

Trinity Presbyterian Church

December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas



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Prelude "We Gather Together" arr. Che

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

People: **All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: **Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Prayer of the Day

We will indeed praise you, O God, and cause your works to be known. Your mercy and grace shall endure forever. As we obey your commandments and abide by your wisdom, we shall proclaim to the nations how you can be trusted. Upheld by the covenant you established, our feet firmly placed on an unshakable foundation, we enter your presence to give you all glory. Amen.

*Hymn #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!	3 Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!
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2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!	4 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!
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Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We frequently turn away from the poor; we often ignore cries for justice; we do not always strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (Silence for Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 4:6)

God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made light to shine in our hearts to bring us to the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem - Choir "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Faith Formation Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Meditation "Changing Clothes" Rev. Dan Graham

* Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity.

In Jesus Christ you have ordered us to live as loving neighbors. Though we are scattered in different places, speak different words, or descend from different races, give us common concern, so that we may be one people, who share the governing of the world under your guiding purpose. May greed, war, and lust for power be curbed, and all people enter the community of love promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

You sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promises of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally.

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who calls us to pray together,

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Giver of every good and perfect gift: tribute and glad praises we bring to you. Let the words of our mouths proclaim the dawn of redemption Christ inaugurates. Use our talents to spread abroad the good news of his reconciling love. Accept the gifts we offer to further his teachings, so that all people may find in him the abundant life he so richly promised.

*Hymn #145 "What Child Is This"

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Benediction

Postlude "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing" arr. Che

* Denotes please stand if able.

WORSHIP NOTES

Greeters: Susan Kopyar & Gene Johnson
Ushers: Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner,
Bill & Sandy Boland
Lay Reader: Shelley Kleinfelder **Audio Tech:** Chuck Radloff
Live-Stream Tech: Jeff Cooke and Ken Mettler

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Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

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*Sympathy is extended to **Mary Martin,** and family, on the death of her husband **Julio Martin** on December 15, 2021.*

We are happy to pray for you and your loved ones. If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know: trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com. Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:



Liz Monaco	12/28
Michele Peters	12/29
Karen Walker	12/29
Alice Dralle	1/1

WELCOME

Trinity welcomes The Reverend Daniel Graham to its pulpit this morning. Dan served Trinity as its Interim Pastor from October 2007 to April 2009. Dan is always willing to fill the pulpit at Trinity when his preaching schedule permits. He is known throughout the Presbytery as, "Have Bible, Will Travel."

Welcome back Dan.

STUDY WITH REV. DAN GRAHAM

A Brief Introduction to Some Ideas in Calvinism or Do you have to believe in Providence and Predestination to be a Presbyterian? This course will explore epistemology, causation, and soteriology (salvation) from a Reformed perspective. Class members will be invited to discuss how they know what they know, who/what makes things happen, and who are the elect and the damned.

Texts: Christian Doctrine by Shirley C. Guthrie, Jr. and The Holy Bible

Beginning Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 1:15PM

FINANCE UPDATES

All 2021 contributions *must* be received in the church office by December 31st, 2021. Thank you!

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TRINITY EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us to move closer to Jesus.

We invite you to be a part of our second Epiphany Celebration on **Sunday, January 9, 2021 from 3pm-5pm.** A New Year's opportunity for you to be blessed and to be a blessing to others.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

Don't forget to sign up for chancel flowers for 2022!

This is a wonderful way to honor and remember loved ones or celebrate special occasions. Sign-up cards are located on the flower board in the Narthex. Cost is \$35 per arrangement and flowers will be ordered when payment is received. Thank you!

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion will be celebrated at Trinity next Sunday, January 2nd. Elements will be individually packaged and provided at the beginning of service for each person.

This Week in our Church

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00 noon

Sunday, December 26th

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) In-person and Live-Stream

Wednesday, December 29th

8:15 PM AA (Mehaffey)

Friday, December 31st

6:30 PM NA (Mehaffey)

Sunday, January 2nd

Sacrament of Communion

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) In-person and Live-Stream



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