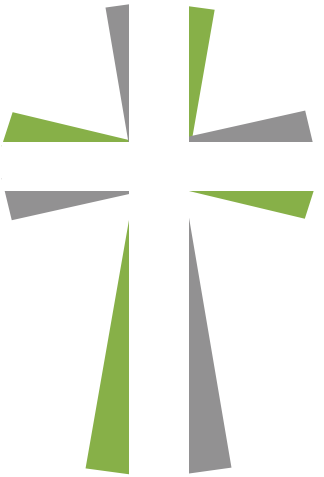
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Honor God.

Welcome All.

Embody Christ's Reign.

Welcome

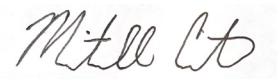
Whether this is your first time at Trinity or you have been coming for a while, we are so glad you are here. Trinity Presbyterian Church is a church filled with sinners who have been saved and are being made new by the grace of Jesus Christ. We believe that every human being, including you, has been created by God to glorify him and enjoy him forever - and that purpose finds its fulfillment in worship. Whether you are a committed Christian or just exploring the Christian faith, we invite you to join us in worshipping God this morning.

You should see a Connect Card in one of the seat backs in front of you. We would love for you to fill out a card so we can get to know you better and give you more information about Trinity. You can drop your Connect Card in the offering plate when it comes by about 30 minutes into the service, or you can fill it out online by scanning the QR code.

We have provided some answers to questions about Children's Ministry and Christian Education in the right column, but you can also feel free to ask the person sitting next to you or one of the Deacons in the lobby (you'll recognize them by their name tags) if you have any further questions. If you think of some questions later, feel free to email our church administrator Bob Alley at admin@trinitymboro.com.

We pray you are encouraged by the Gospel of Jesus as you worship with us this morning!

With Joy,



Mitchell Carter, Senior Pastor

Children at Trinity

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We believe that Jesus welcomes even the little children to come to him. Though their worship and engagement will look different as they grow, we are glad for them to begin learning now.

We also recognize that there may be times when they need a break from the larger gathering. For that we have the following options:

Nursery
Birth - Pre K

Overflow Room
A room with video feed of the service for anyone who might need a break from the larger gathering.

Nursing Mother's Room
Just outside the sanctuary double doors, immediately to your left.

Christian Education (CE)

(after worship)

Children (Infant - 6th grade) meet from 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Infant-4th grade meet in the Children's Hallway and 5th-6th grades meet in Room 201 in the Youth Wing.

Youth (7th-12th grade) meet in the Youth Wing from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and are taught by Pastor Ryan Hudson.

Adults (older than high school) meet in the sanctuary from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and are taught by Pastor Mitchell Carter or one of our ruling elders.

Order for the Worship of God

November 8, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Entering God's Presence

