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# Trinity Methodist Church

January 1, 2023  
8<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas  
New Year's Day

## *Gather to Worship*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

(Welcome! If you are a visitor, please fill out the card in the back of the pew.)

### *We Worship as the Church*

### **Chiming of the Trinity**

#### **Prelude**

**Tim Olsen**

#### **Call to Worship** (Robert I. Vasholz)

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

**He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

#### **Hymn of Praise**

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

UMH #139

#### **Text for the Sermon**

Philippians 3:7-16

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in<sup>[a]</sup> Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

### **Children's Time**

#### **Anthem**

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

Choir

#### **Morning Message**

Defining the Church Rev. Sheldon Reese

### **Congregational Celebrations and Concerns**

#### **Prayer of Intercession 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 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. Amen.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

*The Church's One Foundation*

UHM #545

#### **The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves**

##### **\*The Doxology**

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

#### **Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty, Creator God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. On Calvary's Cross, your son redefined for the world what it meant to rule, what it meant to be a king. In his life, teaching and interacting with people, Jesus redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God. May we in this season live and give in a way that pleases God. May we in this season live and give in a way that reflects on the reign over us and the one who lives within us. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

#### *Sending Forth*

#### **Closing Hymn**

*O God our Help in Ages Past*

UMH #117

#### **\*Benediction** (*David Lose*)

Father, your church awaits the day when the Son of Man will come in his glory, and the angels with him, and he will sit on his royal throne. Until that day, when we will be received as your blessed people, keep us safe in your care. Make us merciful, serving your Son now as he comes to us in those in need. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

#### **Postlude**

**Tim Olsen**

**Serving in Worship Today**  
Ushers: Steve Cumberledge, Lin & Ann Weeks  
Acolyte and Crossbear: Owen and Holt Hall

**ANNOUNCEMENTS for January 1, 2023**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries –**

**Sunday January 1st – Saturday January 7th**

Mike and Linda Melvin's Anniversary is January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Marcia DeAndrade, chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Team, relayed on Sunday that the team is in the process of interviewing new pastoral candidates. They are working closely with the Global Methodist Church and hope to have a new pastor interviewed by the Staff-Parish Relations Team in January and in place within the congregation by February.**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Nelson Goodnight, Tonya Landreth**

**ONGOING CARE NEEDS**

DJ Bridgers, Mary Anna Bridgers, Linda Jones, Tim Kinlaw, Madi Parrish, Tracy Parrish, Elmer Tessenaar

**ONGOING PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Sarah Borbeau, Henry Bostic, Jr., Louise Brown, Shirley Carter, Cody Clark, Toni DeVane, Ava Duncan, Thomas Faircloth, Sue Finley, Gloria Griffin, Becky Grimes, Bryant & Wanda Herring, Colby Hester, Tommy Hinson, Renee Inman, Matthew Krause, Carolyn Lancaster, Anna McKeithan, Bob Meeker, Tammy Merritt, Dianne Palma, Faye Peter, Janet Price, Sheryl Reese,

Tom Richardson, Lynn Rideout, Harold Sasser, Shirley Melvin Simmons, Clementine Singletary, Phil Smith, Rev. Jimmy Tatum, Gary Turlington, Sharon Wood, Janet Yacobucci.

**IN FACILITIES**

Geradine Cashwell.....Waltonwood Cotswold, Charlotte

Adele Clark.....Scotia Village Retirement Center

**Lib Brown**.....Elizabethtown Healthcare & Rehab Center

**HOMEBOUND:** Ruth Rogers, Annette Strouse

**ELIZABETHTOWN PRIMARY**

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Nate Barber, Landen Beard (deployed), Sam Brewer, Dustin and Melissa Carter, Hunter Clark, Shannon Johnson, Steven Johnson, Jared Mazur, Aizik Romero, Zachary Taylor Smith, Service People everywhere and Families of Service People

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Administrative Assistant: Sharon Parrish*

*Accompanist: Tim Olsen*

*Pianist: Brenda Reese*

*Financial Administrator: Ken Moore*

*Children/Youth Coordinator: Laura Hall*

*Sound System: Nelson Goodnight*

*Online Church Facilitator: David deAndrade*

***Names on the urgent prayer list are removed after three weeks unless the office is notified. To be included in this prayer list, please write down the name on the Prayer Request paper on the podium in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list. It is our honor to pray for you!***

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