

Run, shepherds, run, where Bethlehem blest appears,

We bring the best of news, be not dismayed:

A Saviour there is born, more old than years

Amidst heaven's rolling heights this earth who stayed;

In a poor cottage inned, a Virgin Maid,

A weakling did him bear, who all upbears,

There is he poorly swaddled, in manger laid

To whom too narrow swaddlings are our spheres:

Run, shepherds, run, and solemnize his birth,

This is that night – no, day grown great with bliss,

In which the power of Satan broken is;

In heaven be glory, peace unto the earth,

Thus singing through the air the angels swam,

A cope of stars re-echoed the same.

From: 'Flowers of Sion' by William Drummond, 1630

### OTHER PROGRAMS

Sun	AA	9:00 AM, NOON, 5:30 & 8:00 PM
Mon	AA	9:00 AM, NOON & 5:30 PM
	Al-Anon	3:00 PM
Tues	AA	9:00 AM, NOON, 5:30 & 8:00 PM
	SSHH Board Meeting	NOON
Wed	AA	9:00 AM, NOON, 5:30 & *7:00 PM
Thur	AA	9:00 AM, NOON & 5:30 PM
	Al-Anon	3:00 & 7:00 PM
Fri	AA	9:00 AM, NOON, 5:30 & 8:00 PM
Sat	AA	9:00 AM, NOON & 5:30 PM
		*7:00 PM – Women's Mtg.

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Trinity Y2K Board	Kathleen Fair
Presbyterian Men	Brad Thompson
Presbyterian Women	Eileen Hileman
Prayer Chain	Ann Davis



### STAFF

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Administration  
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 Building & Grounds

Christian Education & Leadership  
 Communication  
 Endowment  
 Fellowship  
 Finance  
 Generosity  
 Human Resources  
 Mission

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### DEACONS

Class of 2018: Debbie Gullede, Janet Hoffert, Art Junga  
 Class of 2019: Mary Colton, Ann Davis, Bill Forman, Jannette Forman  
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## Trinity Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2018  
 The Nativity of the Lord Jesus  
 Christ  
 3:00 PM Service  
 Pastor  
 Reverend Anthony L. Larson

Director of Music  
 Dr. Diana Scroggins

*Trinity Presbyterian Church is a loving family of faith  
 that believes in Jesus Christ,  
 leading others to Christian fellowship and  
 teaching God's word through worship and service."*

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SIGNING OF ATTENDANCE PAD

**PRELUDE** "A Carol Medley" LANI SMITH

**\*OPENING HYMN #133** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*HYMN #143** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD READ, SUNG AND PROCLAIMED

**THE FIRST LESSON** *The Prophet foretells the coming of Savior*  
 Isaiah 9:2, 4-9a

**CAROL #110** Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

**THE SECOND LESSON** *The Appearance of the Angel before Mary*  
Luke 1:26-38

**CAROL #109** Blest Be the God of Israel (Song of Zechariah)  
MERLE'S TUNE

**THE THIRD LESSON** *The Birth of Christ in Bethlehem*  
Luke 2:1-7

**INTERLUDE** What Child Is This  
Tyler Tuncy, French Horn

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** John 1:1-5

One: For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting hope.**

One: For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting peace.**

One: For those living in hopelessness and despair a new light has dawned.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting joy.**

One: For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.**

**CAROL #132** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
IN DULCI JUBILO

**THE FOURTH LESSON** *The Worship of the Shepherds*  
Luke 2:8-16

**CAROL #119** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
MENDELSSOHN

**THE FIFTH LESSON** *The Magi Are Led by the Star to Jesus*  
Matthew 2:1-12

**OFFERTORY CAROL** In the Bleak Midwinter  
Michael and Margaret Shelton CRANHAM

*During this carol the ushers will pass the collection plate,  
giving you an opportunity to bring a gift to the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**THE SIXTH LESSON** John 1:10-14, 16

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** *Home for Christmas*  
Rev. Anthony L. Larson

**\*CAROL #146** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child  
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**THE EUCHARIST** (See handout)

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** O Holy Night  
Tyler Tuncy, French Horn

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith for the Nativity of Jesus Christ (unison)**

We believe in God whose light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never smother it. We believe that on a night like this night in Bethlehem there was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. We believe in the Word who has become incarnate, our very flesh and blood, yet full of grace and truth. We believe in the blessed appearing of the salvation of our God, that is for the happiness of all people. We believe in his name as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace; Of the increase of Christ's rule and peace, there will be no end. The zeal of the God of hosts will do this. This we surely believe!

**\*PRAYER OF THE NATIVITY**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #134** Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION** Silent Night, Holy Night!  
(verses 1 & 4)

STILLE NACHT

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep I heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

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**HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Worship Hosts: Ruth McConnell and Meri Smith

**SOUTH STRAND HELPING HAND** is in need of peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, 1 lb. bags of dried beans, 1 lb. bags of rice, and canned pork and beans. Your help is greatly appreciated.

\* We invite you to stand

The church treasurer has forecast the rest of the church's expenses for the year and we need an additional \$8,464 in offerings to break even for 2018. We have one Sunday left and one service tonight on Christmas Eve to receive offerings and our finance team will keep us all posted on our progress in reaching this target. Any additional offerings you can give at the end of the year will be received with gratitude and joy.

We will have **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10:30 AM next Sunday, December 30.