

**\*CLOSING HYMN #150**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Saw Three Ships arr. Mark Hayes*

**Congregation remains seated**

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Trinity Music Director  
Co Pastor

Connie Williams  
Jake Mauch, Joleen Goens  
Davis McKinney  
Rev. Kate Mauch

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**Bolded words are read by the congregation. \*Indicates please stand as you are able.**

**Welcome:** to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.” Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

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## Trinity Presbyterian Church

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First Sunday of Christmas  
December 29, 2024 10:15 AM

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### ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne  
by Timothy Matthews arr. Don Wyrzten*

**THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
***And also with you!***

**INTROIT #153**

*In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the temple of the Lord.  
We have come to seek God’s blessing.  
This is the house of the Holy One.  
We have come to praise God’s name.  
Let us worship God.

**\*OPENING HYMN #135**

*There’s a Star in the East*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

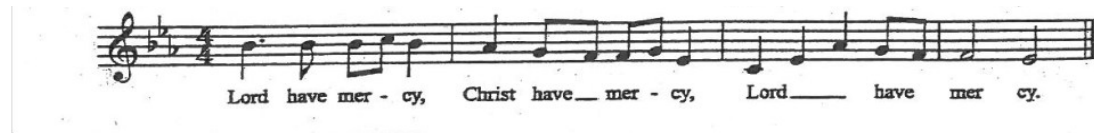
Jesus our Lord came into an indifferent world, yet his life revealed the inner thoughts of many. Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we may receive release from our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You clothe us with your love, but we do not love one another. You wrap us in your mercy, but we do not forgive one another. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to follow your way, and help us to grow each day in wisdom and favor with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION** *Let us sing to the Lord...*

**KYRIE—All Sing**



**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved of God, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels, God covers us with the robe of righteousness. Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God's beloved.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Silent Night with Clair de Lune*  
by Gruber/Debussy arr. Carolyn Taylor

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Children's Sermon*

*(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

By the breath of your Spirit inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word we may be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you in all we do, for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 2:1-18

**SERMON**

*Refuse to be Comforted*

*Rev. Kate Mauch*

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #114**

*Away in a Manger*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

As the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so will God cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. With thankful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

*What Child is This arr. Vince Guaraldi*

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have received adoption as your children. With Jesus our brother, we dedicate ourselves in ministry to the world, that we may live as heirs of your promises to the honor and glory of your name. **Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)**