

Christ THE LORD

I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

JOHN 8:12-20



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 8, 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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME: PROMISE | John Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE | The Yan Family - John 1:1-5, 9-14 (ESV)

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

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. ... The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 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.

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 | John 3:16-21 (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.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

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.

How Great Thou Art

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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

It Is Well

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. 49. Where is Christ now?

A. Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

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 | Brown Peterson, *Director of Student Ministry*

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.

God With Us

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: John 8:12-20 (ESV)

Title: I AM the Light of the World

Teacher: Brown Peterson

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

THE LIGHT

THE DARKNESS

THE WALK

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, who is the true and pure light– that He loves with a purpose toward us to bring us out of darkness to His glorious presence. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is steadfast in His commitment to us.
2. Where do you live in the dark? What darkness do you love? Where do you need to be exposed so that you can repent and be free? Confess the darkness that is in you, the darkness that you love, and ask for exposure and freedom in the light.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that He is the Light of the World. That He came to dwell in the dark world to bring us, who were lost, to Himself, so that we may have the light of life. Who do you know that is unaware that the world is dark?
4. Who do you know that needs this light of Jesus in their life? Pray for courage and boldness to talk about the greatest news you have with them.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep changing your desires to love that light. Ask Him to abide closely, to keep you following the Light of the World, and that your light would draw others to you so that you can talk about Jesus.

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

joincbr.com

December 9 - 14, 2019

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

Monday	Matthew 14 Proverbs 27	1 Samuel 9 Zechariah 5
Tuesday	Matthew 15 Proverbs 28	1 Samuel 10 Zechariah 6
Wednesday	Matthew 16 Proverbs 29	1 Samuel 11 Zechariah 7
Thursday	Matthew 17 Proverbs 30	1 Samuel 12 Zechariah 8
Friday	Matthew 18 Proverbs 31	1 Samuel 13 Zechariah 9
Saturday	Psalms 102	Psalms 50 Psalms 148

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 8:12 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



[Congregational Budget Meeting](#)

December 8, 12:00p



[Merry Little Christmas Party](#)

December 8, 3:00p

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



[Parker Street Ministries Christmas Store](#)

Gifts need by December 9

Visit psmlakeland.org for information.

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

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