

## Reflection

“The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation!”

Song of Moses

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## ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

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## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

**Kids:** A “doxology” is a short word of praise offered up to God. We begin our service every week by offering up our praise to God. Sing this doxology loudly and with great joy!

## Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## Hymn of Praise

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #30

## Responsive Praise

Psalm 86:12-17

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.

**People:** for great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Leader: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men  
seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

**People:** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your  
servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

**People:** Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see  
and be put to shame because you, Lord, have helped me and  
comforted me.

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn of Praise

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

*1. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God thru all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.*

*2. Happy is the man that chooses Israel’s God to be his aid.  
He is blessed, whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.*

*3. Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free;  
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see,  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends  
Helps the fatherless and widow, Judgment on the wicked sends.*

*4. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.*

Words from The Scottish Psalter  
Music by Darwin Jordan

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## CONFESSING OUR SIN

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## Prayer of Confession

## Words of Comfort and Promise

Ephesians 1:7,8

In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,  
which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

## Song of Response

*Abide With Me*

*1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers- fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless- abide with me.*

*2. Thou on my head- in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious- and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me- oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord- abide with me.*

*3. I need Thy presence- every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace- can foil the tempter’s power:  
Who, like Thyself, my- guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine- abide with me.*

*4. I fear no foe- with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight- tears lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still- abide with me.*

*5. Hold Thou Thy cross- before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom- and point me to the skies.  
Heav’n’s morning breaks and- earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord- abide with me.*

Words by Henry Lyte; alt. by Justin Smith; Music by Justin Smith

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## RENEWING OUR FAITH

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## Confession of Faith

*Westminster Shorter Catechism* Q. 96

Leader: What is the Lord’s Supper?

**People:** The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and  
receiving bread and wine, according to Christ’s appointment, his  
death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a  
corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his  
body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual  
nourishment, and growth in grace.

## Old Testament Reading

Bill Brannan, Deacon  
Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People:** Amen!

Exodus 15:1-13  
(Pew Bible p.57)

## Hymn of Preparation

*A Mighty Fortress* #92

**Children in K5 through 1st grade** may be dismissed for Children’s Worship at this time. This is optional. Children are welcome to remain with their parents during the sermon. The children will study the same passage as the sermon, so your family can to discuss the passage together after church if you wish.  
**Please pick up your children in the classrooms downstairs promptly after service.**

## Proclamation of God’s Word

*Rev. Stephen J. Casselli, Ph.D., Senior Minister*

Romans 16:25-27 ~ The God Who Gives Strength  
(Pew Bible p. 951)

## Celebration of Lord’s Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully for Christ, to participate in the Lord’s Supper. According to 1 Corinthians 11, participating rightly in this meal requires us to understand what is happening, so we ask that children who have not yet been received into communicant membership not partake of the elements. If you think your child is ready to participate, please speak to one of the elders. (Please note: Our communion wafers are gluten free.)

## Communion Hymn

*Fairest Lord Jesus* #170

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## RESPONDING IN THANKS

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**Collection of Offering & Closing Hymn** *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* #498

## Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Welcome to our Visitors!** We are glad you are worshiping with us today!  
**Please help us greet you by completing the Welcome Card (located in the pew pockets) and placing it in the offering plate.** We would love to have you join us in the Courtyard for coffee and donuts after the service.

**Middle school & High school Small Group**-Meets tonight in the Annex from 6-7 pm. All are welcome! Plan to join us earlier for pizza on the playground at 5:15 if you are able.

**Parenting Our Teens Class** - will resume tonight, January 7 at 6:00 pm on the third floor of the church. We will discuss chapters 10-11 of Paul Tripp's book *Age of Opportunity*. All are welcome to join us for what we hope will be an edifying time together.

**Wedding Invitation**-To our dear church family: We would love to have you share in our joy as we celebrate the wedding ceremony of our daughter, Frances Eleanor, to Mr. Ho Yan Joseph Chan next **Friday, January 12, at 4:30 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. Love, Jonathan & Kristin Doyle.

**Women’s Bible Study**-resumes on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Morning class begins at 10 am in the prayer room (childcare provided). Evening class begins at 7 pm at the Bennett’s home (4623 W. Lowell Ave. Tampa 33629). Note the church website for more details.

**Children's Gasparilla Parade & Cookout-Saturday, January 20th** at Rosemary Henderson's house (2001 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa 33606) starting at **3:30pm**. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity, so **please invite friends** and come spend a fun afternoon with your church family **regardless of your age!** It **takes a lot of volunteers** to help put the event on, so please consider helping with food, setup, clean up, grilling or serving on our outreach team. Direct any **questions to David Kronenfeld** at [davidkronenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:davidkronenfeld@gmail.com).

**Congratulations** to Dr. & Mrs. Matthew Giunta on the birth of their son, Joshua Anthony, born on Tuesday, January 2. He joins big brother Zachary.

**New Church Directories** are located at all the exits. Please pick one up.

**SAVE the dates!**

Wedding shower for Allison Wise Lau on Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church Annex. All ladies are invited.  
Church-wide Picnic-Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Picnic Island Park.

**Operating Account Information as of 12/31/17:**

|                   | <u>Actual</u>  | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Over</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Total Collections | \$1,221,501.41 | \$1,216,265.00 | \$5,236.41  |



Romans 16:25-27

Paul blesses God as the one who gives us strength. He does so in three ways:

1. v. 25 "according to my gospel"

What does he mean by the "gospel"?

2. v. 25b "according to the revelation of the mystery"

What is the mystery of which he speaks? Where do we find it?

3. v. 26 "according to the command of the eternal God"

What is "the obedience of faith"?

With what kind of attitude should we come to God's Word?

Name one specific area of weakness in your life where you want to see God give you strength:

**WELCOME**

**HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and exists to proclaim the gospel and make disciples to the glory of the triune God.

**We are glad you are worshiping with us today.** We invite you to join us for coffee, juice, and donuts in the courtyard, or in the fellowship hall, immediately following the morning worship service.

**Let us know how we may pray for you.** Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church and a small prayer group will confidentially pray for these requests.

**We welcome the participation of children in our worship service.** This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-4: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- K5-1st Grade: dismissed to Children's Worship before the sermon

**MEETING TIMES**

**Sundays:** 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service  
6:00 pm .....Evening Prayer, Covenant Kids class,  
High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

**Small Groups** meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, [holyltrinitypca.org](http://holyltrinitypca.org).

**Thursdays @ 5:30 pm.** Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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