

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship and Fellowship

December 14, 2025

9:00 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Worship

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THE LORD'S DAY
The Third Sunday of Advent
Joy
December 14, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

(time of silent preparation)

Advent Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Call to Worship*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. **Micah 5:2, 4-5**

Invocation*

Carol of Preparation*

Joy to the World!

(See hymn at the back of the bulletin)

God's Call to Holiness

Pastor: The Apostle Paul explained the holy standard to which God calls us when he said:

Congregation: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Romans 12:3

Confession of Sin

Congregation: Father, it is frightening to think of how highly I view myself. Considering how often I break Your law, it should be easy to view myself with sober judgment. But I continually delude myself into thinking that I am better than others and that You owe me the life that I demand. I can only do this if I ignore the true holiness to which You call me, and ignore the amazing grace You have shown me in Christ. I am sorry for this, Lord. Please, through Your Spirit, help me to see how desperately I need this hope, so that I can live more and more in the beautiful humility that Your Gospel produces.

Declaration of Forgiveness*

Pastor: Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:27-28

*Congregation stands

Carols of Gratitude*

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

(See hymn at the back of the bulletin)

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

(See hymn at the back of the bulletin)

Confession of Faith*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 72

What is justifying faith? Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receives and rests upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Offertory Carol

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(See hymn at the back of the bulletin)

Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

(Children are invited to the front for a brief lesson)

Sermon

The Farewell Discourse: No Greater Love

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Carol of Response*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Come, Desire of nations come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the Woman's conquering Seed,
Bruise in us the Serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface:
Stamp Thine image in its place;
Second Adam, from above,
Reinstate us in thy love.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Benediction*

The Steadfast Love

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is Thy faithfulness.

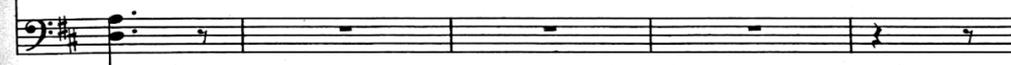
Joy to the World!



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-iour reigns: Let men their songs em-
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions



King; Let ev-ery heart pre-pare him room,
 ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; He comes to make his bless-ings flow
 prove The glo-ries of his right-eous-ness,



And heav'n and na-ture sing,	And heav'n and na-ture
Re-peat the sound-ing joy,	Re-peat the sound-ing
Far as the curse is found,	Far as the curse is
And won-ders of his love,	And won-ders of his
And heav'n and na-ture sing	



And



sing,	And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.
joy,	Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
found,	Far as, far as the curse is found.
love,	And won-ders, won-ders of his love. A-MEN.



Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

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Our Lord Jesus Christ ... was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9

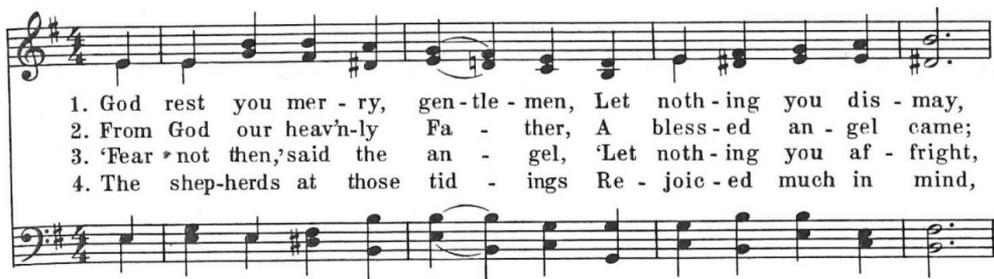
1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

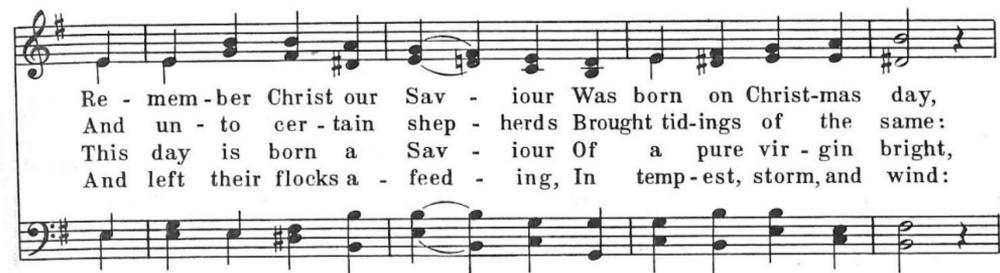
sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

