

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
January 1, 2023 A.D.**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

P: All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!

P: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

L: Therefore, let us worship God on this day! Amen.

The Morning Anthem

Litany of Exhortation

L: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.

P: Above all we will put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

L: Forebear one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other.

P: Above all we will put one love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

L: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness to God.

P: Above all we will put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

L: And whatever you do, in word and deed, do in Christ's name, giving thanks to God.

P: Above all we will put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

*Our Response

What a Friend We have in Jesus

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #38***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Sermon: ***Celestial Navigation!***

*Hymn - ***We Three Kings of Orient are #66***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

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