ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST **ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preparation for Worship

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Calls Us to Worship | from Isaiah 60:1–3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
The glory of the LORD has risen upon us.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will arise upon us, and his glory will be seen.
And nations shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 300

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Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

We Listen to God's Word | Isaiah 60:1-7, 19-22

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and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
[2] For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
[3] And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

[4] Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
[5] Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
[6] A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
[7] All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you;
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
and I will beautify my beautiful house.

[19] The sun shall be no more
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give you light;
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
[20] Your sun shall no more go down,
nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.
[21] Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever,
the branch of my planting, the work of my hands,
that I might be glorified.
[22] The least one shall become a clan,
and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD;
in its time I will hasten it. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Confess Our Sins

O God, I bless You for the happy moment when I first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, my soul saved.

I want no other rock to build upon than that which I have,
desire no other hope than that of gospel truth,
need no other look than that which gazes on the cross.

Forgive me
when I have tried to add anything to the one foundation,
if I have unconsciously relied upon my knowledge,
experience, and deeds-
if I have attempted to complete what is perfect in Christ.

May my cry be always, Only Jesus! Only Jesus!

In Him is freedom from condemnation,
fullness in His righteousness, eternal vitality in His given life, indissoluble union in fellowship with Him.

In Him I have all that I can hold; enlarge me to take in more.

SILENT CONFESSION *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Words: Daniel Herbert, 1869 | Music: Ben Slee, © 2021 Ben Slee Music, CCLI# 11123140

Come boldly to a throne of grace,
Ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet,
And plead what he has done.

"How can I come?" Some soul may say,
"I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth;
I sigh, but dare not talk."

Come boldly to the throne of grace,
Though lost, and blind, and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend,
And ever was the same.

He makes the dead to hear his voice;
He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost he came to save,
And set the prisoner free.

Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know
The hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace;
The Lord will take you in.

We Ask for God's Help

Children's Sermon

We Confess Our Faith Apostles' Creed (4th Century)

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word catholic (little "c") means universal and refers to the church throughout time and space; it is not referring to the Roman Catholic Church.*

We Greet Others with Peace | John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you!

> ***TrinityKids:*** *During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.*

We Are Changed By God's Word | Ephesians 5:8–14

[8] for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10] and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11] Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. [13] But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, [14] for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

“Walk as Children of Light” | Rev. Dr. Blake Altman

Sermon in a Sentence: Because Christ has brought us from darkness to light, we joyfully walk in His goodness, righteousness, and truth.

I. Remember who you are in _____ (v. 8)

II. Walk in the light with Spirit born _____ (vv. 8b–10)

III. Shine the _____ that exposes and transforms (vv. 11–14)

We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

"Glorious Light," arr. Larry Shackley

There are six ways to give at Trinity:
1. Online: ***give.trinityowasso.com***
2. Church Center app
3. Text "trinityowasso" to 77977
4. Offering basket during worship
5. Mail your gift to the church office
6. Stock and cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, ***pcafoundation.com***

> *Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.*
> ***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music: Joshua Moore | Sandra McCracken, © 2015 Integrity Worship Music, CCLI# 11123140

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

He Will Be

Words and Music: James Ferguson, Jaywan Maxwell, © 2025 CityAlight Music, CCLI# 11123140

God is faithful to His word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass
His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander
Through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves He has redeemed

Worthy He has been worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been worthy He will be

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

Thanks be to God!

Community Group and Family Questions:

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Remember, these questions are just a starting point. Feel free to adapt them to the specific needs and interests of your family worship times and/or community group.

1. Looking back on your story, where do you most clearly see how Christ has brought you from darkness into His light?

2. Pastor Blake mentioned that C.S. Lewis named the final chapter in the Narnia series, "Farewell to Shadowlands." What are the "shadowlands" you still find yourself drawn toward? In other words, what old habits, hidden sins, or false comforts has the Holy Spirit revealed to you in the past (or today)? How might this community group begin to walk with you as you bring that area of your life into the light?

3. Where have you recently had opportunities to "shine" Christ's light in small, everyday ways (at home, work, neighborhood), and how did it feel to step into those moments?

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS:

1. When have you been in total darkness and felt scared? How did it change when light came?
2. The Bible says Jesus makes us "light" in Him. What do you think it means to shine for Him at school or with friends?
3. What is one way you can show Jesus' light in your family this week? (Hint: maybe with kindness, patience, sharing, or prayer)

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We want you to be a part of us. We communicate all of our midweek activities through Church Center, and that's where you can join Bible studies, community groups, find out about events, and participate in group chats and prayer.

There's a lot going on at Trinity- ***Download the Church Center App today so you can join in!***

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Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.

TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5th Grade
Sundays 10:30AM & Special Events
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Sundays | 10:30AM
Wed | 6-8PM Youth Group @The Grove

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
Sundays 10:30AM: Exodus, From Bondage to Worship: God Redeems and Dwells with His People with Rev. Mark Kuiper

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES
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Assistive Listening Systems now available at the sound booth!

Grow in Community:

ROOTED New Members' Class:
September 28; signups available in Church Center

GROW Meeting:
October 26: Trinity Hall

Trinity Women:
September 22: Fireside Fellowship; signups on Church Center

October 25: Hills and Plains Presbytery Women's Retreat; Early Bird registration deadline is 9/27

Trinity Kids:
October 8: Exploring God's Word

Trinity Men:
September 27: Golf Scramble at La Fortune Park Golf Course; signups on Church Center

October 17-18: Campout at Nowakowski Farm; signups now available on Church Center

Trinity Youth:
October 4: MS and HS Girls' Lantern Festival

Deacon on Duty this Sunday: James Wingo

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