

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, December 16, 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. Bill Snyder

Musical Prelude

Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord, #16

“Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. Now arise, O LORD God, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, may your saints rejoice in your goodness. O LORD God, do not reject your anointed one. Remember the great love promised to David your servant.”
—2 Chronicles 6:40-42

God Calls His People to Worship

When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying, “For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.”
—2 Chronicles 7:1-3

*Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Bill Snyder

God's People Respond in Worship

*Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell, #1

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Greg Hoadley

*Responsive Reading

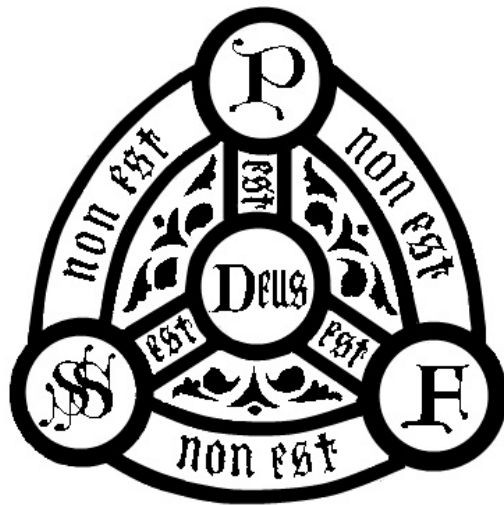
Psalm 27, *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 793

God Declares His Law

The Ninth Commandment:

You shall not bear false witness against your brother.

—Exodus 20:16



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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 Calls His People to Repentance

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.
—Romans 1:18-19

God's People Respond by Confessing Their Sins

Corporate Confession

Thou blessed spirit, author of all grace and comfort, come, work repentance in my soul. Represent sin to me in its odious colors that I may hate it. Melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God. Show me my ruined self and the help there in him. Teach me to behold my creator. May I confide in his power and love, commit my soul to him without reserve, bear his image, observe his laws, pursue his service, and be through time and eternity a monument to the efficacy of his grace, a trophy of his victory. Make me willing to be saved in his way, perceiving nothing in myself, but all in Jesus. Help me not only to receive him but to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give me that faith which is the means of salvation, and the principle and medium of all godliness. May I be saved by grace through faith, live by faith, feel the joy of faith, and do the work of faith. Perceiving nothing in myself, may I find in Christ wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

—From *The Valley of Vision*

Private Confession

God Assures His People of Their Pardon

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, and angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
—Romans 8:38-39

God's People Respond in Praise

Hymn To God Be the Glory, #55

God Declares His Word

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:17-29

New Testament Reading Matthew 7:12-29

God's People Respond by Confessing Their Faith

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

***Hymn** O Come, All Ye Faithful, #208

God Calls His People to Prayer

. . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

—Ephesians 6:18

God's People Respond by Presenting Their Petitions to Him

Pastoral Prayer Mr. Greg Hoadley

God Instructs His People Through His Word

***Reading of the Scriptures** 1 Peter 2:4-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Mr. Greg Hoadley

“The Church: a Community of Living Stones”

God's People Respond in Thanksgiving with Tithes, Offerings, and Praises

Offertory *All to Jesus I Surrender*, #562

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

***Hymn** Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation, #354

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 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, #196