#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE





# **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 | PSALM 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tamper sound, praise him with late and halp:

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

## ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Text: James Montgomery, 1816, 1825, Music: REGENT SQUARE; Henry Smart, 1867

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

#### We Listen to God's Word | ACTS 17:22-31

"So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything, 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.' 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

#### We Confess Our Sins

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;

though you should rule us, we control ourselves;

though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

We think your truth too high, your will too hard,

your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!

And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Now heal our confused minds with your word,

heal our divided wills with your law,

heal our troubled consciences with your love,

heal our anxious hearts with your presence,

all for the sake of your Son,

who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION Please pause for a moment of silent confession.

#### We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

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

Thanks be to God!

# O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL Text: Latin hymn; Attr; to John Francis Wade, 1751; Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, Music: ADESTE FIDELES; John Francis Wade, Cantus Diversi, 1751

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!

God of God,

Light of Light;

lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; very God, begotten not created;

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 heav'n above; glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore him;

O come. let us adore him:

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,

born this happy morning:

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, late in flesh

appearing;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

# We Ask for God's Help

#### We Confess Our Faith | NICENE CREED (325 AD)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.

I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

#### Amen.

\* The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and this expanded form was adopted at Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D.

#### 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. They will lead by a teacher to return to worship with us before the Lord's Supper.

# We Are Changed By God's Word | ACTS 19:23-27

[23] About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. [24] For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. [25] These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. [26] And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. [27] And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"THE CONFLICT OF GRACE"   REV. MARK KUIPER	

# We Give Regularly, Joyfully and Sacrificially

Of the Father's Love Begotten (DIVINUM MYSTERIUM), arr. Mark Hayes

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# **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.

Please feel free to join us in singing **Joy Has Dawned** as you come forward for communion

### **JOY HAS DAWNED**

Text and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2004

Joy has dawned upon the world Promised from creation God's salvation now unfurled Hope for ev'ry nation Not with fanfares from above Not with scenes of glory But a humble gift of love Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb Gazing at the glory Gifts of men from distant lands Prophesy the story Gold a King is born today Incense God is with us Myrrh His death will make a way By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven Given as a ransom Reconciling God and man Christ our mighty Champion What a Savior what a Friend What a glorious mystery Once a babe in Bethlehem Now the Lord of history

# HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753,

Music: MENDELSSOHN; Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come. offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:

hail th'incarnate Deity. pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n 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, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | EPHESIANS 3:20,21

"[20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

# 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!

# How to Respond to Today's Service?

# 1. BE STILL, PRAY AND REFLECT TODAY.

You may want to pray something like this:

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dare imagine, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dare dream. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness and making me righteous before my Heavenly Father. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

2. READ SCRIPTURE. Read the sermon passage again and reflect on what the Holy Spirit called to mind. How might you apply it with God's help?

3. JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY GROUP or REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT. We want you to be a part of us. Download Church Center to stay in the know!

#### 4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD.

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#### WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

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