

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.

-Women's Bible Study: The Wisdom of God, Nancy Guthrie, January 7.

-Sunday Discipleship Ministries- "Covenant Theology w/ Cody" 9:45-10:15,

-Session Meeting: Friday, Dec 17.

-Christmas Caroling- December 19 @Cleveland Elem 5:30, Hot chocolate/cookies.

-Christmas Party- December 13-@ Blu, 201 S. Crawford, 5:30-7:30pm.

-Ski-Grace- January 2-6, 2023- Youth (6th-12th 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, December 12, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am
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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:

Definition of A Communicant Member:

A communicant church member is one who has made public his profession of faith in Jesus Christ, who has been baptized, and who has submitted to Christ's Lordship and to the authority of the Church. The communicant member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the congregation, including:

- A. Voting in congregational meetings.
- B. Holding office if qualified according to Scripture
- C. Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- D. Presenting his children for the Sacrament of Baptism

Responsibility of a Church Member:

Church members are required to:

- A. Diligently use of the means of grace (scripture/worship/prayer/fellowship).
- B. Faithfully participate in the worship and service of the Church.
- C. Give of their substance as the Lord may prosper them.
- D. Wholeheartedly serve Christ and His Kingdom throughout the world.
- E. Continue in the peace and fellowship of the people of God.
- F. Submit to the authority of the elders.
- G. Faithfully bear Gospel witness to family, friends, and all neighbors.

Applicants received by a profession of faith into church membership shall be examined by the Session in private with regard to a knowledge of their spiritual need, their faith in Jesus Christ, and their intention to be obedient to Him.

Membership Questions & Vows for Entering into Solemn Covenant with God:

- (1) Do you confess that you are a sinner in God's eyes; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you rely upon God's love and mercy for your only hope of salvation?
- (2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?
- (3) Do you accept the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and that it is the only perfect summary of who God is and how we are to glorify Him?
- (4) Do you promise by God's grace and strength of the Holy Spirit so to live all of life as a Christian, following the example set by Jesus Christ?
- (5) Do you promise to faithfully use all of the time, treasure, and talents that God has entrusted to you for the furtherance of God's Kingdom?
- (6) Do you accept that our church's summaries of doctrine found in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms are founded upon the Scriptures?
- (7) Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of Trinity Presbyterian Church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this church as long as you are a member of it?

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26 ESV)

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."

Communion Hymn

#194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Closing Words & Announcements

Hymn of Commitment

#195

"Joy to the World!"

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.

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.

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

Question ONE: How does the "born again" theme in Chapter 1, 3, 11, & 20 of John's Gospel develop?

Question TWO: Do a search of all the uses of the Greek word, kosmos, translated "world." When John (John's Gospel, Letters 1, 2, & 3 John, & Revelation) uses that word, does it usually have a positive, neutral, or negative connotation? How does this help you to appreciate the description of God's love in John 3:16?

Question THREE: If we believe John 1:9-13, what must be true of our world if Jesus were never born into it?

Question FOUR: What new appreciation have you for the term, "born-again Christian," and why or why not would you classify yourself as born-again Christian?

Question FIVE: Why do you think that Jesus had to be born so sinners could become adopted children of God?

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

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

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

Call to Worship

adapted from Isaiah 35:5-6; 9:6

Minister: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

People: For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Minister: For to us Child is born, to us a Son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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 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.

Hymn

#203

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Law of God

“The Magi & Herod.” Matthew 2:1-15

Maddox Williams

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. 13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with Your people from age to age: we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway. We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, pampering ourselves with pleasures. O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 40:1-2

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.

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

Hymn #208 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Public Profession of Faith Lily Virginia Westmoreland

Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen..

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

Congregational Prayer

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

1 Chronicles 29:16

Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri #735

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

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

Q38. What is prayer? Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Q39 With what attitude should we pray? With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

**Sermon: John 1:1-18 "A Christological Christmas Part 3-
Jesus Born So We Could Be Adopted Children of God"**

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

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and
without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life
was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not
overcome it.*

*6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to
bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the
light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

*10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not
know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to
all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become
children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the
will of man, but of God.*

*14 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. 15 (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.'")*

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

*18 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!

Main Point (v9-13) John wanted us to know that Jesus was born so that God could
adopt you by His grace.

- I. We Should Seek to Know Our Adoption Status
- II. We Should Seek to Know Our Neighbor's Adoption Status
- III. We Should Seek to Know Our Adopted Father