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** .....Rev. Ryan Hudson

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The Lord says, "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."
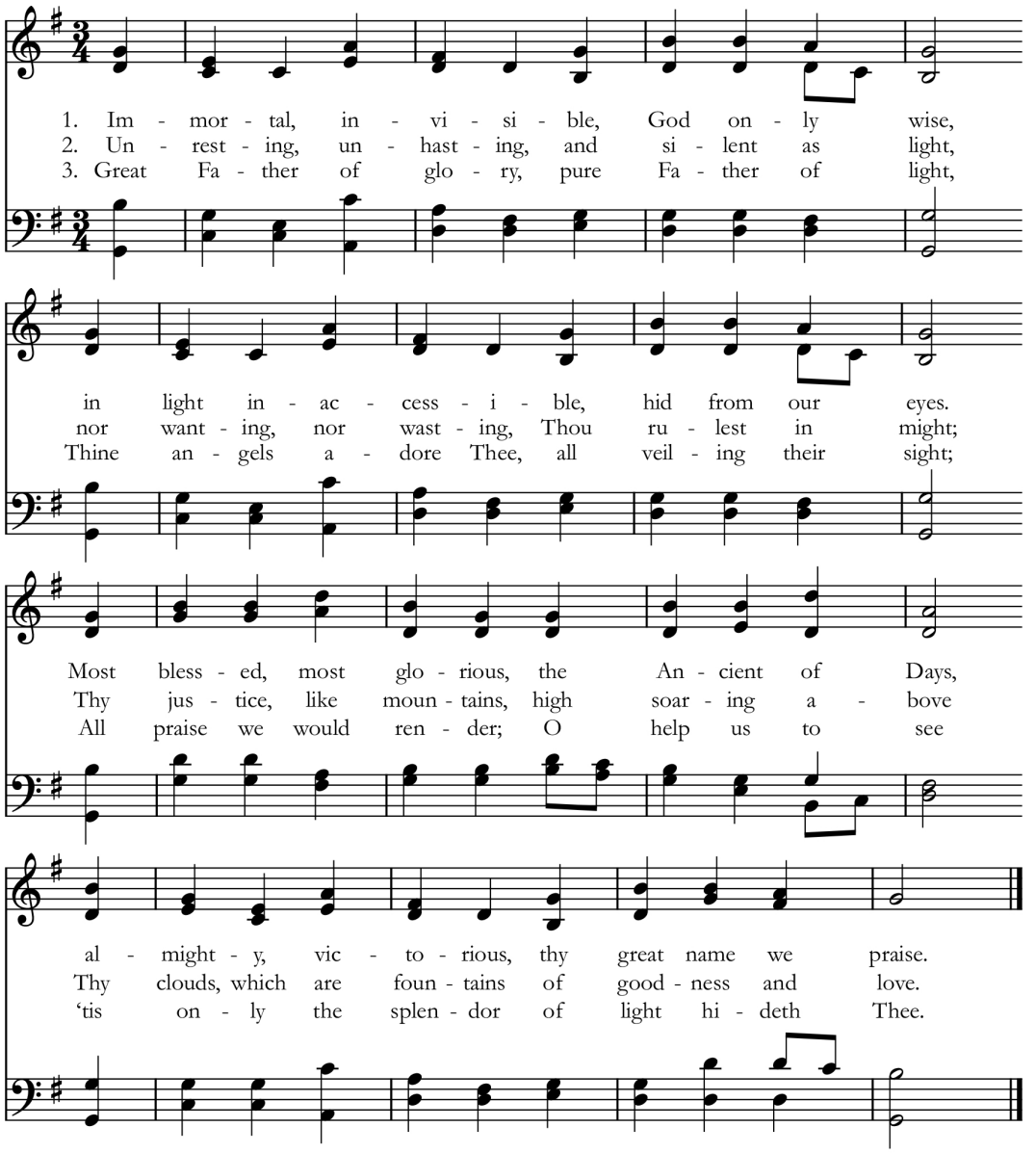
"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"

"Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live"

From Isaiah 55:1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Adoration**.....“Immortal, Invisible”



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867); Music: Traditional Welsh melody.

Confession of Sin.....Rev. Mitchell Carter

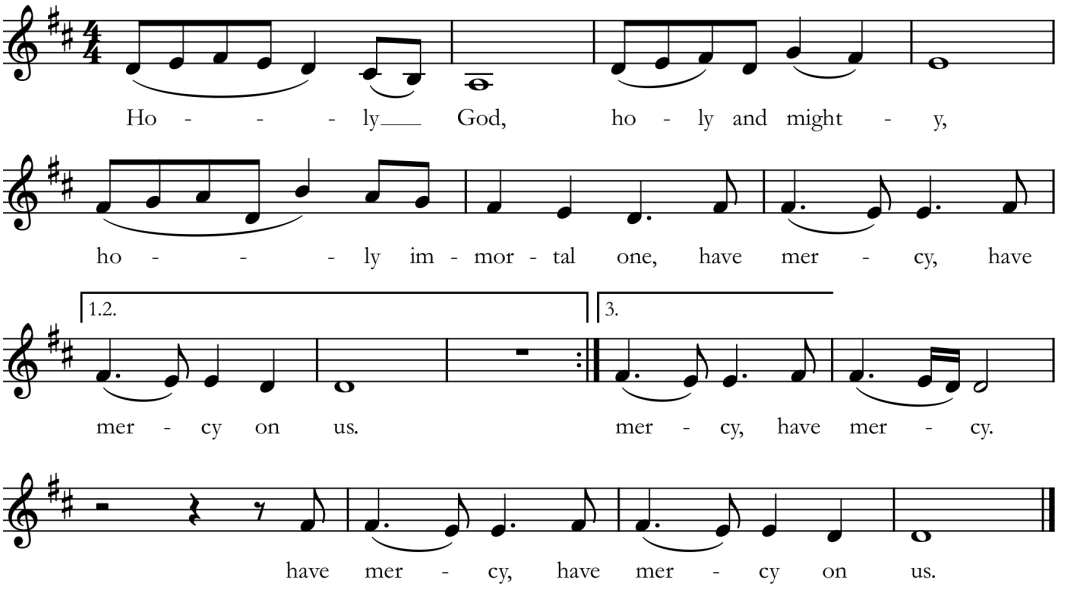
Let us now confess our sins together:

Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by rejecting your ways and following our own ways. Instead of trusting you as God, we want to be our own gods. And so, we have not worshipped you rightly; we have failed to honor authority; we have hated others; we have lusted after that which is not ours; we have stolen, lied, and coveted.

Merciful Lord, we beg your forgiveness, not for our goodness or remorse, but for your mercy and the sacrifice of Jesus. And we ask that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would help us to see your law as beautiful and our sin as detestable. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession.....“Trisagion”



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***Assurance of Pardon & Comfort**

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

From 1 Peter 2:24

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come! *From 2 Corinthians 5:17*
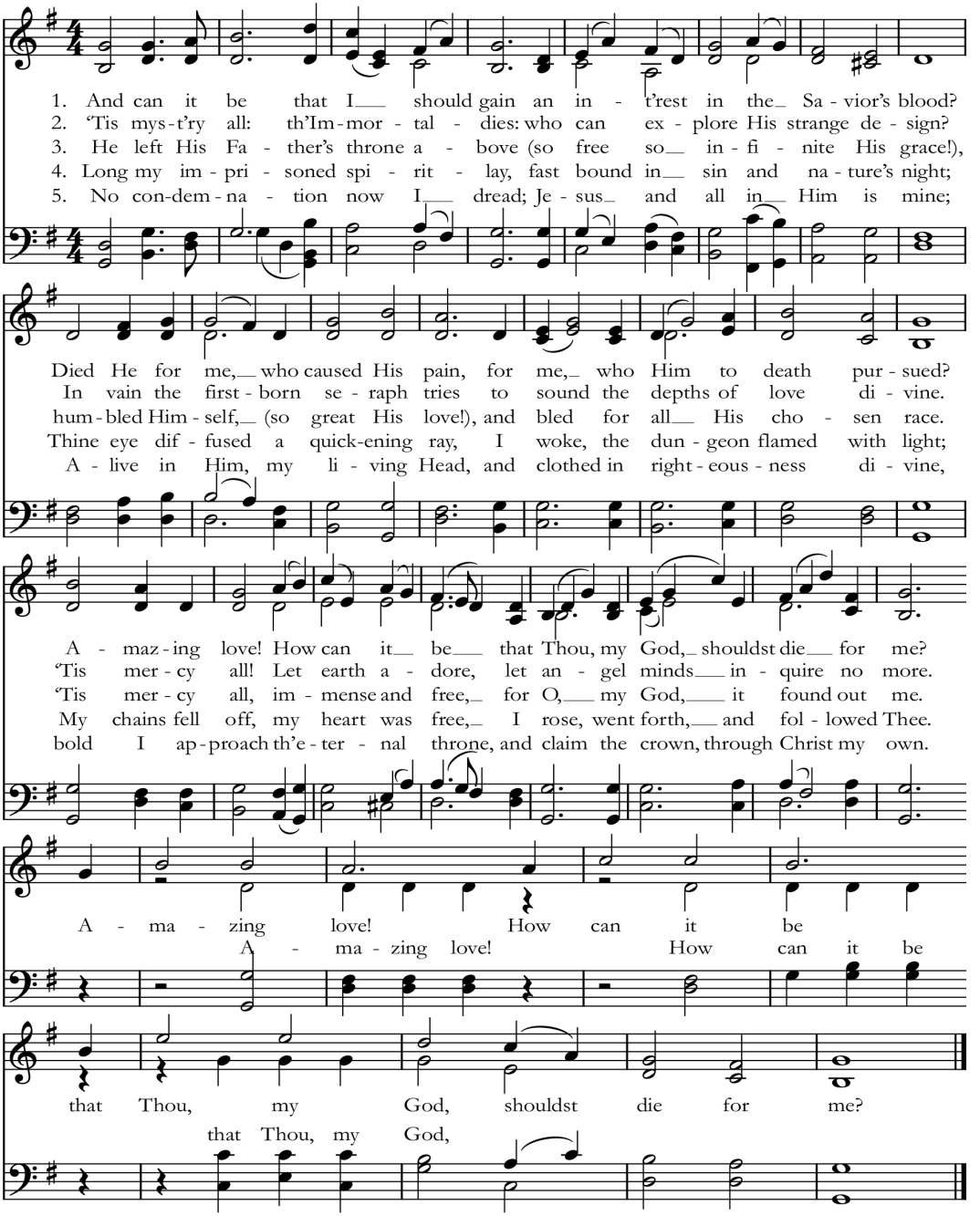
***Extending God's Welcome of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

