

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, December 7th 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Words of Preparation *(for individual use before worship)*

"In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, You came to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heav'nly grace." - John Mason Neale, hymnwriter

The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Trinity Chime, Prelude and Choral Introit

***The Call to Worship**

People of God, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom God has come to us to make us His own and to give us all things!

May His name be forever praised!

***The Opening Hymn** #106 *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

O Lord our God, great are You in all Your ways, and righteous and faithful in all Your works. With our lips we should forever praise You, and with our lives steadfastly serve You; but where we should speak, we fall silent, and where we should obey, we rebel. Gracious Father, forgive our past sins, and remove our rebellious ways. Renew us by Your Spirit, and make us zealous to go in the way that pleases You, through Christ our Lord....*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from 1 Timothy 1:15*

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of which I am the greatest one." **This is the gospel! In Christ, we are forgiven! In Christ, we are made new! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri*

***The Affirmation of our Christian Faith** *The Apostles Creed (back of hymnal)*

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

***The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology*

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in Word and Sacrament

The Scripture Lesson *Romans 8:28-39*

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The Sermon *"Christmas with Paul (2): All Things are Ours in Him"*

***The Hymn of Response** #132 *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Table Song: "Come, Christian..." (insert)*

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #104 *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"*

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Benediction** #102 *"Savior, of the Nations Come" (v. 3)*

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir-gin's son, in-car-nate Word! To the ho-ly Trin-i-ty praise we sing e-ter-nal-ly.

"Come, Christian, Join Me Here"

Tune: St Louis ("O Little Town of Bethlehem")

Words: Rev. Mike Manaugh

O lis-ten to His lov-ing call:
"Come, Chris-tian, join Me here.
Bring no-thing but your hung'ring heart,
With o-pen hands draw near."
For this is not a ta-ble
of wealth, or fame, or might,
But love and mer-cy here are giv'n
by Christ, the Lord of Light.

Here in two sim-ple gifts we see,
a myst'ry most pro-found:
In bread and cup, His prom-i-ses,
His oath, His Word re-sound:
"Just as you eat this mor-sel,
just as you taste this wine,
so surely I will be your God,
for-e-ver you are Mine."

So come with joy and eag-er-ness:
O come, and taste, and see,
the good-ness of our Christ, our King:
His love for you and me.
For He who once was swad-dled,
laid in a man-ger bare,
Wher-ev-er hearts re-ceive Him now,
our Lord Christ cra-dles there.

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