



Friends, family and neighbors of Holy Trinity, welcome to a worship service of sacred music, scripture readings, the sacrament of Communion, candle lighting, and the Word proclaimed - all offered for the glory of God. We believe God invites you to participate in every element, regardless of your church membership here or at any church. What you experience this evening is offered in the spirit by which God first offered us the Christ Child: as an invitation and a gift.

Worship instructions begin on the next page, note a cross “†” beside a worship element is an invitation to stand (as you are able). If you are not sure what to do, simply follow the worship leaders and people around you during worship. While this is a beautiful and sacred service, we worship in a relaxed and inviting style.

And remember: we are all young at heart, so let us allow ourselves the freedom to smile and worship with children around the world who express the hope, peace, joy, and love we find in Christ.  
This is Christmas Eve!

Celebrate the arrival of Emmanuel:  
**God-with-us!**

*Dr. Bruce Stanger*



# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



✝ Please stand if you are able

December 24, 2025

7:00 PM

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit** Carol of the Bells (*Wilhousky*)

**Lighting of Advent Wreath Candles**

Leader: We have watched, and we have waited. We have longed for hope, we have prayed for peace, we have lived with joy, and we have given love. And now, Christ is here.

**People: We light the Christ candle.**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of darkness, on them the Light has shined.

✝ **Carol** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Hymn No. 113

Leader: For a child has been born to us, a son given for us. And he shall be called...

**People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymn No. 133

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

✝ **Response** *Gloria Patri* Hymn No. 581

✝ **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Time With Children**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:2-7

**Carol** *What Child is This* Hymn No. 145

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-23

**Meditation** Rev. Dr. Bryan Stamper

## MESSAGE NOTES

Isaiah 54:10; Romans 15:13

### Choral Anthem

A Welsh Lullaby (*Scott*)

### ✠ Affirmation of Faith – *The Nicene Creed*

### Presentation of our Offerings

Offertory      Maria Wiegenlied

(*Reger*)      *Ana Marinelarena, soloist*

✠ Doxology

Hymn No. 606

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Hymnal No. 552

*...Great is the mystery of faith:*

Hymnal No. 553

*...All glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever:*

Hymnal No. 554

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

#### Candlelight Carol

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Hymn No. 122

#### ✠ Carol

*Joy to the World!*

Hymn No. 134

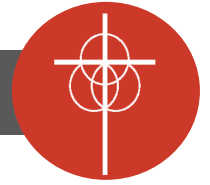
#### ✠ Charge and Benediction

#### ✠ Choral Benediction

Hallelujah (*Handel*)

#### Postlude

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



### IN MEMORIUM:

- **Our parents: Burr and LaFaye Reynolds, Carolyn Campbell; Sister and brother-in-law: Burnie and John Cooper** (*Dru Cessac and Ronnie Campbell*)
- **Our parents** (*Jack and DiAnn Arnold*)
- **Oliva and Morris Nava Sr. and Wilhelmina and Edgar Beken** (*Will Ann Nava*)
- **Our parents** (*Buddy and Linda Clark*)
- **Joan Smith** (*Wayne Smith*)
- **Our parents** (*Martha and Randy Waters*)
- **Michelle Ajas** (*Val and Hiroshi Ajas*)
- **Our parents** (*Bob and Pat Wagner*)
- **Mike Holtz and Carolyn Entler** (*Carolyn Holtz*)
- **Lynn Miksch and Cheryl Bolton** (*James and Terri Miksch*)
- **Bruce Miller** (*Gregory Miller*)
- **Naty Ferrer and Nick Ferrer** (*Christie Jacoban*)
- **Conception Cummings** (*Jerry L. Cummings*)
- **Our parents: Norman, Gloria, Jose, Les, Carolene** (*Debbie and Billy Newlin*)
- **My son, Danny** (*Diane Koksha*)
- **Our parents: Bob and Marge Durham, and John and Jean Morgan** (*John and Jan Durham*)
- **John and Jewel Burleson** (*Joe and Jackie Lopez*)
- **Jose and Anita Lopez** (*Joe and Jackie Lopez*)

### IN HONOR:

- **Our grandchildren: Coleman, Riley, and Jack; Our great grandchildren: Olivia and Julia** (*Dennis and Bridget Revell*)
- **Our Family** (*Neisha and Stan Marshall*)
- **Our children and grandchildren** (*Sheila and Don Clark*)
- **Our Church Family** (*Sally Lewis and Shirley Friesenhahn*)
- **Our children and grandchildren** (*Jack and DiAnn Arnold*)
- **Lily and Chase Colbert** (*Will Ann Nava*)
- **Ruth Elaine Smith** (*Wayne Smith*)
- **Our sons, Kendall and Mike** (*Martha and Randy Waters*)
- **Our children: Andy, David, Valerie, Gigi**
- **Our grandchildren: Kira, Amaya, Savannah, Samantha, and Brandon** (*Val and Hiroshi Ajas*)
- **Our Children** (*Bob and Pat Wagner*)
- **Our transition team: Rev. Bryan Stamper, Rev. Morsan McSweeney, and Nico Carrillo**

## UPCOMING CLOSURES



The **Church Office** will be closed for the holidays:

December 24—26, and January 1—2.