At this time we greet those around us by saying "The peace of Christ be with you." This reminds us that the peace and forgiveness we have been freely given by Jesus also enable us to extend peace and forgiveness to others.

***Song of Renewal**..... "And Can It Be"



Words: Charles Wesley (1738); Music: Thomas Campbell (1825).

Committing to God's Kingdom

***Confession of Faith**

Christian, in whom do we believe?

We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
We 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, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[1] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Scripture Reading.....Kevin Krahenbuhl

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 70

To the choirmaster. Of David, for the memorial offering.

1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!
2 Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!
3 Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

[1] The term "catholic" refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

[4] May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"
[5] But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading - John 18:1-11

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. [2] Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. [3] So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. [4] Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" [5] They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. [6] When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. [7] So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." [8] Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." [9] This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." [10] Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) [11] So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

This is the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

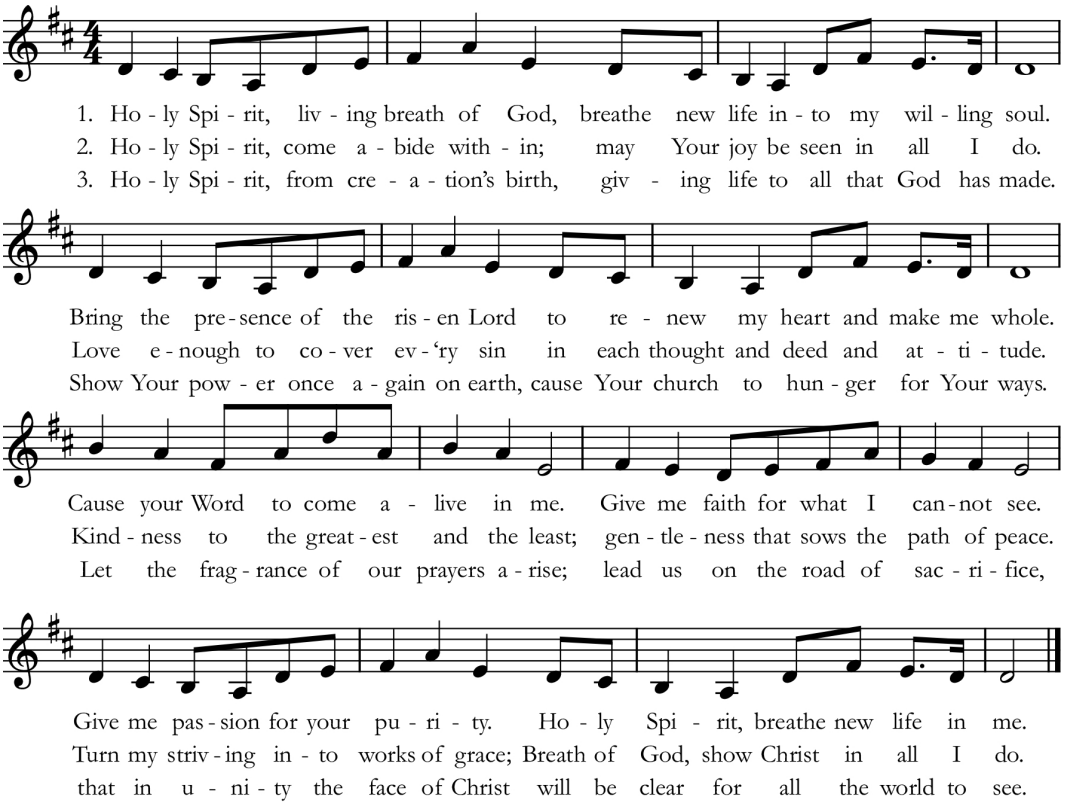
Prayer of Intercession (followed by a time of silent prayer) ..... Kim Sokoya

