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THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 31, 2023

**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** .....O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

**SCRIPTURE READING** .....2 SAMUEL 24

**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.....I HEAR THE WORDS OF LOVE

WORDS: HORATIUS BONAR      MUSIC: HENRY GAUNTLETT

I hear the words of love, I gaze upon the blood,  
I see the mighty sacrifice, And I have peace with God.

‘Tis everlasting peace! Sure as Jehovah’s name;  
‘Tis stable as His steadfast throne, Forevermore the same.

The clouds may come and go    And storms may sweep my sky;  
This blood-sealed friendship changes not; The cross is ever nigh.

My love is oft-times low, My joy still ebbs and flows;  
But peace with Him remains the same; No change Jehovah knows.

I change, He changes not, The Christ can never die;  
His love, not mine, the resting place, His truth, not mine, the tie.

## SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE ALAN ULMER

## SERMON.....THOM WATSON

### 1 TIMOTHY 3

<sup>1</sup> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup> Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup> Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup> For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, <sup>15</sup> if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. <sup>16</sup> Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

# SERMON NOTES

## A NOBLE TASK

1 TIMOTHY 3

MAIN POINT: ALL CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO LIVE LIVES OF HUMILITY.

1. CONTROL OVER \_\_\_\_\_.

2. CONCERN FOR \_\_\_\_\_.

3. CONFIDENT IN \_\_\_\_\_.

**\*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 CHURCH TO HELP TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS

Please stay after church to help take down Christmas decorations. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## 2024 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 2024 plan are available on the information counter.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY

Come to church at 8 am this Saturday, January 6, for our first Men's Breakfast of the new year. Upcoming Men's Breakfasts are planned for February 3 and March 2.

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Ministry Partner:** Pamyla Burrack - serving with MTW on the Europe Leadership Team

**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

**Herb Tait and family:** in the loss of Mrs. Betty Tait

**Susan Gonzalez:** recovering after surgery to repair broken jaw and teeth, on liquid diet for six weeks

**Wayne Walling:** released home from rehab, undergoing outpatient infusion therapy at MUSC Orangeburg

**Karla Lambrecht:** recovering from knee surgery

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

**Melonie Anderson:** recovering from knee surgery, pray for balance issues when she walks

**Theresa Hickson:** clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

**Claudia Wilkes:** for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues

**Lawton Porter:** ongoing therapy

**Linda Wells:** neuropathy, improved stamina

**Christie Churchwell:** relief from headaches

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

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CALENDAR		
SUN 12/31	9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 1/2	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 1/3	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 1/7	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTS 1	ACTS 2	ACTS 3	ACTS 4	ACTS 5	ACTS 6 & 7

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