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THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 29, 2024

**REFLECTION & PREPARATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** .....FROM PSALMS 107, 103, 139

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits:**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your diseases, and redeems your life from the pit; He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!**

Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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.

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** .....ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH  
No. 132

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

**SCRIPTURE READING**.....PSALM 119:137-176

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

**HYMN OF ADORATION** .....EARTH GAVE HIM NO WELCOME

WORDS: EDITH MARGARET CLARKSON

Earth gave him no welcome, no shelter, no home  
He slept in a stable, the inn had no room  
No bed but a manger, no pillow but hay,  
no friends but the oxen who watched where he lay.

To seek and to rescue the dying and lost,  
he came to save sinners at infinite cost  
Despised and rejected, forsaken was he  
Earth gave him no welcome but Calvary's tree.

Earth gave him no welcome sin's night has been long  
But soon comes God's morning All glorious with song  
Then earth shall not see him rejected again;  
Triumphant in glory her King comes to reign!

## 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.....WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL, ADAPTED BY WILLIAM C. DIX

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

## SHEPHERDING PRAYER .....RE SAM LAMBRECHT

## SERMON .....NICK WILLIAMSON

### Psalm 131

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.  
<sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

<sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

# SERMON NOTES

## HOPE IN A NOISY WORLD

PSALM 131

1. A QUIET SOUL IS NOT PRIDEFUL [V. 1]

2. A QUIET SOUL IS CONTENT [V. 2]

3. A QUIET SOUL CLINGS TO HOPE [V. 3]

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** .....GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
our humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

**\*BENEDICTION**

# BULLETIN BOARD

## STAY AFTER WORSHIP TO HELP TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS

Please stay a few minutes after the worship service today to help us take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work!

## 2025 BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE

Join us as we continue our three-year Bible reading plan and develop a new habit or reinforce an old one: reading God's word every day! The plan is simple - usually just one chapter a day. The Session is regularly praying for your growth in Christlikeness - God's Word is one of the primary means He uses to change our lives and make us more like Jesus. Reading His Word together provides both accountability and deeper fellowship in our body. Laminated copies of the 2025 plan are available on the counter in the Narthex.

## GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING

Our guest pastor this morning is Nick Williamson, a Ruling Elder and the Executive Director at Columbia Presbyterian Church. He is married to Annie and together they have seven kids ranging from one to thirteen years old. In addition to serving in the church, Nick teaches engineering and physics at a Christian high school, and he is slowly but surely working on finishing his MDiv at Birmingham Theological Seminary.

### VISITATION SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DEC. 30-JAN. 5	WEEK OF JAN. 6-12	WEEK OF JAN. 13-19
Alan & Susan Ulmer	Kathy Forward	Frank & Mary Beth Myers

### REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Ministry Partner:** Brian and Megan Moore - serving the church in Germany with MTW.

**Our Troops:** pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

**Church of the week:** Hilton Head Presbyterian; Bill McCutchen, pastor

### TRINITY FAMILY

**Jimmy Wells and family:** in the loss of his wife Linda

**Joe Junquet:** continued healing of his nerves

**Melonie Anderson:** recovering at home from recent 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

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John Mark Patrick, Pastor  
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## CALENDAR

SUN 12/29	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUE 12/31	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN 1/5	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

### TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 120	PSALM 121	PSALM 122	PSALMS 123-124	PSALMS 125-127	PSALMS 128-130

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