

# Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, January 13, 2008

## Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Please take time before the service to compose your heart for worship. You have come into the house of God, a harbor from storms, a safe haven from conflict, a place of rest for weary souls. Cast aside the concerns of your everyday life, and find relief here.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Cal Beisner

### Musical Prelude

He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

—Colossians 1:13-18

### \*God Calls His People to Worship

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:5-11

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Cal Beisner

### God's People Respond in Worship

#### \*Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns, #295

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Cal Beisner

#### \*Responsive Reading

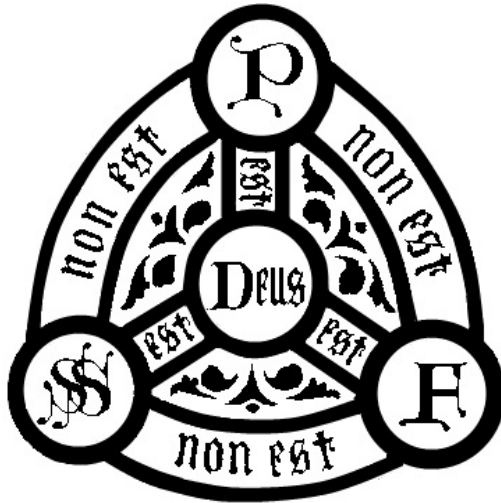
Psalm 110, *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 825

### God Declares His Law

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods before Me.

—Exodus 20:3



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“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

## God Declares His Word

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 11:10-32

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 9:14-26

## God's People Respond by Confessing Their Faith

**\*The Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ**

See bulletin insert.

**\*Hymn**

Who Trust in God, a Strong Abode, #668

## God Calls His People to Prayer

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

–Ephesians 6:18

## God's People Respond by Presenting Their Petitions to Him

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Cal Beisner

## God Instructs His People Through His Word

**\*Reading of the Scriptures**

Acts 1:6-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

“Christ Ascended”

Rev. Douglas Clawson

## God Feeds His People at His Table

**\*Hymn**

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face, #378

## Distribution and Partaking of the Elements

## God's People Respond in Thanksgiving

### with Tithes, Offerings, and Praises

**Offertory**

*Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord*, #292

**\*Doxology**

*Trinity Hymnal*, #731

**\*Hymn**

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph, #291

## God Exhorts His People

But prove yourselves doers of the word,  
and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (James 1:22)

**\*Benediction**

**Silent Prayer**

**Musical Postlude**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, #297

## God Calls His People to Repentance

Those who fashion a graven image are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame. Who has fashioned a god or cast an idol to no profit? Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for the craftsmen themselves are mere men. . . . They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend. No one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, “I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!” He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside. And he cannot deliver himself, nor say, “Is there not a lie in my right hand?”  
–Isaiah 44:9-11a, 18-20

## God's People Respond by Confessing Their Sins

### Corporate Confession

O God, our God, we confess that we are tempted even in our worship, even as you call us to confess our sins, to boast that we are better than our ancestors, for we don't cut wood, burn some to warm ourselves, and shape some into images to which we bow down in pagan blindness. Yet, O Father, how prone we are to our own, more secret, and thus perhaps more guilty, idolatries! We suffer trials and complain, as if some other—perhaps we ourselves—could have ordained better, though You promise to work all things toward our good. We face needs, and we think first of our own efforts and then of others', but too rarely turn immediately to You in prayer, though You urge us to bring all our petitions boldly before Your throne of grace. We envy and covet though You are our Provider. We worry as if You were not our loving and all-powerful Father. We fear for our salvation as if Christ were not our perfect Savior. We pine in loneliness as if, when He ascended into Heaven, you had not granted Your Son's prayer to send the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter as the Spirit of our adoption. Forgive us, Father, for our secret, sophisticated, faithless idolatry, and take captive our hearts afresh, that we might trust and love and rejoice in and serve You with undivided minds. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Private Confession

## God Assures His People of Their Pardon

“Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.” Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; for the LORD has redeemed Jacob and in Israel He shows forth His glory.  
–Isaiah 44:21-23

## God's People Respond in Praise

**Hymn**

Unto the Hills, #96