



## *Trinity Parish Presbyterian Church*

United in Faith, Building Community

Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

December 28, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas:

Isaiah 63:7-9 &

Matthew 2:1-23



### **Prelude**

### **Greetings & Announcements**

-Today's hymns are found in the Red Hymnal

-If you would like to read Scripture, sign up in the back of the Sanctuary!

### **Words of Welcome**

\*The Congregation will stand as they are able.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage."

**On this first Sunday of Christmas, we, too, have come to worship Jesus the Messiah: the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

When the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt down, paid him homage, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**On this first Sunday of Christmas, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, O God.**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

### **\*Candle Lighting Ceremony**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of discouragement and despair

**Let us pray for those who have serious illness of mind or body**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of guilt blame, and loss.

**Let us pray for those with broken lives and broken relationships.**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of stigma and misinformation

**Let us pray for ourselves and others as we learn more about their journey.**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of inequities and injustice.

**Let us pray for those who are incarcerated and untreated with mental illness.**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of doubt and discouragement.

**Let us pray for those who have lost hope and are in despair.**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of trauma and torment.

**Let us pray for those who have experienced violence or abuse.**

We light this candle to dispel the darkness of indifference and judgment.

**Let us pray for ourselves, family members, care givers, health professionals, church leaders, and counselors.**

**\*Hymn of Welcome #265**

*The First Noel (v1-5)*

**\*Call to Confession**

*Acts 3:19-20*

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of Christmas, we would never have thought to find your Savior in an innocent baby. We confess we would have expected a warrior with a great army. We would not have thought to find your kingdom to be one of service, obedience, and humility. We confess we would have expected, maybe even wanted, a kingdom that reflected our own values and self-interests. Lord, forgive us when we quickly leave Christmas behind and neglect to live lives worthy of our calling as followers of our Lord, the Prince of Peace. By your Holy Spirit, help us turn to you and live according to the values of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**\*Passing the Peace and Greetings**

**A Reading from the Prophets**

*Isaiah 63:7-9*

**Prayer Tree Offerings**

The prayers on the Christmas Tree will be read during this time. After each prayer is read, the congregation will respond, “**May God accept this prayer and bless the one offering it.**”

**A Reading from the Gospel**

*Matthew 2:1-23*

**\*Hymn of Response #288**

*We Three Kings*

**Call for the Offering**

*Hebrews 13:15-16*

**\*Doxology #815**

*Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, in this season of giving and receiving gifts, we thank you for your indescribable gift of your only Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With gratitude

and joy, we bring our tithes and offerings today. With your blessing, may they be multiplied and used to share the good news and love of Jesus Christ. Thank you, God, for your many blessings and your claim on our lives to share them with others. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Sending #251**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Response to the Benediction #270**

*Joy to the World!*

**\*Postlude**



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**December Birthdays**

Dayna & Sydney DeLucia, 12/12  
Kelly McPherson, 12/28

*Let us know when we can celebrate your Birthday/Anniversary with you!!*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Prayer Tree Offering**

December 28,2025

**Communion**

January 4, 2026

**Bible Study**

January 7, 2026  
*\*Wednesday\**

**Winter Roast Potluck after Worship**

January 18, 2025  
*\*signups on the bulletin in the back of the Sanctuary\**

**Newell Community Dinner**

January 24, 2026  
American Legion in Newell  
*Sloppy Jo, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw and Dessert*

*If interested in reading Scripture during worship, please let Pastor Tony know!*

**Prayer Requests of the Congregation**

- Kim - Fast recovery and healing
- William -Shelly’s nephew – along with his wife Laura and her pregnancy with their twin boys
- Cindy, Kim's sister - strength, encouragement, and healing
- Dave Grimm - continue for healing
- Daryl Clark - answers and a sound medical diagnosis
- Fred - going through treatment
- Rev. Matt Camlin - fighting MS
- Zach - prayers that he continues to do well with cancer Tx
- Johnny - diagnosed with terminal illness
- Eliana - recovers from heart surgery
- Jimmy - Peggy’s son-in-law, continuing prays
- Shelly - traveling mercies
- Phoenix House - senior living apartment center - explosion and one who passed away from their injuries.
- All affected by the storms of nature and of life, especially by the paths of floods and other natural disasters.

**Wider Church**

- To all who pray and feel their prayer goes unanswered. May they know God hears them, and the Church prays for them and continues to love them.