

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, December 6.

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

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

-Next **Session Meeting:** TBD.

-**Christmas Caroling-** December 19- at OUWesley, 5:30, Hot chocolate/cookies.

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

-**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 5, 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:

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-38 ESV)

"The virgin birth refers to the supernatural birth of Jesus Christ apart from the normal, physical process of procreation. Instead, Jesus was uniquely conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. The virginal birth is the means by which the eternal Son of God became incarnate as fully human. He was born of Mary with a true body and a reasonable soul. The virgin birth also is the means by which Jesus was born holy and sinless, in distinction from all other children born naturally since Adam. Jesus was not represented by Adam when the first man sinned, and is therefore not "in Adam." Instead, Jesus is the head of new creation... the virgin birth is not a take-it-or-leave-it matter; the issue touches whether we believe in God's supernatural intervention in the world, the biblical teaching on sin, the unique parallel between Adam and Christ, the plain meaning of Scripture, and the historic, unifying creeds of Christianity."

-Brandon Crowe, *The Virgin Birth of Christ*

"1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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

#214 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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: In scripture, for what concepts are light and darkness commonly employed to serve as metaphors?

Question TWO: What obstacles do you face in beholding the true light of Jesus? What obstacles must God overcome for any person to behold the light of Jesus?

Question THREE: What ways has the gospel become sweeter for you by meditating upon how Jesus is both the eternal God and the light who came into the world?

Question FOUR: Do you feel like you appreciate the past and future light that Jesus is without appreciating how he is the present tense light? Why or why not? What are you prepared to do in order to try to change that?

Welcome & Statement of Purpose

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 & Matthew

Minister: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, “Your God is coming!” Isaiah 40.9

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40.11

People: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name

Immanuel, which means, God with us. Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.23(b)

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.

Hymn

#203

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Law of God “Zechariah’s Prophecy-Covenantal Context.” Luke 1:67-79

*67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

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. We know You are a God who delights in goodness. Grant that we too might delight in goodness. These prayers we present to You, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

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

Hymn

#196

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Public Profession of Faith

Lily Virginia Westmoreland

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 22

Q: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul,¹ being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her,² yet without sin.³

¹-John 1:14. 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. Hebrews 2:14. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. Matthew 26:38. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

²- Luke 1:31, 35, 41, 42. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS... And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God... And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. 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- Hebrews 4:15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 7:26. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

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

Q37. How does the Holy Spirit help us? The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God’s Word.

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.”– *Ephesians 6:17-18*

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

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 Idea: v4-9 teach that Jesus, the true light, came to vanquish the darkness.

- I. Jesus the Light vs Darkness, v4-5
- II. Jesus the True Light vs False Lights, v6-8
- III. Jesus the True Light Shines Presently, v5, 9