



building God's Church...blessing our community

THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 4, 2026

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**ISAIAH 60:1-2

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,

and his glory will be seen upon you.

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**TO GOD BE THE GLORY
No. 66

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

SCRIPTURE READING.....JOB 1

READER: The Word of the Lord
CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF ADORATION.....MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE
No. 364

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine -
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we refuse to bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.
In your mercy forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your word and table
and unite us to Christ,
the bread of life and the vine
from which we grow in grace. Amen.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**1 JOHN 2:1-2

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**.....IT IS WELL

No. 493

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

**It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin - not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" - it is well with my soul.

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE MARK FORD

SERMON.....NATE ARNOLD

JAMES 4:13-17

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

SERMON NOTES

TO PLAN OR NOT TO PLAN? JAMES 4:13-17

I. TWO DITCHES

II. THE PROPER BIBLICAL PATH

III. APPLICATION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE
No. 405

My faith has found a resting place -
Not in device nor creed;
I trust the Ever-living One -
His wounds for me shall plead.

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.**

Enough for me that Jesus saves -
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him -
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word -
The written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name -
Salvation thru His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick -
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed -
For me His life He gave.

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2026

We have begun a new Bible reading plan this year called [The Bible Recap](http://www.thebiblerecap.com), reading through the entire Bible in one year and in chronological order. For more information about The Bible Recap, go to www.thebiblerecap.com/start and explore the options for using either the digital or print format. Copies of the reading calendar for January through March are available on the information counter. Stay tuned for more information!

HELP TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

We will take down the Christmas decorations today after the worship service. Please plan to stay and help for a few minutes.

GUEST PREACHER TODAY

We welcome Nate Arnold back to our pulpit this morning. Nate is a Ruling Elder at Metro North Church and lives in Goose Creek with his wife Kate. He retired from the US Navy in 2001 and has served in pulpit supply and numerous Bible teaching roles.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JAN 5-11	WEEK OF JAN 12-18	WEEK OF JAN 19-25
Sam & Rosa Helen Reid	Sam & Karla Lambrecht	Susan Gonzalez

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Tom & Lucy Wright, serving with MTW in French-speaking African countries and Haiti
Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world
Church of the week: Metro North Church, Goose Creek; John Schley, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Susan Gonzalez: recovery from pneumonia and accurate diagnosis from testing
Deborah Finkelstein: ongoing medical concerns
Brush Babb: continued strengthening and improvement
Joe Junquet: adjustment to the loss of his vision
Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee replacement surgery
Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues
Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy
Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor
 Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students
 Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry
 Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist
 Helen Meacham, Pianist
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 Evan Lambrecht
 Frank Myers
 Chris Rickenbaker
 Jeff Watford

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Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

CALENDAR

SUN 1/4	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS
TUES 1/6	7:00AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 1/7	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 1/11	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JOB 6-9	JOB 10-13	JOB 14-16	JOB 17-20	JOB 21-23	JOB 24-28

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