

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



**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 | PSALM 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
***Your faithfulness to the clouds.***  
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
***Your judgments are like the great deep;***  
***man and beast You save, O LORD.***  
How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
***The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.***  
They feast on the abundance of Your house,  
***and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.***  
For with You is the fountain of life;  
in Your light do we see light.

# Speak O Lord

Text and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2005

Speak O Lord, as we come to You,  
To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.  
That the light of Christ, might be seen today,  
In our acts of love, and our deeds of faith.  
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us,  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence true humility.  
Test our thoughts, and our attitudes,  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; Cause our eyes to see,  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power, that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged, from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak O Lord, till Your church is built,  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## We Listen to God's Word | MATTHEW 3:13-17

[13] Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. [14] John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15] But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for you to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [16] And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; [17] and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## We Confess Our Sins

***Most holy and merciful Father,  
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature –  
prone to evil and slothful in good –  
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from Your ways,  
in wasting Your gifts,  
in forgetting Your love.  
O Lord, have mercy on us,  
who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You.  
Teach us to hate our errors,  
cleanse us from our secret faults,  
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.  
And O most holy and loving Father,  
send Your purifying grace into our hearts,  
we beg You,  
that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways,  
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.***

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

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | PSALM 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## Be Thou My Vision

Text: Ancient Irish poem, Tr. Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor H. Hull, Music: SLANE; traditional Irish melody

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## We Ask for God's Help

### Trinity Vision Moment

Women's Ministry and Retreat  
Jill Popp, Women's Ministry Director

## We Confess Our Faith | PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

*Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
Who, though He was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied Himself,  
by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted Him  
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

## 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 | EPHESIANS 1:3-14

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, [8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight [9] making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

[11] In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, [12] so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## "BLESSED WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING" | REV. DR. BLAKE ALTMAN

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP OR COMMUNITY GROUPS:

*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. Ephesians 1:3 says we are blessed with "every spiritual blessing in Christ." What does "spiritual blessing" mean in this context? How are these blessings different from material blessings, and why does Paul emphasize their significance?
2. In Ephesians 1:4, Paul says God chose us "before the foundation of the world." What does this reveal about God's plan for humanity and His character? How does this choice connect to our calling to live "holy and blameless" lives?
3. In Ephesians 1:5, Paul describes God adopting us into His family through Jesus. What did adoption signify in Roman culture, and how does that deepen our understanding of what it means to be God's children?

4. How does knowing you were chosen by God before the foundation of the world impact the way you see yourself and your worth? Are there areas in your life where you're still striving for approval from others rather than resting in God's unconditional love?

### Children's Questions:

1. What is a gift that someone gave you that made you really happy? Did you know that God has already given you the best gifts ever, like His love and forgiveness? What are some ways you can say "thank you" to God for those gifts?
2. How does it feel when someone picks you for their team or invites you to play with them? Did you know that God picked YOU to be part of His family? How can you remember this when you feel left out or sad?



## We Give Regularly, Joyfully and Sacrificially

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light, J.S. Bach / arr. John Albert Thomas

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: [give.trinityowasso.com](http://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/cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, [pcafoundation.com](http://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 Trinity Connect Card or tithe in a connect-card box in the lobby.)*

## 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 **How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place** as you come forward for communion*

## How Sweet And Awesome Is The Place

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, Music: ST. COLUMBA, Traditional Irish melody

How sweet and awesome is the place  
with Christ within the doors,  
while everlasting love displays  
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
join to admire the feast,  
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice,  
and enter while there's room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice,  
and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
that sweetly drew us in;  
else we had still refused to taste,  
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,  
constrain the earth to come;  
send your victorious Word abroad,  
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,  
that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
sing your redeeming grace.

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Text and Music: Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, 2018

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Unll I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete slll my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## 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!***

## 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.** Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek. Connect cards are in the back of the seat in front of you, or use this code.







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during worship time: [tpkok.cc/kidsandworship](http://tpkok.cc/kidsandworship)

### TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sundays 9AM & Special Events

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

*\*Resumes in January*

### TRINITY YOUTH | 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sr. High

Sundays | 9AM & 10AM

Wed | 6-8PM Youth Group @The Grove

Contact - Text Nathan: 314-662-6488

See **GroupMe** for special events throughout the week.

### TRINITY WOMEN | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year.

For more information, text

Jill Popp, 808-225-4424

or Courtney Nadig, 719-330-4472



### TRINITY MEN | Bible Studies & Events

Tues | 6:15AM @The Grove - Trinity Office

Tues | Lunch study @SITG Ministry Office

Wed | 6:45PM @10517 N. Sheridan, Sperry OK

Contact - Rev. Mark Kuiper, 314-960-1598

### ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Class for Winter/Spring: 1st Kings:

A story of God's redeeming grace.

With Paul Deslauriers.

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### WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

*Note Trinity's new address:*

7660 N Memorial Drive, Owasso, OK 74055

9AM Discipleship, 10AM Worship

The Grove - Trinity Offices: 7301 N Owasso

Expw, Building M, Suite 120 Owasso OK 74055

- Houses our Staff Offices & Meeting Space

- Various Ministries Throughout the Week

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## NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

**FEB 16**  
**12-4PM**  
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## Men's Breakfast

January 18, 8:00am  
At The Grove

Signup in  
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