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# Community Bible Reading

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**December 25 - 30, 2017**

|                  |                                     |                                    |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Matthew 25</b><br>1 Samuel 20    | <b>Ecclesiastes 7</b><br>Malachi 2 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Matthew 26</b><br>1 Samuel 21    | <b>Ecclesiastes 8</b><br>Malachi 3 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Matthew 27</b><br>1 Samuel 22    | <b>Ecclesiastes 9</b><br>Malachi 4 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Matthew 28</b><br>1 Samuel 23    | <b>Ecclesiastes 10</b>             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Revelation 21</b><br>1 Samuel 24 | <b>Ecclesiastes 11-12</b>          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Psalms 150</b>                   | <b>Psalms 52</b>                   |

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

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

*Luke 2:29-32 (ESV)*

*<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”*

## Prayer

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

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## Ministry Leaders

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