

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. If you are new to Trinity Presbyterian Church, you are our very special guest! Our desire is to help you get connected in a warm and genuine way. Would you consider sharing your name and address with us in the Friendship Pad located on the left end of the row you are sitting on now? We welcome you this morning in the strong name of our Lord Jesus Christ and would love to see you again next week!

WHO WE ARE

Our mission statement is this: *Trinity Presbyterian Church is a worshipping community that exists to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed to our suburban communities and the world.* We are guided by three core values: the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change lives, a commitment to the gospel-created community called the church, and a mission to see God's Kingdom extended to our world.

PLEASE VISIT THE "INFORMATION CENTER"

For information or answers to questions that you might have about TPC, please visit our Information Center which you will find in the Narthex. There you will find information about Trinity, the PCA and our church activities. Someone will be available to assist you before and after the worship service.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR 9:00 A.M.

The Book of Zechariah	Room 130	Steve LeBlanc
College/Career : John's Gospel	Room 230	Eubanks and Kirkpatrick

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE	ROOM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Various
	Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Monday	No ESL Classes		
Tuesday	No WIC Bible Study		
Wednesday	Joyful Noises Choir	5:30—6:30 p.m.	Choir Room
	Adult Choir Practice	7:30—9:00 p.m.	Choir Room
Thursday	No WIC Bible Study No ESL Classes		

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 2011 • 10:30 a.m. • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thank you for
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prepare for worship.

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

“Baptism signifies union with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection. It is because believers are united to Christ in the efficacy of his death, in the power of his resurrection, and in the fellowship of his grace that they are one body. They are united to Christ and therefore to one another. Of this union baptism is the sign and seal. The relationship which baptism signifies is therefore that of union, and union with Christ is its basic and central import.”

John Murray, *Christian Baptism*

“In the Reformed understanding of baptism, baptism is a prophetic sign at the beginning of the Christian life the fulfillment of which continues to unfold throughout the whole of life. The sign of baptism claims for us the washing away of sins and calls us to newness of life. The sign of baptism calls us to repentance and to the profession of the Christian faith. Whenever we confess our sins in prayers of confession or profess our faith by saying the Apostles’ Creed we are living out our baptism. Baptism is not something which is done once and then is over with. It is something which shapes the whole of the Christian life, from the very beginning to the very end. Baptism is a means of grace. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives which brings about and fulfills what the sign of baptism had promised. That inward work of the Holy Spirit takes place through the whole of life until at last we die in Christ and are raised in Christ.”

Hughes Oliphant Old, *Worship (That Is Reformed According To Scripture)*

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

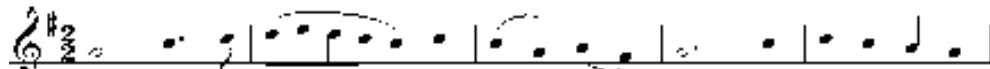
Ephesians 4:4-6

The Prelude Psalm

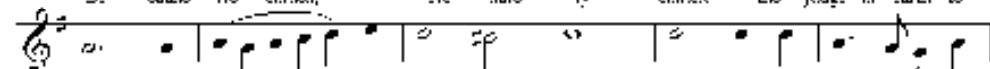
Psalm 98

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LADIES' PART

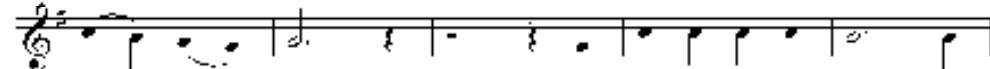


O sing to the LORD, for ever-ends He has
O all the earth, sing to the LORD and make a joy-ful
Let seas and rivers, that vast-ness, roar, the world is liv-ing,
be-cause He comes, He sure-ly comes, the judge of earth to

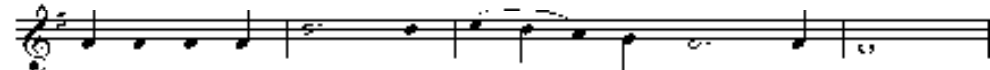


come, for ever-ends He has done: His right hand and His
sound, and make a joy-ful sound! Lift up your voice a
loud, the world is liv-ing praise, let the seas clap, let
be the judge of earth and be with jubilee He will

