

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2020
9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “Christmas Fantasy” by Sigurd Øgaard. Carla Barrows, Organ
Luis Ramirez, Violin

WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Choir
arr. Dan Forrest

*Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation’s story
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

*Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

*Sages, leave your contemplation,
Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great Desire of Nations,
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

*All creation join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising
To th’eternal Three in One!
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. John Rutter

ALL: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CHOIR: *Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

ALL: Yea Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10

P The Old Testament Reading is from the 52nd Chapter of Isaiah.

P ⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (ESV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 1:1-6

P The New Testament Reading is from the 1st Chapter of Hebrews.

P ¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making

purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”? Or again, “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”? ⁶And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “Let all God’s angels worship Him.” (ESV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL “Festival Alleluia” by James Chepponis

Choir: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Your words give joy to my heart, Your teaching is light to my eyes, my eyes.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the Light, but came to bear witness about the Light.

⁹The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL “Festival Alleluia” by James Chepponis

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Your word is a lamp for my feet, And a light on my path, my path.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

☒ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Haley Davisson

MESSAGE. Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

PRAYERS

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org, by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)

MUSICAL OFFERING. “Brightest and Best” arr. Shawn Kirchner Choir

*Hail the bless’d morn, see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the Babe in the manger,
Lo, for His guard the bright angels attend.*

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.*

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?*

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Nunc Dimittis" Choir & Congregation

CHOIR: *Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.*

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Refrain (all): Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

SOLO: *While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain*

SOLO: *The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth. Refrain*

SOLO: *Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessèd Christmas morn. Refrain*

Christmas Day Ensemble

Anna Diemer
Peggy Schappaugh
Nancy Christopherson
Cindy Deere
Randy Boatright
Lee Williams
Robert Gomez

Mary Voigt, Director
Carla Barrows, Organist

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POINSETTIAS



Given by

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James and Angela Avant	Thanksgiving for our children: Candace, Chelsea and Travis
James and Angela Avant	Memory of father, Anthony M. Garcia
James and Angela Avant	Thanksgiving for our grandsons: Noah, Luke, Christopher and Joseph
James and Angela Avant	Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings in our lives
Wil and Julie Bertrand	Memory of Arthur and Anna Nimsk
Wil and Julie Bertrand	Memory of Roy and Dorothy Bertrand
Pastor Donald and Audrey Black	Memory of Guy & Lucille Black and Theodore & Bertha Rueter
Pastor Donald and Audrey Black	Thanksgiving for Daughters, Sons-in-law and Granddaughters
Robin Black	Thanksgiving for my daughter, Elaina, and our family
Montie Callager	Memory of Chris Callager
Betty Anne Curtin	Memory of Jim Curtin
Cindy Deere	Memory of Etienne Ulrich
David and Cindy Deere	Thanksgiving for our kids: Jessie, Jeremy and Ginny
Lou Faszholz	Memory of Faye Faszholz
Lou Faszholz	Memory of Esther and Louis Faszholz
Lou Faszholz	Memory of Viola and Roland Schroeder
Gregory and Ann Gunn	Thanksgiving for the gift of our whole family
Gregory and Ann Gunn	Thanksgiving for God's presence in our lives, every single day
Bill & Vicki Harkrider	Memory of Julie Drews May
Delmas and Marie Heinke	Family, Good Health and God's Blessings
Mel and Lil Hohle	Thanks to God for sending His Son
Mel and Lil Hohle	Memory of Jeanie Hohle and Keith Gravesmill
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Ernest O. Hopmann Jr.
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Rosemary Hopmann
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Roseline "Babs" Pillaert
Bo and Lisa Hopmann	Memory of Laura Ward
John, Jonathan, Olga, Kimberly, and Jason Kieschnick	Memory of Elaine Kieschnick
Herb and Arlene Koerselman	Memory of Lisa Koerselman
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Nellwyn Graham
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Curtis Graham
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Bettye Lacy
Ron, LaNell, Andrew and Jeffrey Lacy	Memory of Robert Lacy
Laumen Family	Memory of Rayford Barrett
Spencer (Krumholz) Lockwood	Memory of Julie Drews May
John and Kelly Menke	Memory of Abigail and Aidan
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of the Turano Family
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of Michael and Mark
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of Elizabeth and Thomas
John and Kelly Menke	Memory of Johnny Menke, George Sharp, Maurine Sharp and Waco Smith
John and Kelly Menke	Honor of Dorothy Menke Smith and Verna Casteel
Jean Minsch (2)	Glory to God
Hunter and Peggy Schappagh	Memory of mother, Edna Krause
Sherri Schroeder	Memory of husband, Troy Browne and father, Wilbert Schroeder
Sherri Schroeder	Honor of all Covid victims and medical personnel
Doug and Gwynne Shackelford	Memory of Allan Shackelford
The Family of Fred Stoerkel	Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stoerkel and Mr. Fred W. Stoerkel
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Mary Voigt	Loving memory of Bob Voigt
Mary Voigt	Loving memory of our daughter, Kathy Voigt Nuernberg
Mary Voigt	Thanksgiving for my wonderful grandchildren: Em, Ethan, Landry, Caden and Cody
Sandra Worchesik	Memory of James D. Worchesik
Sandra Worchesik	Loving memory of Steve M. Worchesik, Jr.
Sandra Worchesik	Memory of parents: Mr. & Mrs. Grady Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Worchesik, Sr.