



December 21, 2025

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad to have you worship with us this morning!

Our ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. One of the greatest ways we can do this is to worship God corporately with God's people. At TPC we plan a worship service that is God-centered, God-directed, God-glorifying, anchored in the historical richness of tradition and is understandable by today's culture. This worship service seeks to focus on the majesty and grace of God through the use of the Scriptures, hymns (new & old), the sacraments, and prayer.

What follows is a liturgy or plan for our worship service. It seeks to tell the story of the gospel of grace. We are called by God into his presence to worship him alone. We remember the holiness and majesty of God and so we recognize our need of cleansing because of our sin. We remember the perfect provision God has made for us through Jesus Christ and his atoning death on the cross. We respond with thanksgiving. We are instructed by God through his Word. We commune with him through the Lord's Supper. And we are sent out with God's blessing.

As we worship God together through this re-enactment of the gospel, we pray that we will all grow in our knowledge of and love for the Lord, for one another, and in our desire to serve him in all we do.

Children in the service

We believe God calls us to nurture and disciple our children in the faith. One of the ways we do this is through corporate worship. So, children are welcome to be with the congregation during the entire service. A room for nursing mothers is available on the north side of the sanctuary. The foyer can be used for children who are crying or need some extra attention. There are speakers enabling you to hear the service in both locations. A nursery is available (when staffing is available) off the main hallway for children from birth through three years of age.

Standing and sitting

During parts of the service the congregation is asked to stand (indicated by the † in the bulletin). However, we understand that some are not able to stand for various reasons, and we hope that you will feel free to remain seated.

Giving

Our members and regular attenders contribute financially to the Lord's work in and through our church. Visitors should feel no obligation to give. If you do not own a Bible or know someone who does not own a Bible, please accept a free copy of the Scriptures to take with you. You can find one at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD & KING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE TO WORSHIP & WE RESPOND

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2:13-14; Psalm 100:1 - And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!' Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

†HYMN OF ADORATION & PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High - #214

†INVOCATION

**WE ARE REMINDED OF OUR NEED FOR CLEANSING
& GOD'S PROVISION FOR US IN CHRIST**

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READING

CONFESSION OF SIN

Corporately

Our gracious and merciful Father in heaven, we come before your throne of grace and we confess our sins to you. We often fail to love others as you call us to do. We are unloving in our actions, with our words, and in our thoughts. We are often selfish, impatient, and unkind. Please forgive us. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, provide us with the motivation and strength we need to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Silently

DECLARATION OF OUR ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Luke 2:10-14 (p. 857)

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

It Came upon the Midnight Clear - #200

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE
& ARE INSTRUCTED BY HIS WORD**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Elder Randy Kinnick

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20 (p. 857)

SERMON

The Hymns of Christmas - Sing Like the Angels and Shepherds

Reverend Chris Harper

(Sermon outline available on p. 7)

WE COMMUNE WITH GOD THROUGH THE LORD'S SUPPER

For further explanation of The Lord's Supper, please refer to the last page of this bulletin.

All bread is gluten-free.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE

†HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - #203

GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(We conclude our service recognizing that all that we have belongs to the Lord, and we give praise to the one from whom all blessings flow, including, but not limited to, our financial resources. We do not take an offering during our worship service. If you would like to give to the Lord's work you can do so in the plates in the back of the sanctuary, or through the "Giving" page on our website.)

POSTLUDE

The Hymns of Christmas - Sing Like the Angels and Shepherds

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Luke 2:8-20

Reverend Chris Harper

I. Song of the angels (8-14)

1. Why they sang (8-12)

2. What they sang (13-14)

(A) Glory to God

(B) Peace for God's people

II. Song of the Shepherds (15-20)

1. What they sang (20)

2. Why they sang (15-20)

III. How we can sing like the angels and shepherds

1. We must understand why the shepherds were afraid (9)

2. We must understand why the shepherds were told to not be afraid (10-11)

3. We must own the joy and peace that are ours (10, 14)

4. We must "see this thing" (15; John 12:20-26; Luke 9:23)