...to be sung
at the
same time!



be-cause the LORD has done: The seas and rivers have won, the
loud, the world is liv-ing praise, let the LORD sing Psalms, let joy re- sound, Sing
judge the world, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty, end.



be-cause the LORD has done: The seas and rivers have won, the
Psalms, let joy re- sound, Sing Psalms, let joy re- sound, Sing Psalms, let joy re- sound,
joy be-fore the LORD, their joy be-fore the LORD, their joy be-fore the LORD,
one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty.

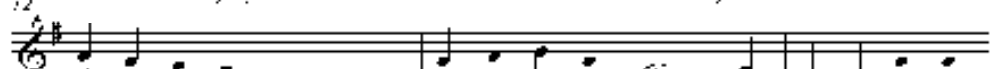
MEN'S PART



O sing to the LORD, for ever-ends He has
O all the earth, sing to the LORD and make a joy-ful
Let seas and rivers, that vast-ness, roar, the world is liv-ing,
be-cause He comes, He sure-ly comes, the judge of earth to



come, for ever-ends He has done: His right hand and His
sound, and make a joy-ful sound! Lift up your voice a
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loud, the world is liv-ing praise, let the LORD sing Psalms, let joy re- sound, Sing
judge the world, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty, end.



Psalms, let joy re- sound, Sing Psalms, let joy re- sound, Sing Psalms, let joy re- sound,
LORD, their joy be-fore the LORD, their joy be-fore the LORD, their joy be-fore the LORD,
ry, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty, each one with e-qui-ty.

Psalm 98

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing!**

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John McCracken

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Karen and Gabe Gabriel Family

We light the third and the pink candle as a symbol of joy that the Advent season is growing shorter and the days of glad celebration for "the Wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the rose it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing."

Isaiah 35:1

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:3 & 5

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Minister: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.**

***Hymn of Adoration, No. 196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"** HYFRYDOL
Stanzas 1 & 4

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

"FOR THE GLORY OF THE KING"

*"A Simple Plus" Christmas Musical for Kids, created by Susie Williams,
Luke Gambill, and David Ebensberger*

"Welcome the Newborn King"

*Long ago in Bethlehem, angels did proclaim. Their glorious anthem filled the sky, a heavenly refrain. Their song was echoed through the night to tell what God had done. A message was given to all of the earth: Emmanuel has come. **Chorus** We sing, Joy to the world! Heaven and nature sing. All declare the glory of God and welcome the newborn King. Singing, Joy to the world! Heaven and nature sing. We declare the glory of God and welcome the newborn King. A song was born that Christmas night bringing Good News to all men: Unto us a Child is born. To us a Son is giv'n. So lift your voice and shout your praise and celebrate His birth, For the Child who came on that holy night would bring us peace on earth. **Chorus** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We declare the glory of God and welcome the newborn King. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let's declare the glory of God and welcome the newborn King. Jesus, You're the glory of God. We welcome the newborn King.*

SCENE 1

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains. And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Chorus Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Shepherds, why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Chorus Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing. Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King! Chorus (2x)

SCENE 2

“O Lamb of God” with “Away in a Manger”

Duet: Peyton Quidatano, Julia McCormack

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay; The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus – no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus. Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh. The Lamb of God, born in a manger. Angels declared His majesty. This precious Love, so freely given was born to die, born to live in me. Be near me, Lord Jesus. I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, And love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there. O Lamb of God, born in a manger. I will declare Your majesty. Your precious Love, was freely given Born in my heart, forever live in me. O Lamb of God, born in a manger. I will declare Your majesty. Your precious Love, so freely given. Here in my heart You will forever live in me.

