



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

**Sunday Morning Worship and Fellowship**

December 21, 2025

10AM - Fellowship  
10:30 AM - Worship

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THE LORD'S DAY  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Love  
December 21, 2025

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

(time of silent preparation)

**Advent Reading**

**Luke 2:1-20**

**Call to Worship\***

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

**Invocation\***

**Carol of Preparation\***

**What Child is This?**

(See hymn at the back of the bulletin)

**God's Call to Holiness**

**Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying:**

**Congregation:** Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load.

**Galatians 6:1-4**

**Confession of Sin**

**Congregation:** Father, I confess that I take joy in discovering faults in others. Rather than seeking to forgive and restore them gently as You call me to, I often hold on to the sins of others to feel righteous in my own eyes. I frequently deceive myself into thinking that I am something and take pride in myself, when Your Word rightly tells me that I should think of myself as nothing. I can only do this because I test my actions by the standards of others, Lord, instead of testing them at the bar that You have set for me. When I actually see Your beautiful holy standard, Lord, I must admit that I fall far short of it, and cannot pretend to be so righteous as to look down on others. I desperately need the forgiveness

won for me by Your Son, Christ. Please help me to cherish the gift of His life and death for me, so that through Your Spirit, I am moved to love, serve, and forgive the way that You have called me to.

### **Declaration of Forgiveness\***

**Pastor:** Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

**Acts 13:38**

### **Carols of Gratitude\***

#### **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

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CCU Song # 7026028 Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecker

### **Glorious Light**

Glorious light, see the dawn of salvation  
Angels in white fill the skies  
With their wondrous song  
Awakening earth with news of His birth  
Join the hymn of the highest heavens

Long has the world fought  
The song of the angels  
Heavenly music is drowned  
By a warring world  
Yet hope burns a light that shatters the night  
Turn your heart to the call of glory

### **Chorus**

Glory to God in the highest  
Peace to men on earth  
Come and adore Him with wonder  
Christ Lord of heaven and earth

There is a day all creation has longed for  
When all of time has been spent  
And the Lord returns  
His song we'll repeat as heaven completes  
Promised peace that will fill the nations

### **Chorus X2**

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## **Confession of Faith\***

### **Heidelberg Catechism Q.60-61**

**60. How are you righteous before God?** Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

**61. Why do you say that you are righteous by faith only?** Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, but because only the satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God; and I can receive the same and make it my own in no other way than by faith only.

### **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**

#### **Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

(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

### **Scripture Reading**

**John 15:9-17**

**Pastor Doug Stelzig**

(Children are invited to the front for a brief lesson. After the lesson,  
parents may escort children participating in YWIT to class B212)

### **Sermon**

**The Farewell Discourse: No Greater Love**

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Carol of Response\***

#### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

(See hymn at the back of the bulletin)

## **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.

# What Child Is This?

WILLIAM C. DIX

Old English Air  
Arr. by Sir John Stainer

*mf*

1. What Child is this, Who, laid to rest On Ma - ry's lap, is  
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are  
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king to

*mf*

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shepherds watch are keep - ing?  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing:  
own Him, The King of kings, sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

## REFRAIN

*ff*

This, this is Christ the King; Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The Cross be borne, for me, for you:  
Raise, raise the song on high, The Vir - gin sings her lull - a - by:

*ff*

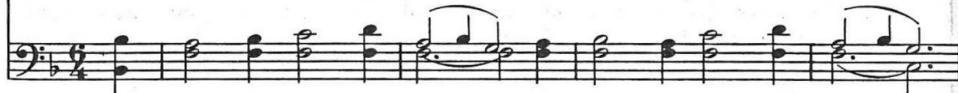
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

# Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*With marked rhythm*



1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, With heart, and soul, and voice;  
2. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, With heart, and soul, and voice;  
3. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, With heart, and soul, and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;  
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!



Earth and heav'n be-fore him bow, And he is in the man-ger now.  
He hath oped the heav'n-ly door, And man is bless-ed ev-er-more.  
Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev-er-last-ing hall.



Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save! A - MEN.



St. 1, line 3, alt.

# Angels We Have Heard on High

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

Luke 2:14

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Traditional French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7.ref.  
 Traditional French melody  
 Arr. by Edward S. Barnes, 1937

## 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](mailto:bczintak@gmail.com)).

## Missionary Information

**Diaso family** in San Diego-Tijuana border and Baha CA- [diasolifeontheborder.org](http://diasolifeontheborder.org)

**Sarran family** in Lyon, France- [missiongo.org/Missionary%20tags/alex-and-suzan](http://missiongo.org/Missionary%20tags/alex-and-suzan)

**Dwyer family** in Asia

## Trinity Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 21

10:30AM– Worship

### Monday, December 22

### Tuesday, December 23

7PM– Christmas Eve Service

### Wednesday, December 24

6AM– Men’s Breakfast at Waugh Chapel  
Nico’s Bagels

### Thursday, December 25

### Friday, December 26

### Saturday, December 27

## Looking Ahead

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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## Elders

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 Jim Wilkins  
 Andy Wolverton\*  
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## Deacons

Kendrick Doolan*	Ben McKeown
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