

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	No Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Various
	Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Monday	No ESL Classes	7:00—8:30 p.m.	Various
Thursday	No ESL Classes		

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 25, 2011 ▪ 10:30 a.m. ▪ CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

"He became what we are that he might make us what he is." St. Athanasius

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God." C.S. Lewis

The Prelude Mr. Douglass McFarland, organ

The Welcome The Rev. Patrick Poteet

***The Call to Worship** Mr. Poteet

Minister: God has spoken in His Word.

People: **Listen to Him now.**

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People: **We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Minister: Christ is born!

People: **Give Him glory!**

Minister: Christ has come down from heaven!

People: **Receive Him!**

Minister: Christ is now on earth!

People: **Exalt him!**

Minister: O earth, sing to the Lord!

People: **O you nations, praise Him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

Thank you for
disabling your cell
phones as you
prepare for worship.

Our worship is like a
dramatic play with
FOUR SCENES:
God, sin, Christ and
faith. These four
words form the heart
of the gospel itself.

GOD.

The first scene is the
adoration of God. AS
God calls us into
worship, we joyously
praise Him for His
holiness and love, His
righteousness and
grace.

SIN

The second scene of worship begins here. After having seen God in all of His glory, we become aware of our own shortcomings. So we bow before His presence to confess our sins and to seek His grace. He freely forgives all who seek Him.

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. John McCracken

(followed by praying in unison) **All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels let us praise your name and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

***Hymn of Praise No. 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

GLORIA

Prayer of Confession

Mr. McCracken

**Generous God,
you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself,
but often we find it hard to take notice;
we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received.
Forgive us, generous God,
for the casual way we treat your gift of love.
Cast our sin and enter in,
be born in us today. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mr. Bill Cobb, *Ruling Elder*

Elder: "God has caused light to shine in our hearts, the light that is the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
People: Thanks be to God. 2 Corinthians 4:6

***A Song of Prayer "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

ST. LOUIS

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Cobb

The Offering

Mr. McFarland, *organ*

The Service of Friendship

Please take the black friendship pad on the left end of your row and pass it down at this time, taking a moment to register your attendance with us this morning.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

CHRIST

The Children’s Sermon

Mr. Poteet

The third scene of our worship service expresses Christ’s own ministry to us in the preaching of His Word. Hear we gather around the Bible to hear the voice of God.

***Hymn No. 200 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”**

CAROL

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:25-35

Mr. McCracken

The Morning Sermon “The Forgotten Words of Christmas Worship”

***Hymn No. 224 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

GO TELL IT

FAITH

Our final scene in worship is our response to Christ of faith and obedience. Here we express in prayerful song our acts of faith and obedience that we will commit ourselves to in the light of His Word.

***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Christ is born! Give Him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven! Receive Him!
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

People: **With God’s help, we will.**

Minister: May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness, who comes with healing in his wings, fill you with the joy and peace that passes all understanding. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

We are dismissed into mission in the Word with the blessing and presence of God Himself.

***The Postlude**

Mr. McFarland

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