SCENE 3

“Emmanuel”

Duet: Jordan Quidatano, Morgan Parmar

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed where a mother laid her Baby in a manger bed. Mary was that mother mild. Jesus was her little child. Emmanuel, the promise kept. It's the longing of my heart for God in flesh. Through this Child all earth is blessed, Emmanuel. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all. And His shelter was a stable. His cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly,

Loved on earth, our Savior holy! Emmanuel, the promise kept. It's the longing of my heart for God in flesh. Through this Child all earth is blessed, Emmanuel, the promise kept. It's the longing of my heart for God in flesh. Through this Child all earth is blessed. (3x) Emmanuel. Emmanuel. Emmanuel.

SCENE 4

“For the Glory of the King”

Solo: Hayden Parmar

Angels shouting declarations as the stars reveal the wonder, Of the joy of all the heavens. O holy night. Breaking through the veil of hist'ry, shining through the waiting darkness, Gathering to shout salvation – a glorious light. This is the moment we've all waited for. This is the moment we're created for. Chorus For the glory of the King. For the honor of His name. For the day of His renown, and everlasting fame. Ev'ry breath is filled with song. Ev'ry thought is turned to praise. Ev'ry heart is lifted up and becomes an offering. For the glory of the King. Come and bow in expectation where the great and lowly gather. Come adore Him, saints and sinners. Before Him fall. See the hope of your redemption. Look into the face of mercy. Offer Him your greatest treasure. Surrender all. This is the moment we've all waited for. This is the moment we're created for. Chorus Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. (4x) For the glory of the King. For the glory of the King.

“Christmas Wish”

words by J. Paul Williams, music by Joseph M. Martin

Solo: Olivia Poteet

You have heard many songs, some new and some old, And though we love singing, we really must go. So now as you listen to this simple tune, We will be wishing, “Merry Christmas to you.”

(Congregation joining)

We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Solo: With fam'ly and friends we've come to this place, Our hearts filled with wonder as we celebrate. So come now and join us in this simple song, Reach out to your neighbor and sing along.

Part I and congregation:

We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. (Repeat 2 lines 2x)

Part II: Dona nobis pacem, and a happy new year. (2x)

All: A happy new year!

The Joyful Noises Choir, directed by Bob Gehman,

assisted by Renny Gehman and Julie Lantiere; Karin Elliott, accompanist

Sets: Ron Bowser

Costumes: Kristin Poteet

Characters

Abigail – Taylor Quidatano; Emily – Caroline Geist

Rachel – Maddie Craven; Alex – Aaron Geist

Bradley – Preston Quidatano; Bro. Bob/Mr. G – Bob Gehman

As we continue to "Pass the Peace" to one another, children between the ages of 4—1st grade may now be dismissed for "Celebration Chapel" in room 130. At this time, please locate the black friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.

Choir Members:

Caroline and Aaron Geist; Charles and Benjamin Randall; Morgan, Hayden, and Carlye Parmar; Maddie Craven; Christopher McCracken; Julia McCormack; Olivia, Micaiah, and Iain Poteet; Katie Shotwell; Taylor, Jordan, Peyton, and Preston Quidatano; Kendall and Kyle Bowser

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World Mr. Chuck Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering "Ukrainian Carol of the Bells" *M. Leontovich*
Keyboards duet: Douglass McFarland & Dave Leeman

Passing of the Peace

Minister: *[The child] will be called prophet of the Most High, to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.*

Luke 1:79

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

Mr. Poteet

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 3:15-22

This reading can be found on page 858 in the black pew Bible.

The Morning Sermon

"How to Improve Your Baptism"

Mr. McCracken

Part 5 of the series "Liturgy: Discovering the Drama of Gospel-Shaped Worship"

The Sacrament of Baptism

Michael Timothy Jotterand, covenant child of Fabrice and Sylvia Jotterand

Sarah Melanie Jotterand, covenant child of Fabrice and Sylvia Jotterand

***Hymn of Departure**

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God’s praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God’s praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God’s praise we sing.**

*Familiar tune:
“Morning has
Broken.”*

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

Acts 2:38-39

People: With God’s help, we will.

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen.

Psalm 72:18-19

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Organ Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist

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Sermon Notes

“How to Improve Your Baptism” Luke 3:15-22 John McCracken

1. Where baptism came from

2. What baptism means

3. How to improve your baptism

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 167

Question: How is our baptism to be improved by us?

Answer:

The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavouring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.