

## Reflection

"Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea."

Samuel Rutherford

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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.*

### Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28, 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

### Hymn of Praise

*All Creatures of Our God and King* #115

### Prayer of Adoration

### Responsive Praise

Psalms 33:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People: For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

### Hymn of Praise

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* #172

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## CONFESSING OUR SIN

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### Prayer of Confession

### Words of Comfort and Promise

Psalms 66:20

Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!

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## RENEWING OUR FAITH

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### Confession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker 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, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on 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.**

The word "catholic" in its original use means "universal" which is why you will see it with a lower case "c". This is not to be confused with the "Catholic" church, with a capital "C" which is based out of Rome.

### Old Testament Reading

Gregg Fisher, Elder  
Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Amen!**

Psalms 45:1-9  
(Pew Bible p.471)

### Hymn of Preparation

*Glorious Light*

**1. Glorious light! See the dawn of salvation:  
Angels in white fill the skies with their wondrous song,  
Awakening earth with news of His birth;  
Join the hymn of the highest heavens.**

**2. Long has the world fought the song of the angels,  
Heavenly music is drowned by a warring world.  
Yet hope burns a light that shatters the night;  
Turn your heart to the call of glory.**

**Chorus:  
Glory to God in the highest! Peace to men on earth.  
Come and adore Him with wonder  
Christ, Lord of Heaven and earth.**

**3. There is a day all creation has longed for,  
When all of time has been spent and the Lord returns.  
His song we'll repeat, as Heaven completes  
Promised peace that will fill the nation.**

### Repeat Chorus

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Ian Hannah

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 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*

John 8:39-47 ~ Who is Your Father?  
(Pew Bible p. 894)

### 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

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* #247

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## RESPONDING IN THANKS

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### Collection of Offering & Closing Hymn

### Closing Hymn of Praise

*Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor* #230

### 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.

**Christmas Progressive Dinner-**If you have signed up to participate, you should be receiving an email letting you know your assignments for the evening.

**Middle School and High School small group-**meets tonight in the Annex at 6 pm followed by the Chili dinner fundraiser. Everyone is welcome!

**Chili 4 Willy** - The middle and high school students are seeking to raise \$400 to purchase blankets and gift bag items to distribute at the Neighborhood Outreach Christmas Dinner! **Join us TONIGHT outside by the playground after our evening classes for a donation-based chili fundraiser!** Contact Cody Mason with questions.

**Neighborhood Outreach Christmas Dinner-Join us on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** as we plan to serve the homeless a special Christmas meal, sing Christmas carols, distribute gifts, and invite folks to our Christmas Eve worship service! Contact Willy Ardon with questions. **We will not be hosting dinners on Dec. 20 or 27 so that our faithful servants may have a rest.**

**Clothing Donation Drive** - Please continue to donate **gently used clothing items** to stock up our donation supply for our homeless neighbors. Bins are in the Fellowship Hall and at the back-door entrance. This clothing is collected and distributed throughout the year as needs arise.

**Christmas Caroling-Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm.** Meet at the Simms Gazebo Park, corner of Lakeview and Simms in Parkland Estates. Bring a plate of cookies to share for our fellowship time after caroling. More details can be found in the December eNews or church website. Rsvp to [pastorassistant@holytrinitypca.org](mailto:pastorassistant@holytrinitypca.org).

**HTPC Men-**We are looking for some **new ushers for the 2019** year. If you are a member at HTPC and are willing to serve please contact Brad Luger ([bluger@blinvest.com](mailto:bluger@blinvest.com)).



John 8:39-47

I. Children of the Devil:

What does the devil do that his people do as well? (See Genesis 3)

II. Children of God/Abraham

What two things did Abraham do?

What is the key question that Jesus puts before us that reveals our identity?

Do you see in your life a growing love for Jesus?

How can you grow in your love for him?

## 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, [holytrinitypca.org](http://holytrinitypca.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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