

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	ESL Classes	7:00—8:30 p.m.	Various
Tuesday	WIC Bible Study	9:30—11:30 a.m.	Choir Room
		6:30—8:30 p.m.	Becky Brantz Home
Wednesday	Joyful Noises Choir	5:30—6:30 p.m.	Choir Room
	Adult Choir Practice	7:30—9:00 p.m.	Choir Room
Thursday	WIC Bible Study	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Tina Thiel Home
	ESL Classes	7:00—8:30 p.m.	Various

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2011 ▪ 10:30 a.m. ▪ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

God's people hear and receive the Word of God: from Nehemiah 8

All the people gathered as one man into the square, and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD has commanded for Israel. So Ezra brought the Law before the assembly and read it aloud from daybreak until noon, and all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

All the people could see him because he was standing above them on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. And as Ezra opened the book the people all stood up, lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

While the people were standing there, the Levites read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. Nehemiah said to them, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Then all the people went away to eat and drink and to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

It was by the ear, by our first parents listening to the serpent, that we lost paradise: and it is by the ear, by hearing of the Word, that we get to heaven. "Hear, and your souls shall live." (Isa. 55:3)

Thomas Watson

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

*In preparation for
this morning's
service about the
Word of God
preached, observed
and heard, please
read this remarkable
account of how one
"congregation"
responded to the
Word of God when it
was read to them.
How long was their
service? How long
did they stand? What
was their response?*

The Prelude Psalm

Psalm 98

LYNGHAM

This is the twelfth Psalm song you will have learned throughout 2011. Although no Psalm has a direct mention of the incarnation of Christ, Psalm 98 was chosen because it was the foundation for the carol, "Joy to the World." This Psalm setting gives opportunity for men and women to sing their own melodies independently and in harmony together. Even if you don't read music, please try to pick up your parts by listening carefully to the choir. Do your best to sing it with much energy and conviction. It will be worth it!

O sing a new song be - fore the LORD, for won - ders He has
 O all the earth, sing be - fore the LORD, and make a joy - ful
 et mes - su - al their vast - ness over the world, its liv - ing
 Re - cause He comes, the say - by - born, the judge of earth - a

 come, for won - ders He has done, His sign heard
 sound, and make a joy - ful sound! Lift up your
 hands, the world His be - tray - er, let His - ers
 re, the judge of earth to be With jus - tice

 and His ho - ly arm The vic - to - ry have
 were a - band to Him, Sing Psalms! Let joy re - sound!
 clap, let moun - tains sing their joy be - fore the
 He will judge the world, each one with e - qui - ty

 The vic - to - ry have won, the
 Sing Psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing
 their joy be - fore the LORD, their
 each one with e - qui - ty, each

vic - to - ry have won, the vic - to - ry have won,
 Psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing Psalms! Let joy re - sound!
 be - fore the LORD, their joy be - fore the LORD, be - fore the LORD!
 one with e - qui - ty, each one with e - qui - ty, each one with e - qui - ty.

**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 & Choral Response

The Poteet Family

We light the second candle as a sign of the growing light of Christ in our world. Advent means coming. We all long for the coming day when "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 24

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Minister: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Minister: Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

***Hymns of Adoration, No. 198 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"** TRUO

Stanzas 1-4

No. 240 "The King of Glory Comes"

PROMISED ONE

Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

***Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. McCracken

***Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 155: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Q. 160: What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

A. **It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate on it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.**

***Hymn of Assurance, No. 140 "O Word of God Incarnate"** MUNICH
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World Mr. Dan Gardner, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"
Trinity Choir; Dave Leeman, Director *Robert A. Hobby*
Readings from John 1:1-4; Numbers 24:17,19; Isaiah 9:2; Jeremiah 23:5

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. The King shall come when morning dawns, earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last; and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled. Come, quickly, come King of kings! The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings. Rejoice! O Israel! Come quickly, King of kings!

The Offering Consecration Mr. Poteet

***Doxology** DIX
**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
Amen**

The controlling image of this hymn is from Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." Note all the travelers' imagery: "footsteps", "chart and compass," "voyage," and "pilgrims." So much better than any GPS!

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Psalm 29:11

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Minister: The LORD gives strength to his people: the LORD blesses his people with peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

Mr. Wichlan

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

This reading can be found on page 996 in the black pew Bible.

The Morning Sermon "The Reading & Preaching of the Word of God"

Part 4 of the series "Liturgy: Discovering the Drama of Gospel-Shaped Worship"

***Hymn of Response, No. 146 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" BREAD OF LIFE**

Stanzas 1 and 3

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

A Word to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please use this afternoon to instruct them about the meaning of our sin and Christ's grace at the Cross.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Gardner

Word of God Incarnate, you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace you call us to repent, to be crucified with you, that we might be raised as new creations. But we confess that we often do not live as renewed people. We hear your Word but do not listen. We seek for truth but when we find it we do not obey. We become hardened to your still small voice of conscience and conviction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears, soften our hearts, and renew our minds through the mercy of your abundant grace, we ask through Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Elder: *Hear these words of mercy's assurance to those who sincerely repent and trust in Christ.*

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you; I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. " Ezekiel 36:26-27

My friends, our heavenly Father delights in showing grace to his people. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son, Jesus, to be the Light of the world. Therefore we adore you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(singing) Glo---ria, in excelsis Deo, Glo—ria, in excelsis Deo.

Thanksgiving Prayer and Words of Institution

(Followed by proclaiming boldly)

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread and the Cup

While the bread and cup are passed, please hold it until all have received, and we will partake together. As you wait, songs of prayer and worship will be interspersed with silent prayer and meditation on this gift of grace.

The bread: "Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven" Keith & Kristyn Getty

Denise Wichlan, solo; Tina Thiel, flute

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven, born as a little baby under a wondrous star. Like us, crying, he takes his first breath, held by his mother, helpless, close to her beating heart. Jesus, laid in an lowly manger, facing a world of dangers; come to turn me, a stranger into a child of God. Jesus, King of the highest heaven, learning to take his first steps that he might bring us life. Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows, he showed the way to follow, a way that is true and right. Jesus, take away every darkness; steady my simple footsteps that I might, in your goodness, live as a child of God.

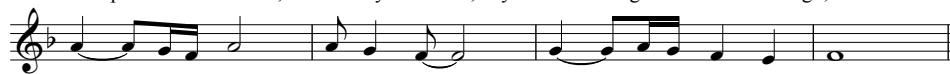
Keith and Kristyn wrote this wonderful new Christmas hymn especially for children. To obtain a recording or the printed music go to Gettymusic.com

The Cup: "Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

Geoffrey Ainger



1. Born__ in the night, Mar-y's child, a long way from your home;__
2. Clear__ shin-ing light, Mar-y's child, your face lights up our way;__
3. Truth__ of our life, Mar-y's child, you tell us God is good;__
4. Hope__ of the world, Mar-y's child, you're com - ing soon to reign;__



Com - ing in need Mar-y's child, born__ in a bor-rowed room.
Light__ of the world, Mar-y's child, dawn__ on our dark-ened day.
Prove__ it is true, Mar-y's child, go__ to your cross of wood.
King__ of the earth, Mar-y's child, walk__ in our streets a - gain.

Stainer and Bell Limited, Hope Publishing, 1978

***Hymn of Departure, No. 146 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

Stanza 4

***Silent Prayer**

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves...The one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. *James 1:22,25*

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: So then, stand firm and hold to that which you were taught, either by spoken word or by letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen.

II Thess. 2:15-17

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

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Organ Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist