

Reflection

“But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 1:20-21

“Angels are not in the center of the stage where there is room only for the Lord Himself, but they do service in the wings; and this service is directly connected with the main performance-the coming of the kingdom (of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ).”
~G.C. Berkouwer

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

Minister: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
(John 1:9)

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalms 118:1)

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: We bless you from the house of the LORD. (Psalms 118:26)

Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High #214

Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Praise

Luke 1:46-55

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Leader: for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

Leader: he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

All: Amen!

Hymn of Praise

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #203

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Song of Response

What Child is This #213

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 22

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

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

Baptism of Covenant Child

Aubrie Kimberly Weakley
Covenant Child of Jeremiah and Olivia Weakley

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7
Peter Sullivan, Deacon
Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Amen!

Hymn of Preparation

Of the Father’s Love Begotten #162

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. Dustyn Eudaly, Associate Minister

Luke 2:8-15-And an Angel of the Lord Appeared to Them
(Pew Bible p. 857)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Prayers of the People

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

Joy Has Dawned

1. Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation: God’s salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love: Jesus, born of Mary.

2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels, as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, cling now to a mother’s breast, vuln’rable and helpless.

3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy a story. Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He’ll win us.

4. Son of Adam, Son of heav’n, given as a ransom; Reconciling God and man- Christ our mighty Champion! What a Saviour, what a Friend, what a glorious myst’ry: Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist’ry.

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.

College students and High school juniors and seniors are invited to **join us TODAY** at 12:30 pm for lunch, fellowship, and a time of sharing at the Tompson’s home (475 Lucerne Ave., 33606).

Middle School & High School Christmas Party-TONIGHT 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!

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols-Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 pm. Nursery provided for children ages 3 and under. Please invite your friends and family!

Christmas Schedule Changes-

- 12/16-No regular evening activities at the church
- 12/23-No Sunday school or evening activities
- 12/25-Christmas Eve Service-5:30 pm
- 12/30-No Sunday school or evening activities

Please note: The church office will be closed 12/24-1/1

Financial Update: Operating Account Information as of 12/09/18

	12/09/18	12/31/18	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
Total Collections	\$1,098,295	\$1,304,592	(\$206,297)
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,101,714</u>	<u>\$1,304,592</u>	(\$202,878)
Net Excess (Deficit)	(\$3,419)	\$0	



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Introduction

Angels are both _____ and _____
us as human beings.

1. The Old Testament and Angels of the Lord

- A. What do you learn about angels in Isaiah's vision?
- B. What do you learn about angels in Genesis 3?

2. The New Testament and Angels of the Lord

- A. The angels had a message about _____ and the angels had a message about _____.
1. _____ to _____ in the _____
2. On _____, _____ to _____.
- B. The angels and the _____ of Christ.

Conclusion

The Christ who was heralded by angels will _____ with his _____ on the _____.

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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