The **Day School** will be closed for the holidays:

December 22 –26, and January 1.

## INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER HOURS



Our interim office manager is Bethany Thomas. She will be in the HTPC office on Mondays and Tuesdays, 12:30 –4:00 PM and Wednesdays and Thursday, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM to work “behind the scenes” on items. We are looking for office volunteers to answer the phone and help with additional light clerical duties. Let the church office know if you are available to help.

## NOTE ON GIFTS



Thank you for your generosity in 2025. To count towards your 2025 taxes, gifts must be received in the office or if mailed, postmarked by December 31st.

## SATURDAY WORKDAY



Join us this coming Saturday, December 27th at 8AM to help make needed repairs to our church home! Bring those new tools you got for Christmas and we can put them to work and give you a chance to wear off some of those calories from Christmas dinner!

## PASTORAL CARE



Please email [church@HolyTrinityPres.org](mailto:church@HolyTrinityPres.org) or call the office at 210.654.3411 to be added to the prayer list or to request a Pastoral Care Visit.

## ONLINE OUTREACH



Make sure you're following us on Facebook: **@HolyTrinityPresSA**  
...and when you see our posts, please **LIKE, COMMENT, and SHARE!!!**  
...and while you're at it, **CHECK IN to Holy Trinity in a post!**

## COMING EVENTS



Dec. 22-26:	-Day School Closed
Dec. 24-26:	-Church Office Closed
Wed, Dec. 24:	-Christmas Eve Service (7PM)
Thurs, Dec. 25:	-Christmas Day
Sat, Dec 27:	- Building and Grounds Workday (8AM)
Thurs, Jan 1:	- Church and Day School Offices Closed - Book Divas Club (1:30PM)
Fri, Jan 2:	- Church Office Closed
Sun, Jan. 4:	- Sunday Worship (10AM) - Newcomer's Gathering (11AM) - First Sunday RACAP food collection
Mon, Jan 5:	- Ladies Who Lunch (11:30AM) @ Bella Sera Restaurant
Wed, Jan. 7:	- Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)
Sat, Jan 10:	- Building and Grounds Workday (8AM)
Sun, Jan 11:	- Free Pancake Breakfast (7:30AM) - Sunday Worship (10AM)
Wed, Jan 14:	- Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)
Thurs, Jan 15:	- Stephen Ministry Meeting (10AM)
Sat, Jan 17:	- Trailblazers Hiking Club (9AM)
Sun, Jan 18:	- Sunday Worship (10AM) - Mission, Outreach, & Evangelism Meeting (11:15AM)
Mon, Jan 19:	- Men's Lunch (12PM)
Thurs, Jan 21	- Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)


## NEWCOMERS' GATHEIRNG




Our next Newcomers' Gathering will be January 4, following worship. Join us and find out how to become part of our church family and opportunities to serve.



# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;




and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



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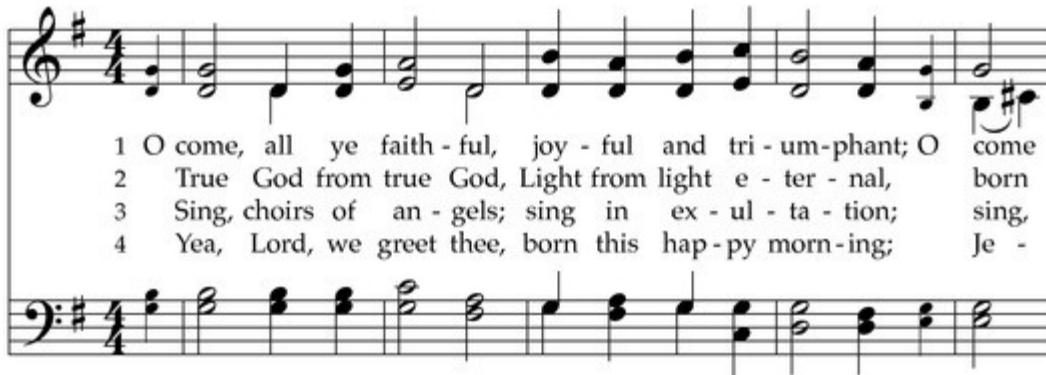


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## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*



born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed!  
 glo - ry in the high - est! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.



# Silent Night! Holy Night

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,  
 4 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star,

all is bright 'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child!  
 at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light, ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face  
 lend thy light; with the an - gels let us sing

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav - en - ly hosts — sing: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
 Al - le - lu - ia to our King: "Christ the Sav - ior is

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 birth! Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth!  
 born! Christ the Sav - ior is born."

## 134

## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

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sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)