Order of Worship and Announcements For the week of January 3, 2021



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Sunday, January 3, 2021 ■ Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Jesus Christ" Early American Melody

Call to Worship* (Lay Reader: Online Service – Mimi Baruch; Live Service- Jason Wheeler)

One: The Magi had a dream.

All: They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers. They dreamed of a new day for all people.

One: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

All: They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star. They walked for days to get to Jesus.

One: So may we be like the Magi,

All: May our dreams inspire action. May we worship the one true God. Amen.

Hymn #395 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" Liebster Jesu

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you. By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding. Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

Prayer of Confession*

God, I love to worship you when the stars are bright above me.

I love to worship you when the sky is clear, and the breeze just right.

I love to worship you when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one.

Unfortunately, as you know, this journey of life, love, and faith is rarely easy.

Now and again, the stars disappear.

My feet get blisters, and the journey is far too long and lonely.

On these days, forgive me for giving up quickly.

Forgive me for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home.

I want to be as brave as the Magi.

I want to persevere.

Guide my feet. Show me the stars. Amen. (Silence for Reflection)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Kings of Orient

Moments with Children Affirmation of Faith*

We believe in God,

Who came to this earth as a child,

was born to unmarried teenage parents,

And was quickly made a refugee.

We believe that this child grew up to heal the sick, see the poor, dine with outcasts,

Welcome foreigners, wash the feet of sinners,

Offer second chances, and bless the children.

And so we believe that Christmas is only the beginning.

The dream does not end with a manger.

The dream ends with God's promised day.

So until all God's children are home, we will follow the Magi's lead-

Walking, seeking, and looking up.

May it be so, for this we believe. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

72 ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish

and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Prayer for Illumination*

God of the Milky Way,

We, like the Magi, are walking toward you.

One foot in front of the other, we are walking toward you.

It is our very prayer to move your way.

So if you can, leave the light on and the front door unlocked.

Leave a fire in the hearth and food on the stove.

And when we start to get lost or doubt our dreams,

Give us the will to persevere.

We are walking toward you, O God.

So like the parent that throws open the door,

Open the door to us through this text. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Hymn #375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hanson Place

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever

flowing by the throne of God? [Refrain]

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. [Refrain] **3** Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver,

and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

We invite you now to spiritually unite with all the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church and with all the saints of the church in heaven and on earth, and partake of the Lord's Supper. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Communion Prayer

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,

and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup

and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be

a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,

that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,

in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread

This is the body of Christ, the bread of life—given for you. Amen.

Sharing the Cup

This is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation—shed for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray: We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We lift up to you, this day, the joys and concerns of our hearts. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing and Charge

Luke 2:10-11

Go and tell this good news of great joy: to us a Savior is born. Amen.

Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude "God" Hadyn

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OFFERING



Please continue to give your offering. God calls us to give all of who we are, and all of what we have used in and thru the Church. So let us present our lives. Let us present our gifts unto God. Contribution baskets are available after the service or offerings can be received in the Church by mail or you may utilize online banking options at www.trinitypalmcoast.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Epiphany/Second Sunday of Christmas - Sunday, January 3rd:

 Join us for Worship at 10:00am in the Sanctuary; Reservations can be made online from the Church website or by calling the Church office during office hours. Masks and social distancing observed.



- Join us for Online Worship at trinitypalmcoast.org or on Facebook: Trinity Presbyterian Church USA
- Worship independently by following along with the bulletin.



We invite you to hop in your car and drive to Trinity Presbyterian Church (156 Florida Park Drive) on Sunday, January 3rd anytime from 3pm-5pm. When you arrive, find a parking spot in the north parking lot and an attendant will come to your car and give you instructions! We ask that you bring canned goods to donate to the Family Life Center. Our hope is that this event will bring us all closer to God in this New Year.

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: (386) 445-4757 or trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.

Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

Bob Aitken	Sylvia Gosztyla	Kenny Mack*	Hawley Rogers
Gail Alvaro	Deborah Green	Jan Markiewicz	Frances Sampson
Mary Batailo	Scott Green	Walt McRae	Gloria Scandariato
Jason Bradley*	Angela Grussing	Declan Mitchell*	Jennifer Sheringham*
Tom Brinton	Stanley Hannum*	Rob Morris	Joe Shull
Al Burgess	Clark Hessen	Joseph C. Orr*	Diane Simmons
June Carlson	A.J. Jebbia	Howard Parker	Bonnie Slager
Jasper Casey	Vicki Jebbia	Janet Pegg	Yvonne Smith
Maverick Dennis*	Janet Johnson	Jane Pellmann	Maria Soares
Joe Digby*	Javan N. Jones*	Bea Pison	Bill Tate
Eleanor Eidson	Dave Knight	Alice Powell	Gene Thrower
Patrick Floyd*	Jennifer Kaczmarek	Helene Read	Ryan Tugas*
Rich Gaulding	Robyn Lloyd	Ginny Reisinger	Ronald Warwell
Red Gensch	Florence Lyman	Bradford Robinson	Matthew Winternheimer*

Sympathy is extended to **Lance & Brandie Alred,** and family, on the death of Lance's dad, Coach Tony Alred, on December 18, 2020.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Alice Dralle	1/1	Donna Guerin	1/8
Julio Martin	1/1	Janet Schaaf	1/8
David Richardson	1/1	Bob Wright	1/9
Dennis Eidson	1/3	Leo Richards	1/9
Mick Walker	1/5	Walter Sarden	1/9
Jennifer Kaczmarek	1/6	Sean Hair	1/9

FINANCIAL UPDATE

God's Grace, Our Gratitude

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [1 John 4 – English Standard Version]

TPC Cash Flow Perspective	Nov	2020 Year-
	2020	to-Date
Total operating revenue received	\$26,746	\$304,614
Total operating expenses paid	\$27,501	\$315,022
Operating Overage/Shortage	(\$755)	(\$10,408)

During the fall, the Finance Committee received 2021

budget requests from the committees to develop a proposed 2021 budget for Session's consideration. An integral part of the budget process is the receipt of 2021 pledges from our members and friends. Historically, pledges received represented approximately 66% of the total operating income received. Pledge cards for 2021 were mailed in October and completed pledges were received after the service on Sunday, November 1st. As of this writing, Trinity has received \$207,774 in pledges, about \$35,000 less than this time last year and \$55,000 less than the total pledged in 2020. Pledges can still be submitted to the church financial office. During this historic time in our congregation and the world, we remember our calling to support the church through our time, talent, treasure, and witness. Let us unite in showing passion for God and compassion for people through the mission and ministries of Trinity in 2021.

Finance Committee - Martha Gioielli [Treasurer], Bob Settles, Del Smith, Mick Walker, Nick Jebbia, Bob Reid, Alison Reid, Dr. Jeff Beebe, Judy Grady [Financial Secretary], Karen Walker [Moderator]



ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

The 2020 Angel Tree: Hearty thanks to all who participated in the Angel Tree program this year. Gifts were provided to children of Family Life Center clients, to children in need in our local community, and to the children of our Gilda Blair Food Program families. Several generous cash donations allowed Trinity to provide gifts for five other children who otherwise would not have had a gift this Christmas. This year Trinity provided Christmas gifts for 51 children and young people.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JANUARY 2021 CIRCLE MEETINGS

2021 "INTO THE LIGHT" Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

By P. Lynn Miller Lesson Four: Lamenting Death.

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, January 20th at 1:00pm on Zoom: Millicent Peart will be study leader.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, January 21st at 10:00am in Mehaffey Hall or in members' homes: Karen Heinz and Judy Spurrell will be study leaders.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, January 20th at 10:00am in Mehaffey Hall. Maudie Parker will be study leader.

MARY & MARTHA will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Zoom or at the Church. Nancy Cumming will be study leader.

Please note that these bible study meetings are open to all women, so please feel free to visit any one or all at the scheduled meeting time and place.

Bible Study Leaders will meet with Rev. Beebe on Monday, January 4th at 2:00pm.

Church Office Hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 12:00pm



**If you would like to submit an announcement to be included in the weekly bulletin, please have in by 9am Monday morning. Due date for the next bulletin is Monday, January 4th.

Please email to Judy at trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com.



Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a **worshiping**, **nurturing** and **serving** community.