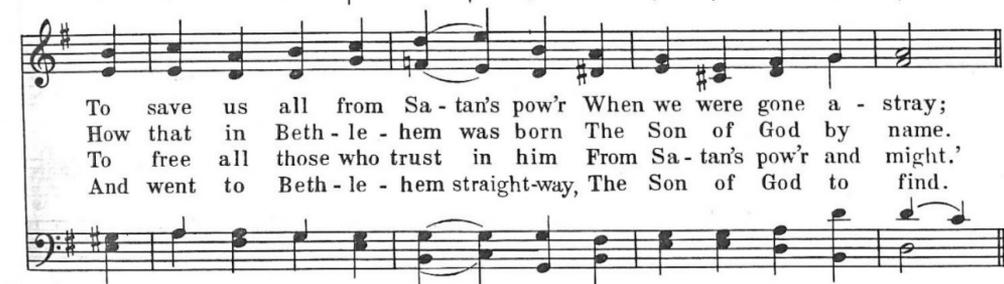
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n-ly Fa - ther, A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. 'Fear *not then,'said the an - gel, 'Let noth - ing you af - fright,
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind,



Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour Was born on Christ - mas day,
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same:
This day is born a Sav - iour Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing, In temp - est, storm, and wind:

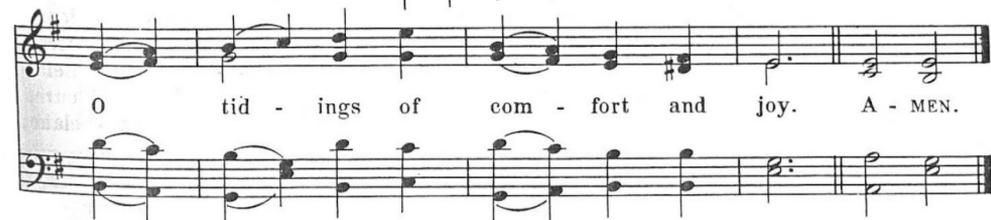


To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray;
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might.'
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, The Son of God to find.

REFRAIN



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy. A - MEN.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4. For lo, the days are hast - 'ning on, By proph - et bards fore - told,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all - gra - cious King:"
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Bab - el - sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.
And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A - MEN.



Notes

What is this Scripture text about?

How did this text expose my sin?

How was I shown that Christ is the solution to my sin?

How was I encouraged to respond to this good news?

Community Group Information

For details on joining or starting a community group, please reach out to Ben Zintak (bczintak@gmail.com).

Missionary Information

Diaso family in San Diego-Tijuana border and Baha CA- diasolifeontheborder.org

Sarran family in Lyon, France- missiongo.org/Missionary%20tags/alex-and-suzan

Dwyer family in Asia

Trinity Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 14

9AM– Volunteer Appreciation
10:30AM– Worship
1PM– Youth Lunch at Zintaks’

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

Wednesday, December 17

6AM– Men’s Breakfast at Waugh Chapel
Nico’s Bagels
5:30PM– Caroling at Waldos’

Thursday, December 18

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

Looking Ahead

December 23– Christmas Eve Service at 7PM
January 17– Ordination and Installation Service

Mercy Fund Available

Mercy Fund resources are available to members of Trinity in financial need. If you have a monetary need, please reach out to your deacon.

Counseling Services Available

Trinity has partnered with Heart Song Counseling Services to provide quality Christian counseling for our congregation. Needs based financial assistance is available through the Trinity counseling assistance fund. If you would like to utilize the Heart Song Counseling services talk with any of the Elders.

Nursery Information

Nursery for 0-2 is available during Sunday School and Worship Young Worshipper in Training (**YWIT**) is offered on the first and third Sundays each month. In YWIT, children at least 3yo but not yet 6 will learn our liturgical practices with age-appropriate material.

Nursery and YWIT during the worship service is optional. It is our goal that all the children of our church would worship in the main service as early and often as possible!

Sunday School Information

Sunday schools are available for 0-3 Year Olds, 4yr-1st Grade, 2nd-5th Grade, and Middle School.

Our High school students are with the Adult Class.

Keeping Connected

Please Place in the Offertory Plate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Children: Name/Age _____ Phone: _____

- First time visitor
- Member
- Regular attender
- Please update my contact information
- I would like information about _____ ministry.
- I would like a call from the Pastor
- I am interested in volunteering in Children's Ministry
- I am interested volunteering in Youth Ministry

Whom To Contact For:

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