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There are a few Sundays throughout the year that most pastors don't care for. Today is one of those. Here's why. On the Sunday after Christmas churches typically have low attendance. After all, people have just celebrated with a Christmas Eve Service, and sometimes a Christmas Day Service. Then there's all the travelling and baking and gift buying, etc, etc. Whew! Many people just want a break. That's understandable. So, if you are present in church today, your pastor(s) thank you. If you choose not to be physically present, that's okay too. After all, our Interim Pastor Team is taking a break from Holy Trinity today. It's been a busy time.

There are a lot of people who stay busy behind the scenes at Holy Trinity. Most of these people don't get a paycheck. They just love God and this church. So if you know some of these people, it's a nice time to say, "thank you." And it's okay to thank the people who *do* receive a paycheck. They love God and the church too. What they do for us is worth a lot more than their pay. I have a little needlepoint hanging in my office that my sister gave me after my ordination. It reads, "Work for the Lord. The pay isn't much, but the retirement plan is out of this world!"

This is the last Sunday of 2025 - already. God only knows what 2026 holds in store for us. We're hoping and praying for a new pastor to lead us into our next chapter. Many of us are hoping and praying for better health. And like the phrase from one of our Christmas hymns, "...the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." Bethlehem - where our time with Christ began. God *does* know our hopes and fears.

As we end one year and begin another, God's promises remain - to be our God and we His people, to forgive our sins, to comfort and guide us, to never leave nor forsake us. This happens every day. You could think of God's promises as the "daily bread" that Christ taught us to pray for. May that "daily bread" nourish and sustain us through the days ahead, as we do our best to love our God and our neighbor.

Dare to be a blessing!

*Pastor / Chaplain Chuck*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP



✠ Please stand if you are able

December 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Instrumental Introit

✠ Call to Worship

Pastor: Just as the shepherds came to worship the new born King, we too come on this first Sunday of Christmas to worship Jesus, the Messiah, Immanuel.

**ALL: May God listen to our hearts and accept our sacrifice of praise that we offer Him today.**

Pastor: O LORD, prepare our minds and hearts to magnify Your name here and now.

**ALL: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.**

✠ Opening Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn No. 611

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Merciful LORD, we come to You with humble hearts, knowing that the sacrifice acceptable to You is a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

**All: We confess, O God, that we have fallen short of being loving, joyful, peaceful, and hopeful, even in this Christmas season. Renew and restore us this day, to the people we were meant to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Hymn No. 466  
*sing through twice*

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

“For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

- *Romans 5:6-8ESV*

✠ Response - Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn No. 581

**Time With Children**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

Pastor / Chaplain Chuck Cornelisse

**“THE INTRUDER”**

Genesis 3:1-5, 14-15; Revelation 12:1-6

✠ **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**Presentation of Offerings**

Offertory

✠ **Doxology**

Hymn No. 606

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

✠ **Closing Hymn**

*This is My Father's World*

Hymn No. 370

✠ **Charge and Benediction**

✠ **Postlude**

**FLOWERS THIS MORNING**

The flowers this morning were graciously donated in recognition of the Lopez's 59th wedding anniversary.

**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.



## UPCOMING CLOSURES



The **Church Office** will be closed January 1—2.  
The **Day School** will be closed 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.

## 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.

## 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



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| Thurs, Jan 1: | - Church and Day School Offices Closed<br>- Book Divas Club (1:30PM)                             |
| Fri, Jan 2:   | - Church Office Closed   |
| Sun, Jan. 4   | - Sunday Worship (10AM)<br>- Newcomer's Gathering (11AM)<br>- 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 (8AM)<br>- 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)<br>- Mission, Outreach, & Evangelism Meeting (11:15AM)                   |
| Mon, Jan 19   | - Men's Lunch (12PM)   |
| Thurs, Jan 21 | - Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)  |
| Sat, Jan 24   | - Building and Grounds Workday (8AM)   |
| Sun, Jan 25   | - Sunday Worship (10AM)  |
| Tues, Jan 27  | - Session Meeting (7PM)  |
| Wed, Jan 28   | - Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)  |

## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.



# Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise \*him, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.