







**December 25, 2022**

- **Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!
- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Paul Jenkins

**Service Volunteers:**

**Usher:** 8:30 Steve Proksch  
11:00 Lawrence Kovaciny

**Asst Ushers:** 8:30 Patrick Proksch  
11:00 Daniel Kovaciny

**Keyboard Operators:** 8:30 Sandee Clay  
11:00 Matthew Popelier

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Tonight's Focus:** Today God's people join in joyful celebration of Jesus' birth, because he comes with the truth and grace of God, to take all sin away. The grace of God comes down to us in the manger of Bethlehem!

# We Come into the Presence of God

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## HYMN #55 "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, Oh,  
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes,  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n,



Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels.  
On - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther.  
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est.  
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

### *Refrain*



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Text: John F. Wade, c. 1711–86; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES (Irregular) John F. Wade, c. 1711–86, alt.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

M: O heavenly Father, on this day of great joy, we acknowledge before you that we are the reason your Son came into this world of ours to suffer and die for our salvation.

**C: O Father, on account of our sin, we deserve your anger and eternal punishment.**

M: Lord God, hear our silent confession of the sins that made it necessary for you to send your Son.

*Silent reflection and confession*

M: Our Savior has come! We are not abandoned, and no longer stand beneath God's wrath. He has sought us out and found us. He has bought us back from the evil one who owned us. Jesus has made us his own. In Jesus Christ, God the Father has forgiven all our sins: in the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

M: Let us Pray. O God, as you make us glad by the yearly celebration of the birth of our Savior, grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

### MICAH 5:2-5A

*Seven centuries before Jesus' birth, Micah saw the birth of the eternal God who was coming both to rule and to shepherd his people throughout the whole world.*

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel.  
His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore the LORD will give them up,  
until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child.  
Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>This one will be their peace.

## PSALM 98

*Read Responsively*

M: Sing to the LORD a new song,

**C: for he has done marvelous things.**

M: The LORD has made his salvation known,

**C: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

M: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**C: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

**C: burst into jubilant song with music;**

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M: make music to the LORD with the harp,

**C: with the harp and the sound of singing.**

M: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity**

## **SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT**

### **HEBREWS 1:1-9**

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. <sup>2</sup>In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

<sup>4</sup>The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you?

And again:

I will be his Father, and he will be my Son.

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brought his firstborn into the world, he said:

Let all God's angels worship him.

<sup>7</sup>About the angels he says:

He makes his messengers winds and his ministers flaming fire.

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<sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says:

God, your throne is forever and ever,  
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.  
<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy  
beyond your companions.

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL**

### **JOHN 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*BE SEATED*



## HYMN OF THE DAY: #63 “Angels We Have Heard on High”



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -  
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some ti - dings  
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed



ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 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.

Text: *Nouveau recueil de cantiques*, 1855; tr. *The Crown of Jesus*, Part 2, London, 1862, alt.  
 Tune: GLORIA (77 77 with Refrain) *Nouveau recueil de cantiques*, 1855.

## Sermon

**Text:** Hebrews 1:1-9

**Theme:** “What to Do with Jesus”

STAND

## CREED: LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I might be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

*BE SEATED*

### OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register in the pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, praise to you on this Christmas Day, the day of your incarnate birth.

**C: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, we praise you for seeking us out so we would no longer be a deserted people.**

M: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, you are the exact imprint of God's being; you are the radiance of his glory.

**C: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, you are the Son of God, far superior not only to the angels but to everyone and everything else in all creation.**

M: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, your throne will last forever and ever.

**C: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, you sit at the right hand of God. Rule our hearts so that our Christmas celebration will go beyond this one day and last through the year.**

M: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, you are the Word of God in human flesh. You know our struggles and the struggles of all people. So we are bold to ask you to heal and restore the health of those who struggle in mind, body, and spirit this day.

**C: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, bless those people whom we care about, whom we now name in our hearts...**

*Silent prayer*

M: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, full of grace and truth, all these blessings come through you and you alone.

**C: Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, use us to proclaim your love in all the earth until you come again to take us to our eternal home, where we will worship and adore you forever. Amen.**

## **LORD 'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING**

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as the sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory. Hear our praise and receive our thankful worship of you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN: #57 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent  
 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a -  
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble

flocks by night, Be - hold, through - out the  
 bove the earth Rang out the an - gel  
 Christ was born; And God sent us sal -

*Refrain*

heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, refrain; John W. Work, 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Tune: GO, TELL IT (78 76 76 76) African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, alt.



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## **Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, January 5**

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Break**

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet today or New Year's Day. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

## **New Year's Day Worship**

New Year's Day worship will follow the normal Sunday morning worship schedule (8:30 and 11:00).

## **Sunday School & Adult Bible Class**

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

## **Youth Activities Coming This Summer**

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit [campchirho.org](http://campchirho.org).

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

## **Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages**

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **Our Little Free Library**

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word  
to Woodbridge and to the world.



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