

# *Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship*

*Sunday, December 14th 2025*

*11:00am*

## *God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence*

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

*"The glory of the incarnation is that it presents to our adoring gaze not a humanized God or a deified man, but a true God-man – one who is all that God is and at the same time all that man is: one on whose almighty arm we can rest, and to whose human sympathy we can appeal." - B.B. Warfield, 19th C. American theologian*

### **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, in whose face we see the face of God!

**May His name be forever praised!**

#### **\*The Opening Hymn** #93 *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

## *God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us*

### **The Confession of Our Sins**

**O God Most Holy, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have turned from Your ways and ignored Your commands. We have done what You have forbidden, and have failed to do what You have commanded. O Lord, forgive us and turn us from sin to walk faithfully in Your way....(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 His Word*

### **The Scripture Lesson** *Colossians 1:15-23*

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### **The Sermon** *"Christmas with Paul (3): The Invisible Made Visible"*

#### **\*The Hymn of Response** #145 *"What Child is This?"*

### **The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

## *God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ*

#### **\*The Closing Hymn** #107 *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"*

#### **\*The Benediction**

#### **\*The Congregational Benediction** #102 *"Savior, of the Nations Come" (v. 4)*

**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.**