

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

## December 31, 2023



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*Sunday, December 31, 2023 ♦ First Sunday of Christmas*

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" arr. D. Miller

Call to Worship

As the land is renewed each year and new crops sprout, so the Lord God is restoring us. We are transformed by God's glory and power, God's revelation in a little child. Salvation shall bring complete transformation. The Lord God is saving us. With our whole being we rejoice in our God. Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Great God, we want to fulfill the law as Joseph and Mary did. We want to sing like the prophets did. We want to witness God's saving love like Simeon did. We want to tell everyone the good news like Anna did. Lead us in the ways of righteousness, that we might recognize your presence among us. We give thanks that while we know that life gives way to death, your death restores us to life. Deepen our faith so that, even as we testify to your birth, we might anticipate the eternal life you gave in your death. Teach us to obey and to serve; use us anywhere and anytime. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

\* Hymn #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" McKee

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, as we prepare to step into a new year, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance. Too often we go about our days without seeking you. We confess that we allow anxiety, fear and worry fill our hearts before turning to you. Turn us around, O God. Forgive us and remind us again of the hope, peace, joy and love found in You. Give us faith to live out our lives with courage, perhaps not knowing where we go, but knowing You are leading us with love. (Silence for Reflection)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He is good to all and his compassion is here for each of us.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "The First Noel" arr. Che

\* Doxology (Hymn #606)

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 145-1-9

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> **One generation shall extol your works to another  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup> They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

**6 They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

**7** They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**9** The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Anthem "I Danced in the Morning" arr. Che

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:15-17

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him.

Meditation "What's Next?" Pastor Jean Meredith

\* Hymn#136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Response (Hymn #306)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\* Postlude "Sing We Now of Christmas" arr. Bish

\* Denotes please stand if able.



WORSHIP NOTES

**Greeters and Ushers:** Susan Kopyar, Roger Ailshie, Marti Benz, Ron & Penny Weidner, Bill & Sandy Boland

**Lay Reader:** Ginny Elgin **Audio Tech:** Colin Earle

**Audio Visual:** Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler


**Children's Worship Table:** Children are invited to the Children's Worship Table after the Faith Formation to enjoy this week's Children's Worship booklet and/or any of the other quiet activities in the Children's area.

Join us in prayer for our members and loved ones

Gail Alvaro, **Ajit Banerjee**, Billings Family, Jason Bradley\*, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess, Jim & Willa Burns**, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs**, Ruth DeYoe, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby\***, William Downs, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, Hadley Gray, Stanley Hannum\*, **Bob Johnson, Gene Johnson, Javan N. Jones\***, **Kathy Jones-Mills, Queenester Jones, Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Lucas Kelly, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Ed Manen, Gloria Martin, Judy Mascenic**, Sue McCarthy, **Tom & Carol McGovern**, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, **Pat Olson**, Joseph C. Orr\*, William Patterson, **Ed Peart**, Fred Pellmann, **Helene Read**, Bradford Robinson, **Norma Rogero**, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham\*, Sara Shoreland, **Diane Simmons, Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, **Ryan Tugas\***, **Tony & Doris Valenti, Mick Walker**, Monique Warmington, Norma Warwell, **BJ Waugaman**, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer\*, Theodore Winternheimer\*, Kenny Wittmer**

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know. Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

	Alice Dralle	1/1
	Dennis Eidson	1/3
	Charles Walker	1/5
	Jennifer Kaczmarek	1/6

WELCOME

Trinity welcomes Pastor Jean Meredith to the pulpit. Pastor Jean Meredith is a Commissioned Pastor in the Central Florida Presbytery. She has served at Port Orange Presbyterian and Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Churches, along with assisting other churches in her Presbytery. Jean was also a teacher in Volusia County for 30 years.

TRINITY EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us to move closer to Jesus.

We invite you to be a part of our walk-thru Epiphany Celebration in Mehaffey Hall on Sunday, January 7, 2024, following Worship.

A New Year's opportunity for you to be blessed and to be a blessing to others.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Communion will be celebrated at Trinity next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

FINANCE UPDATES

All 2023 contributions *must* be received in the church office by today, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Thank you!

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes are located in the Narthex, please pick up yours today. If you do not see yours and would like envelopes, please contact Judy in the church office at 445-4757 or [trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com](mailto:trinityoffice@cfl.rr.com)

**This week in our Church (Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12noon):**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM Worship Service

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Church Office Closed-New Year's Day

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 AM PW Team Meeting (Kepler)

8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM NA Meeting (Calvin)

6:30 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 AM AAUW Book Club (Calvin)

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Epiphany Celebration (Mehaffey)

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