

Reflection

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because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

~Isaiah 61:1

—————**ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE**—————

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

Luke 1:68, 69

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #203

Responsive Praise

Isaiah 61:1-3

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

**People: he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

Leader: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

**People: to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,**

Leader: the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,

All: the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful #208

—————**CONFESSING OUR SIN**—————

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Response

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

—————**RENEWING OUR FAITH**—————

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;**

of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #194

Old Testament Reading

Don Bennett, Elder
Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Amen!

Exodus 3:1-14
(Pew Bible p.46)

Hymn of Preparation

The God of Abraham Praise #34

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 8:48-59 ~ The Glory of I Am
(Pew Bible p. 895)

—————**RESPONDING IN THANKS**—————

Prayers of the People

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

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

Benediction

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—————**ANNOUNCEMENTS**—————

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-A special **thank you** to all who participated, prepared food and opened their homes for this wonderful evening.

Middle School and High School small group-meets tonight at the home of Lance & Amy Williams (2615 S. Dundee St., 33629) at 5:45 pm for dinner and sermon discussion. All are welcome.

Neighborhood Outreach Christmas Dinner-THIS Thursday, December 13th.

We plan to serve a special Christmas meal, sing Christmas carols, distribute gifts, and invite folks to our Christmas Eve. All are invited to participate. Please note: **we will not be hosting dinners on Dec. 20 or 27 so that our faithful servants may have a rest.**

Christmas Caroling & Cookies-Saturday, December 15th 6:30-8:30 pm.

This family friendly outreach will meet at the Wood's house (2517 Edgewood Rd, 33609). Bring a plate of cookies to share for fellowship on the backyard patio after caroling. Kindly rsvp to pastorassistant@holytrinitypca.org.

College & High School Christmas Lunch-

We hope you can join us as we welcome home our college students for lunch, fellowship, and a time of sharing **Sun., Dec. 16 at 12:30 pm** at the Tompson's home (475 Lucerne Ave., 33606).

Middle School & High School Christmas Party-Sunday, Dec. 16th from 6-8 pm

at the Basham's home (4930 Andros Dr., 33629). Tacky sweaters are encouraged, and a white elephant gift is a must!

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.

Operating Account Information as of 11/30/18:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
Total Collections	\$1,045,958	\$1,195,876	(\$149,918)
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,068,501</u>	<u>\$1,196,071</u>	(\$127,570)
Net Excess (Deficit)	(\$22,543)	(\$195)	



John 8:48-59

I. The Chief end of God is _____

II. Jesus is the aim of God's _____

III. Jesus is _____

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 worshipping 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 pmEvening 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.

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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