

# Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, November 25, 2007

## 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. Gene Douglas

## Musical Prelude

*Christ for the World We Sing, #447*

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. —Colossians 1:13-17

## \*God Calls His People to Worship

The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake! The LORD is great in Zion, and He is exalted above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name; holy is He. The strength of the King loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool; holy is He. —Psalm 99:1-5

## \*Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Gene Douglas

## God's People Respond in Worship

### \*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! #100

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Gene Douglas

### \*Responsive Reading

Psalm 87, *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 815

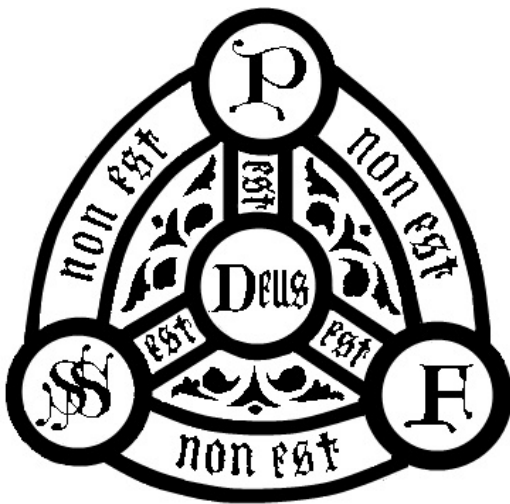
## God Declares His Law

The Sixth Commandment:

You shall not murder.

—Exodus 20:13

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.” But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, “Raca!” shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, “You fool!” shall be in danger of hell fire.



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A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

“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

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. —Matthew 5:21-24

### **God Calls His People to Repentance**

“Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live? . . . Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you. Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord GOD. “Therefore, repent and live.”

—Ezekiel 18:23, 30-32

### **God’s People Respond by Confessing Their Sins**

**Corporate Confession** (Read Responsively)

**All:** Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

**Leader:** You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; you abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

**All:** But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty.

**Leader:** By your mercy alone, by the abundance of your steadfast love may we enter your house.

**All:** Because of your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in you. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Private Confession**

#### **God Assures His People of Their Pardon**

“I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.” Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel. —Isaiah 44:22-23

### **God’s People Respond in Praise**

**\*Hymn** The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear, #368

### **God Declares His Word**

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 7:1-24

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 6:1-18

### **God’s People Respond by Confessing Their Faith**

**\*The Nicene Creed** *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 846

**\*Hymn** My Faith Has Found a Resting Place, #468

### **God Calls His People to Prayer**

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving, praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ . . . —Colossians 4:2-3

### **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** Ephesians 2-3

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “The Mystery of Christ” Mr. Cal Beisner

Text: Ephesians 3:1-13

### **God’s People Respond in Thanksgiving with Tithes, Offerings, and Praises**

**Offertory** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*, #156

**\*Doxology** *Trinity Hymnal*, #731

**\*Hymn** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, #345

### **God Exhorts His People**

But prove yourselves doers of the word,

and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (James 1:22)

**Thank Offering** *Jesus Shall Reign*, #441

**\*Benediction**

**Silent Prayer**

**Musical Postlude** *The Sending, Lord, Springs*, #451