



C H R I S T M A S E V E

Candlelight Service



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | December 24, 2023

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 & 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.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prepare Him Room

What Child Is This

CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)

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

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. 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 from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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 | Luke 2:1-20 (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.

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.

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

Angels We Have Heard On High

Prince Of Heaven

SCRIPTURAL MEDITATION | 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING

O Holy Night

Joy To The World

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.

Welcome to Trinity!
We would love to connect with you.
Please scan on the QR code to get connected
and let us know of any prayer requests
you may have.



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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



The Weekender - New Member Class

January 19, 6-8:30p & January 20, 9a-12p.

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.



Women's Bible Study - Spring Semester

Starting February 6 & 7

Registration Opens on January 7.



High School Winter Retreat

February 9-11

Contact [Brown Peterson](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

December 25-30, 2023

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

Monday	Matthew 24 Ecclesiastes 7	1 Samuel 20 Malachi 1
Tuesday	Matthew 25 Ecclesiastes 8	1 Samuel 21 Malachi 2
Wednesday	Matthew 26 Ecclesiastes 9	1 Samuel 22 Malachi 3
Thursday	Matthew 27 Ecclesiastes 10	1 Samuel 23 Malachi 4
Friday	Matthew 28 Ecclesiastes 11	1 Samuel 24 Psalm 150
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 12	

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 1:21-23 (ESV)

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 10:30a

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Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son,
empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.