Common Prayer

Let us now join our voices together praying:

Lord, we ask you, grant your people grace to avoid the infections of the devil, and with pure heart and mind to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kingdom Giving & Song of Meditation ..... "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"



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***Doxology**

Listening to God's Word

"Jesus, the Mediator of a Better Covenant"

Rev. Mitchell Carter

Sermon Series: Hebrews: Jesus Is Better

Hebrews 8:1-13

1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is
seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the
holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest
is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to
have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all,
since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5 They serve a copy and
shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was
instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern
that was shown you on the mountain." 6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry
that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better,
since it is enacted on better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless,
there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

8 For he finds fault with them when he says:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,
9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land
of Egypt.
For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.
10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.
12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more."

13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Feasting at God's Table

Holy Communion

Trinity Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Jesus for salvation, and who are members in good standing of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Baptized covenant children who have not made profession of faith before the elders should abstain from communion until they are received as communing members by the Session. TPC serves wine and grape juice for communion. The clear cups contain wine and the purple cups contain grape juice. The communion bread in the purple cups is gluten free. Please hold your cups and we will take them all together.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

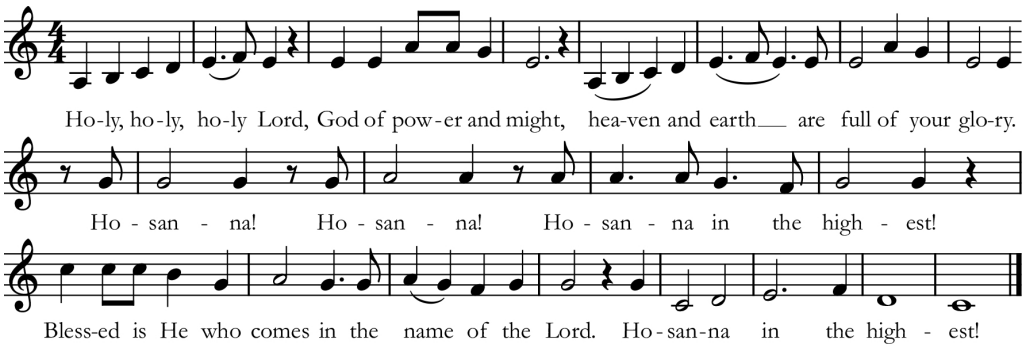
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing. . .



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Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Response of the People

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

Hallelujah!

Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
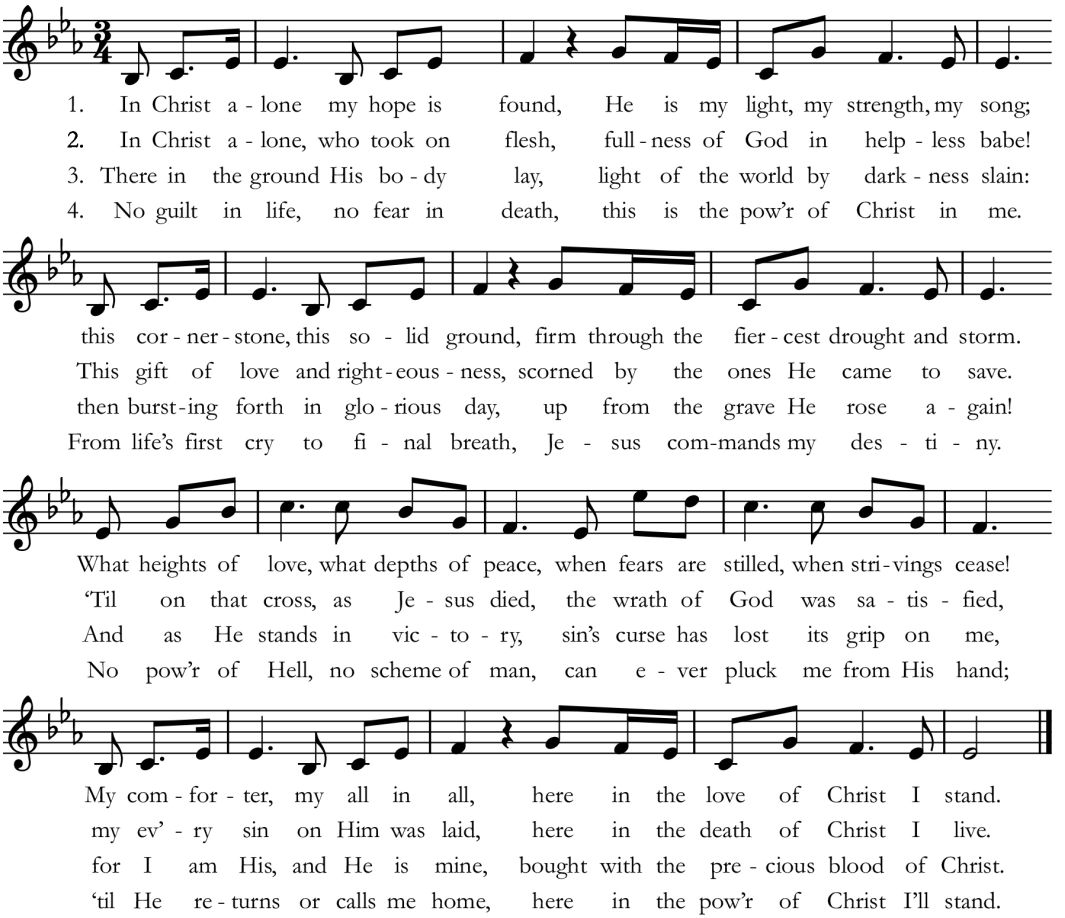
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

And now Our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and to say. . .

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!
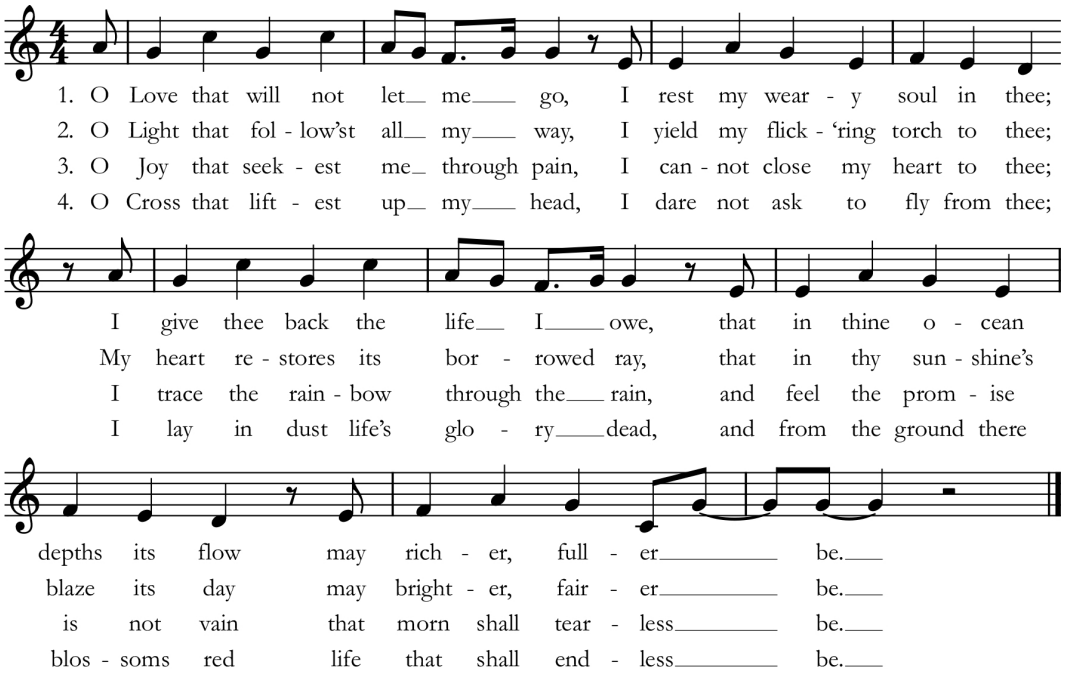
Song of Communion.....“In Christ Alone”



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Going Out With God's Blessing

***Song of Sending**.....“O Love that Will not Let Me Go”



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***Sending**

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. *Hebrews 10:23-25*

With the Lord's help we will do this.

