

# TRINITY

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DECEMBER 16, 2018

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Honor God.  
Welcome All.  
Embody Christ's Reign.

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 16, 2018  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

*The first coming of Christ the Lord, God's Son and our God, was in obscurity; the second will be in the sight of the whole world. When he came in obscurity no one recognized him but his own servants; when he comes openly he will be known by both good people and bad. When he came in obscurity, it was to be judged; when he comes openly it will be to judge.*

*Augustine (AD 354-430)*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

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### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Brandon Eggar

**PASTOR:** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills and all the nations shall flow to it.

**PEOPLE:** **And many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

**PASTOR:** For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples.

**PEOPLE:** **And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

**PASTOR:** O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD and worship him in truth.

*Isaiah 2:2-5*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Hymn of Adoration

"Immortal, Invisible"

### Confession of Sin

**PASTOR:** Family of the Living God, let us now confess our sins together:

**ALL:** **Our God, we come to you confessing that although we have begun by the Spirit and are to live and walk by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh and as a result we become conceited, we provoke one another, we envy one another and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Gracious God, forgive us for trusting in our own strength to your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for your renewal asking that you would be pleased to fill us with your Breath of Life who is none other than the Spirit of the Living God.**

### Silent Confession

### \*Song of Confession

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

### **\*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

PASTOR: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:5,9*

ALL: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is well-pleased.**

### **\*Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

### **\*Song of Renewal**

"I Am the Lord Your God"

## **COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM**

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### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Shepherds' Candle**

Jim & Kaye Harris

Isaiah 12:2-6

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 3:7-18

READER: This is the Glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ALL: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ!**

READER: We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherds' Candle, to remind us that the announcement of Christ's birth was made to humble ordinary men, for God came and called the meek of the earth.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer of Intercession** *(followed by a season of silent prayer)*

### **Common Prayer**

PASTOR: Let us join our voices together saying:

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy come to help and deliver us through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Kingdom Giving and Song of Meditation**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

### **\*Doxology**

*At this time, children ages four to seven may dismiss through the center doors for Worship Training. After the sermon, children will return through the same doors so they can rejoin their families for the remainder of worship.*

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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“Advent Rejoicing”

Zephaniah 3:8-20

*Advent Series: Advent in the Prophets*

Rev. Brandon Eggar

*(See insert for Sermon Notes)*

## FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

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### Holy Communion (see insert)

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Christ for salvation, and who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Baptized covenant children who have not made profession of faith before the elders should abstain from receiving communion until they are received as communing members by the session. TPC serves wine and grape juice for communion. The **clear** cups contain wine and the **purple** cups contain grape juice. Gluten free communion bread is in the glass dish in the serving basket.

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

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### \*Song of Sending

“Immanuel”

### \*The Sending

**PASTOR:** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

*1 Peter 2:11-12*

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God!

### \*Benediction

**PASTOR:** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**ALL:** Come quickly Lord Jesus! Come quickly! Amen.

### \*Postlude

Senior Pastor: Rev. Brandon Eggar

Assistant Pastor: Monty Hershberger

Director of Music Ministries: Kimberly Robertson

Director of Children's Christian Formation: Neecea Eggar

Nursery Coordinator: Dawn Pfingsten

Musicians: Jackie Pasarilla, Monty Hershberger, Grant & Graham Widener, Addi Eggar

Song Leaders: Kimberly Robertson, Monty Hershberger, Melodie Widener, Rhonda McDaniel

\*The Congregation stands

# SERMON NOTES

“ADVENT REJOICING”

ZEPHANIAH 3:8-20

A DAY OF RETRIBUTION

A DAY OF REJOICING PROMISED

A DAY OF REJOICING FULFILLED

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## MEMBER/GUEST INFO

Please fill in form and place in the offering plate or box in the foyer. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about Trinity Presbyterian Church.

\*I want to receive the weekly E-news.

I would like to order #\_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

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### Celebration of Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, by whom you have sent a new Light to shine upon the world, that we who rejoice in that light may be found cleansed from our sins and without fear when he shall come again to judge the world in righteousness. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

ALL: **Holy, Holy, Holy...**

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Words of Institution

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: **Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: And now Our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and to say:

ALL: **Our Father...**

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

#### Prayer Request

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# This Week at TPC...December 16, 2018

Today      **CE** - Children 11:00 a.m., Adults 11:10 a.m.  
                 **Intro to Theology** - 5:00 p.m.  
                 **Evening Prayer Service** - "Memorial" begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday    **Men's Bible Study** - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday **ELC** - Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

**Advent Memorial Service** - Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. for our Advent Memorial Service. This will be a special time to remember loved ones as we worship and pray together.

**CE** - Today is the last day we will meet for CE until January 13.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - This year we would like to extend the opportunity for you to purchase Christmas poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved one(s) for \$10 each. We have pre-ordered 40 plants and will have them on stage throughout the season of Advent. We will publish a special bulletin insert prior to our Christmas Eve service denoting whom the poinsettias are honoring. If you would like to reserve a poinsettia please mark the insert designating whom the memorial is for, and place in the offering plate with your check indicating 'Poinsettia' on the memo line or see the sign up at the Welcome Center. Last day to order is December 16th. Plants can be taken home on December 30. If not picked up, the plants will be donated to shut-ins.

**Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service** - Mark your calendar for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service starting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 24. Family & friends are welcome! A nursery will not be provided.

**Christmas Decorations** - We will reset the church for the Epiphany season on December 30 after worship for those who are able to stay after to help.

### 2018 Stewardship Giving

General Fund Contributions	\$433,502	80.8% of Annual Budget
General Fund Expenses	\$496,122	96.8% of Annual Budget
YTD Budgeted Contributions	\$479,931	

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## Lord's Day Worship

9:30 a.m.

## Christian Education

Children 11:00 a.m., Adults 11:10 a.m.

## Evening Memorial Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of the Nashville Presbytery. For more information about Trinity Presbyterian, visit [www.trinitymboro.com](http://www.trinitymboro.com). For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America, visit [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).

**Guests!** We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Please take time to fill out the Guest Info Slip on the insert and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer.

**Welcome Center:** Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Center is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Trinity and includes an area to sign up for upcoming events. Please help yourself to our brochures and other resources.

**Community Groups:** are small fellowships of people meeting at the church or in homes around Murfreesboro. They are primary places where we share life together in pursuit of Jesus as we learn to apply the gospel to our lives. For more information, please contact Monty Hershberger at [monty@trinitymboro.com](mailto:monty@trinitymboro.com).

## Church Leadership

### ELDERS

Brandon Eggar, Moderator

Jim Harris

Rick Malone

Paul Pasarilla, Clerk

Ron Phillips

Peter Robertson

Paul Shearer

Pleun Troost

Kim Sokoya

Randy Thompson

Pleun Troost

### DEACONS

Dean Cardel

Andy Englehart

Monty Lee\*

Charles McGaughey

Allen Pffingsten

John Pipes

Jeff Straka, Chair

Paul Vitolins

Dan Widener\*

\*Deacon on duty

### TREASURER

Paul Shearer