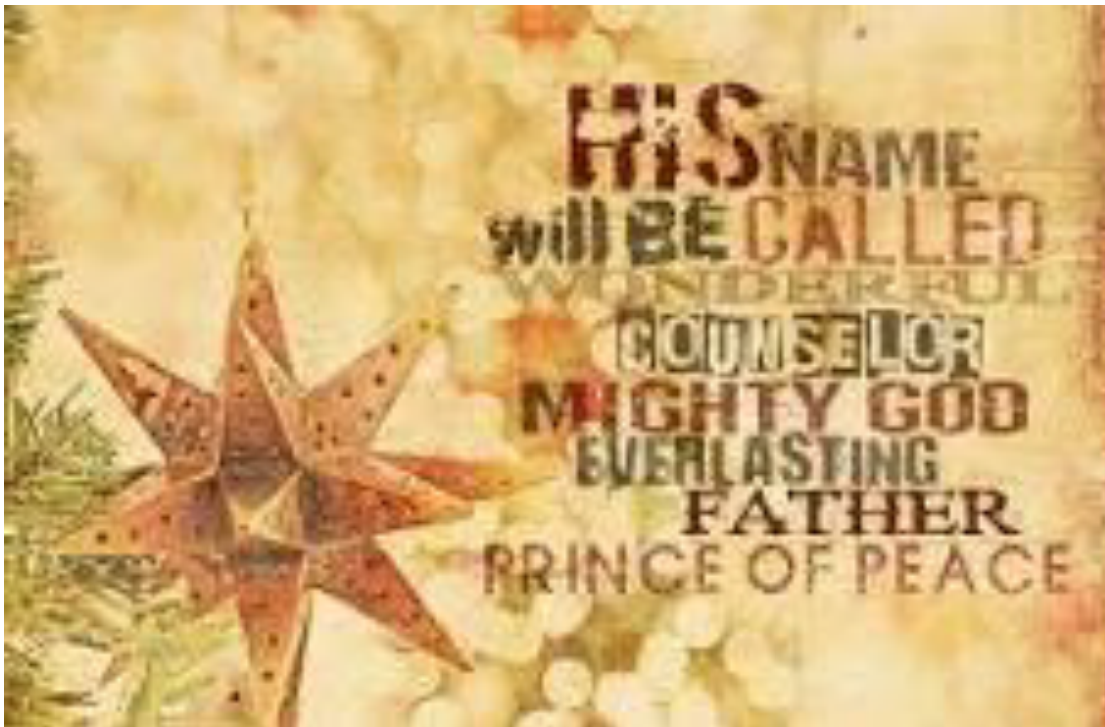


December 28, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

First Sunday after Christmas



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Prelude and Procession *I Wonder as I Wander*
Appalachian

Elizabeth Bunch

Welcome and Announcements

Kim Johnston

Preparation for Worship

This season invites us to listen to the quiet places where God speaks – through the uncertainty and distraction of our daily lives. As we gather today, we prepare for the presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us, who quiets our minds, that we might be present to his grace and faithful love.

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Arnie Serigstad

In this time and place,
we come to tend what matters most.

**We come to open our lives to God,
to receive grace,
and to grow in love.**

There is a season for everything,
and a time for every matter under heaven.

**A time to gather, and a time to listen;
a time to speak, and a time to be still.**

Let us worship God, **Amen.**

***Hymn PH #31,** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

Arnie

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us bring our honest hearts before God, seeking forgiveness and new life.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (*unison*)

Arnie

Faithful God, you call us into relationship with you and with one another, yet we confess that we do not always tend those relationships with care. We cling when it is time to let go, withdraw when it is time to draw near, and allow fear or distraction to shape our choices. Forgive us, renew us by your grace, and teach us how to live faithfully, through all the season, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness and New Life (*responsive*)

Arnie

Friends in Christ, hear the good news: God's mercy is not bound by seasons or circumstances. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria PH #23** *refrain only*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Children are invited to go to Sunday School after passing the peace.

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer

Presbytery's Unity Candle: we pray for Trinity, San Jose and Gereja Indonesian NCD; and the Rev. Dr. Vincent Arishvara.

Hymn PH #36 *In the Bleak Midwinter, vs. 1,3,4*

Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Instrumental *Pastorale on "Angels from Heaven"*
by Ernst Dohnanyi

Elizabeth

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Arnie

God of all seasons, you meet us in every time of life. As we hear your Word today, open our hearts and minds. Help us recognize the time we are in, and show us how to live faithfully within it, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Arnie

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Kim Johnston

Call to Offering

Kim

Offertory

March of the Three Kings
Provençal melody

Elizabeth

***Doxology** PH #593

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Kim

God of time and eternity, all that we have and all that we are comes from you. As we offer our gifts today, we offer our lives. Use what we bring to nurture faith, restore relationships, and bear love into the world. Teach us, in every season, to live generously and faithfully in Christ's name. Amen.

***Hymn:** GH (Gather Hymnal) #453

This is a Day of New Beginnings, vs. 1,2,4

***Blessing and Charge**

***Postlude**

Old Provençal
by Carol Franz Liszt

Elizabeth

*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.

*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;
GTG - Glory to God Hymnal*

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Guest Preacher: Kim Johnston

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Guest Musician: Elizabeth Bunch

Greeter: Dan Rutan

Lector: Arnie Serigstad

Usher: Jeff Lawton

Coffee Hour: Vickie and Dan Rutan

Audio/Video/Zoom Techs: Sejin Oh and Ellen Bauerle

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church Are you new today?
We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



Announcements

Today's Preacher. We welcome and thank Kim Johnston as our preacher today. Kim has served as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years, and was ordained as a Deacon two years ago. She is currently the moderator of Deacons. Family, rock climbing, and quilt making are just a few of her joys.

Pastor Diane's Schedule in January. Diane is on vacation and returns Saturday, January 3, just in time to celebrate Epiphany and Communion on January 4. Diane then goes to New Jersey, January 7-12 to attend the celebration of the merger of her previous congregation with First Presbyterian Church, Matawan. Laura Hamby will be preaching at Trinity on January 11. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please get in touch with our Moderator of Deacons, Kim Johnston, or our Clerk of Session, Ellen Bauerle. They will contact a pastor who is on call when Diane is away.

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- The Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church in San Jose: blessings on their special ministry.
- Pete Halper: gratitude, joy, and happiness for so many blessings in his life.
- Rosie Bell: thankful for the opportunities that dance has provided in her life.
- The lonely during this holiday season: recognition of God's presence in their lives.
- The people of Gaza: safety and peace and God's blessings.
- The Zion Church in China and it's Christian leaders: confronting suppression of religious expression by the government.
- Eric, a friend of Jerry Thormann: mourning the passing of his wife, Karla.
- Dan Rutan: thankful for reconnecting with a cousin.



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