***Benediction**

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen!

***Postlude**

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, November 8	Christian Education Children | 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Adults & Youth | 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 9	Women's Bible Study Fellowship Dinner | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10	Men's Fellowship & Study | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Midweek Gathering | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. TYG Large Group | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 12	Men's Morning Bible Study | 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. English Language Class | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14	Men's Work Day | 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. TYG Second Saturday We Serve | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. TYG Team Trivia Night | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Trinity Men's Work Day | November 14 | 8:00 a.m. - till
Men of Trinity, we have scheduled a workday at the church to further clean up the fence row between our parking lot and that of North Boulevard. We're using a larger excavator this time! :-) We have dead trees to cut, brush piles to move and burn, etc. We will have a light breakfast at 8 AM and then get started. Please bring any tools that may be useful (chain saw, lopper, rake, shovel etc.). Hope to see you then!

Thanksgiving Dinner | November 15 | 5:00 p.m.
Our TPC Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 15 at 5 p.m. at the church. This is a potluck dinner where we spend time eating, fellowshipping, singing, and sharing things we are thankful to God for over the last year. Whether you are a member or a visitor, we'd love to have you plan to join us. You can sign up in the link in the E-News.

Cookie Social to Kick Off the Season of Advent | Sunday, November 22 | 11:10 a.m.
Join us on Sunday, November 22, during the CE hour for a Cookie Social to kick off the Advent season together at Trinity! Cookies, desserts, and hot chocolate will be served during a time of fellowship in the narthex. Children will meet in their CE classrooms to decorate ornaments for the church tree, and the Youth Group will deck the Youth Hallway for the season. Please bring two dozen of your favorite cookies to share! Sign up in the E-news.

Hanging of the Greens | Tuesday, November 24 | 10:00 a.m.
Advent is a season of preparation for Christians through reflection and prayer as we look forward to celebrating Christ's incarnation and joyfully anticipate his second coming. Hanging of the Greens is one way for us to mark this season of preparation as we hang garland, trim trees, and add festive touches throughout the church. Sign up in the E-news to join us on Tuesday, November 24, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Ladies' Christmas Brunch | December 5 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Please join us for our annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5th from 10am-12pm. We will gather at Trinity to begin the Advent season with brunch, fellowship, singing, decorated table viewing, learning about RUF, and a Christmas craft project. Doors open for table viewing and food drop off at 9:45am. Our brunch will again be a shared effort, so please sign up to bring a favorite brunch dish if you are able. Our gathering is open to women 18 years and older, and you are most welcome to bring friends and family! We would also like to invite young ladies who are seniors in high school to join us. RSVP in the lobby or follow the link in Enews. Please email Sarah at SarahShearer10@gmail.com with any questions. We can't wait to share the morning with you!

Ladies' Christmas Brunch Table Decorators | December 4 | 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
We would love to invite you to share your creative gifts by setting one of our brunch tables for seven guests. Table settings include seven plates, napkins, glasses, cups/mugs, a runner if you like, and a centerpiece. White tablecloths and utensils are provided by TPC. Table setting takes place Friday, Dec. 4th from 1-8pm. You may sign up in the lobby or follow the link in Enews. Please email Sarah at SarahShearer10@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you so much for bringing beauty and hospitality to our brunch!

Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Today we will hear from Hebrews 8:1-13 (Nov. 8). In the coming weeks we will hear from Hebrews 9:1-14 (Nov. 15) and Hebrews 9:15-28 (Nov. 22), and Isaiah 2 (Nov. 29). Reading the Scripture passage before you hear it preached is a great way to prepare your mind and heart to receive God's word each week.

Winter Events at Trinity

November	15	Thanksgiving Dinner | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
	22	Pre-Advent Cookie Social | 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
	24	Hanging of the Greens | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
December	5	Ladies' Christmas Brunch | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	6	Advent Memorial Service | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
	10	English Language Class Dinner | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
	13	Lessons & Carols | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
	15	Men's Christmas Party | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	16	TYG Christmas Party | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
	19	Children's Christmas Party | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
	24	Christmas Eve Service | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
January	3	Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cookoff | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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