

### Avenues for Giving:

As worship, each week tithes & offerings are collected during the service in the offering plates. Old covenant believers were instructed to give back to the LORD a tenth/tithe of that which He had blessed them and to make offerings as led by the Spirit. Present day believers stand upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new covenant reality. While the scripture does not give us a number/percentage, we reason that new covenant realities entail that we should be more generous, not less, with that which God has given to us than our old covenant counterparts.

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### Our Mission: "Gathering & Perfecting"

- **Men's Bible Study:** @Rudy's. Tuesday, 6:30am, Genesis 41.

-**After work fellowship** Crossed Cannons, 5:30-7:00pm. Monday, November 29.

- **Women's Bible Study:** Returns in January.

-**Sunday Discipleship Ministries-** "Covenant Theology w/ Cody" 9:45-10:15, starting on December 5

-Next **Session Meeting:** Mid December, TBD.

-**Christmas Caroling & Christmas Party-** TBD. Check the app!

-**Ski-Grace-** January 2-6, 2023- Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) go skiing for three days and study God's grace in the mountains prior to the beginning of Spring semester 2023.



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**Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman**  
**The Service of Worship of the Triune God**  
**Sunday, November 28, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am**  
**Trinitynorman.com**



**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
A Church for Norman

"Glorifying God & Enjoying Him Forever."  
"We exist to gather and perfect the saints of God  
in Norman, OK and beyond."

### Pre-Service Meditation:

“Since sin has come into the world, we cannot see the whole of the picture of reality from the Christian point of view until we see how God and man are brought together after their separation. Reconciliation is possible only if God brings about salvation for man and therewith reunion with himself. Christ came to bring man back to God.”

- Cornelis Van Til, *The Defense of the Faith*

“Good news is only ever good news to people who know that they need good news. The Christmas story is not intended to teach you a bunch of moral lessons that require no history to be helpful. It’s a story that is rooted in real history, real acts of God that are intended to provide for you and me the one thing we desperately need: moral rescue. The Christmas story is about a God of glorious grace on the march, invading human history with the grace of redemption.”

-Paul Tripp, *Come Let Us Adore Him*

“The season leading up to Christmas is called Advent, which means coming. During Advent, we remember the thousands of years God’s chosen people anticipated and longed for the coming of God’s salvation through the Messiah. Then, at Christmas, we celebrate the fulfillment of the promises God made. Jesus—the Savior God had promised—was born to us. No more waiting. Jesus came.

When John the Baptist was born, his father, Zechariah, recognized that the long years of waiting were finally over. God gave him a special understanding that his son, John, was going to prepare the way for the promised Messiah. Zechariah celebrated that God was about to fulfill his promise. He said, “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago” (Luke 1:68-70).

God promised that he would send a Savior, which he did when Jesus became a human baby. And while Jesus did everything necessary to save us when he came the first time, he also promised to come again. Then all God’s promises will be completely fulfilled. So again we are waiting. Waiting patiently for God to fulfill his promises is what it means to have faith.”

- Nancy Guthrie, *Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room*

“Do not ask me how the Son of God was born of the virgin, because wherever God wills it, the order of nature is conquered. He did will it; he was able to do it; he came down, and he saved. Everything obeys God.”

- Cyril of Alexandria (376-444), *Concerning the True Faith for Queens*.

“Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation, but John takes us beyond the beginning, to dwell on that which was when time and finite being began its course.”

- B. F. Wescott (1894), *Commentary on John’s Gospel*.

“There was never a time, not a thing—whether flea or archangel—which did not depend upon [Jesus] for its very existence.”

- Doug Kelly, *Systematic theology Vol 2*.

## Responding to God’s Word Preached

### The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

**Words of Institution- Matthew 26:26-29** “Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

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### Communion Hymn

#194

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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### Closing Words & Announcements

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### Hymn of Commitment

#211

“This Is My Father’s World”

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### Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

24 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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### Doxology

#731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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**Review Questions:** Use these questions personally or in a group to engage further with God’s message in the sermon:

**Question ONE:** Can you think of some instances in the Bible when God said exactly how long something would last? For example, what did he say would last forty days (Genesis 7:4)? What did he say would last four hundred years (Genesis 15:13)? What did he say would last forty years (Numbers 14:34)? What does this show us about God’s careful timing?

**Question TWO:** How can understanding God’s lordship over time help us to trust God’s perfect timing for our lives and give us hope for Christ’s second coming?

**Question THREE:** Who does John 1:17-18 identify as the Word? John 1:14 says that the Word became flesh and dwelt with us. When someone desires to stay with you or sit with you, what does that say about how that person feels about you?

**Question FOUR:** Why do you think that John begins his gospel dwelling upon the eternity, divinity, and Trinitarian relation of Jesus? How might this multiply your joy as you approach Christmas?

**Welcome & Statement of Purpose**

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**Silent prayer of preparation. You might utilize prayers & quotes from page 2.**

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**We Come to Worship at His Bidding**

“Let everything that has breathe praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!” Psalm 150:6

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**Call to Worship**

**adapted from Isaiah 40:1-4**

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

**People: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

**People: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.”**

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**Prayer of Adoration, Invocation, & the Lord’s Prayer**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be do ne, 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.**

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**Hymn**

**#195**

**“Joy to the World!”**

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**The Law of God**

**“Glorying in Our God.”**

**Psalm 29**

*A Psalm of David. Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

*3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"*

*10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*

*11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!*

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**Public Confession of Sin**

**Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace,**

assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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**Private Confession of Sin**

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**Words of Assurance**

**Isaiah 9:2**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.*

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**We Respond to the Gospel with Singing, Speaking Truth, Giving, & Prayers**

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**Hymn**                    **#208**

**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

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**Confession of Faith**

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 21**

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Q: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A: The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>1</sup> who, being the eternal Son of God, became man,<sup>2</sup> and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.<sup>3</sup>

1. 1 Timothy 2:5. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

2. John 1:1, 14. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 10:30. I and my Father are one. Philippians 2:6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. Galatians 4:4. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

3. See texts just cited; also Philippians 2:5-11. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Congregational Prayer**

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**Collection of Tithes & Offerings**

**1 Chronicles 29:16**

*“O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.”*

**Offering Hymn**

**Gloria Patri #735**

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**We Hear, Receive, and Rest upon the Word of God**

**Children’s Catechism Lesson – w/ Dr Ryan & Mrs. Stephanie**

**Q36.** What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A: That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

*“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” – Genesis 1:2*

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**Sermon: John 1:1-18 “Christological Christmas Part 1- Very God of Very God”**

(If able, please stand for the reading of God’s word.)      Rev. Justin Westmoreland

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*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines 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 a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

*<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to 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 know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

*<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")*

*<sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Main Idea: Only the Jesus of scripture can save you from your sins and reconcile you to God...He must be these three things:

- I.        Jesus is Eternal
- II.       Jesus was with God
- III.      Jesus was God