

# TRINITY

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DECEMBER 24, 2018

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

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 24, 2018

*Christmas Eve*

*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

PASTOR: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

PEOPLE: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

PASTOR: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and evermore.

ALL: **Hallelujah! The Kingdom of our God has come; his light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it!**

*Adapted from Isaiah 9*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

PASTOR: O God, who caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we pray, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in the New Creation; where with You and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, glory everlasting.

ALL: **Amen.**

### First Lesson

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

*In which the Lord through the prophet proclaims the coming good news.*

READER: This is the Word of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

### Song

“Come, Light Our Hearts”

### Second Lesson

**Genesis 3:8-19**

*In which God tells sinful Adam that he has lost Paradise and yet promises the coming of the Savior.*

READER: This is the Word of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **The Lord will give us a sign. Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*Isaiah 7:14*

### The Carol

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**Third Lesson**

**Isaiah 11:1-9**

*In which the prophet foretells of the coming peace that the Messiah will bring.*

**READER:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**PEOPLE:** All the earth worships you and sings praise to you; they sing praises to your name!  
*Psalm 66:4*

**The Carol**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

**Fourth Lesson**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*In which the birth of Jesus is promised.*

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

**PEOPLE:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government there shall be no end.  
*Isaiah 9:6-7a*

**Fifth Lesson**

**Luke 2:1-7**

*In which Jesus is born.*

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

**PEOPLE:** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own people, and his own people did not receive him. Lord, have mercy!  
*John 1:9-11*

**The Carol**

“What Child Is This?”

**Sixth Lesson**

**Luke 2:8-20**

*In which Jesus is worshipped by angels and shepherds.*

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

**PEOPLE:** To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born not of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. Thanks be to God!

*John 1:12-13*

**The Carol**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

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## MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS



### CHRISTMAS 2018

#### In Memory of:

#### Given By:

Joyce Benedict.....	Joe & Lynn Rouse
Joyce Benedict.....	Mary Thompson
Alice Jane & Donald Beverly.....	Chris & Lynn Kinard
Rev. Reuben Sulc & Beverly Bourne.....	Anonymous
Pop Brisco.....	Lily Vitolins
Dorcas Wilhar Burns.....	Barbara Ehresman
Mark Ehleben.....	Robyn Ehleben
Mark Ehleben.....	Jason, Ellen, & Sadie Ehleben
Mark Ehleben.....	Joseph, Rachel, Silas, Flora, Wyatt, & Ivan Ehleben
Mark Ehleben.....	The Robertson Family
Mark Ehleben.....	Kim & Banji Sokoya
Timothy G. Ehresman.....	Barbara Ehresman
Timothy Ehresman.....	The Robertson Family
Tim Ehresman.....	Kim & Banji Sokoya
Ken Fail.....	Rick & Lisa Malone
Jim Farley.....	Martha Farley
Aubrey Felder.....	The Newman Family
Asher Freeman Harris.....	Jim & Kaye Harris
Asher Harris.....	The Kappel Family
Doris Henderson.....	Patricia Pipes
Randy Henderson.....	Patricia Pipes
Clyde Holder.....	Madelyn & Mikaela Holder
Jayne & Hugh Kinard.....	Chris & Lynn Kinard
Mary Lower.....	Jim Lower
Christine Mingle.....	Penny Daniels
Jim New.....	Lisa Emfinger
Sandy Newman.....	The Newman Family
Frank Norcom.....	Marcia Norcom

**In Memory of:**

**Given By:**

Ann Parks.....Scott & Dianne Reisdorf  
 Jim Phillips.....Alyce Phillips  
 Marcella Reisdorf.....Scott & Dianne Reisdorf  
 Carl Sacci.....Michael Sacci  
 Robert E. Sheppard.....The Sheppard Family  
 Tommy Small.....David & Lori White  
 Bob Turner.....Kim & Banji Sokoya  
 Cynthia Wich.....The Showalter Family  
 Cynthia Wich.....Kim & Banji Sokoya  
 Jasmine Yost.....Barbara Ehresman

**In Honor of:**

**Given By:**

Craig & Ruthanne Heasley.....The Savage Family  
 The Trinity Family.....A Guest  
 Brandon & Neeia Eggar.....The Robertson Family  
 Monty & Karyn Hershberger.....The Robertson Family



## Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

*In which wise men are led by a star to Jesus.*

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

PEOPLE: **The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.** *Psalm 98:2-3*

## The Carol

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

## Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-14

*The Lighting of the Christ Candle*

READER: We light the last candle of Advent, the Christ Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the promised seed of the woman, the Light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Prayers

## Christmas Eve Meditation

### FEASTING AT GOD’S TABLE

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## 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: On this night before Christmas, we confess that we believe that the Son of God, very God of very God, was made Man, taking on Him, human nature of soul and body, and joining it with the Divine in the unity of His Person; that a woman named Mary did by the immediate operation of the Holy Spirit conceive Him within her womb, continuing still as before a pure Virgin, and in due time brought Him forth; and that so the Word was made flesh, being, without any original corruption, born of a woman under the law, that He might deliver us from the guilt of sin. 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

\*The Congregation stands

## Words of Institution

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: **Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith!

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

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.

## Holy Communion

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.

## Spreading of the Light

PASTOR: Arise, shine; for your light has come. As our Lord Jesus himself has told us, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTOR: Behold, the Light of the world has come and the darkness will never overtake it!

*As the candles are lighted say to one another, "Behold, the Light of the World!"*

## The Carols

"Silent Night"

"Joy to the World!"

## \*Benediction

PASTOR: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go forth in the peace of Christ.

ALL: **Glory to God in the Highest! And on earth peace among those with whom our God is pleased! Amen.**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Brandon Eggar

Assistant Pastor: Monty Hershberger

Director of Music Ministries: Kimberly Robertson

Director of Children's Christian Formation: Neeceia Eggar

Musicians: Jackie Pasarilla, Addi Eggar, Meredith Lee

Song Leaders: Monty Hershberger, Addi Eggar, Rhonda McDaniel

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## Lord's Day Worship

9:30 a.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 primarily places where we share life together in pursuit of Jesus as we learn

## Church Leadership

### ELDERS

Brandon Eggar, Moderator  
Jim Harris  
Rick Malone  
Paul Pasarilla, Clerk  
Ron Phillips  
Peter Robertson  
Paul Shearer  
Kim Sokoya  
Randy Thompson  
Pleun Troost

### DEACONS

Dean Cardel  
Andy Englehart  
Monty Lee\*  
Charles McGaughy  
Allen Pffingsten  
John Pipes  
Jeff Straka, Chair  
Paul Vitolins  
Dan Widener\*

\*Deacon on duty

### TREASURER

Paul Shearer