

Reflection

“In times of temptations and trials, arguments and exhortations unto watchfulness against sin and constancy in obedience are to be multiplied in number, and pressed with wisdom, earnestness, and diligence.”
- John Owen

—————**ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE**—————

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.*

Call to Worship Psalm 75:3

When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
It is I who keep steady its pillars.

Hymn of Praise *Joy to the World!* #195

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #194

—————**CONFESSING OUR SIN**—————

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

—————**RENEWING OUR FAITH**—————

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7
(Pew Bible p.59)
James Ritchey, Pastoral Intern
Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Amen!

Confession of Faith *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter XVII

Leader: What do you believe concerning the perseverance of the saints?

People: They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free

will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them; and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

Nevertheless they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and for a time continue therein: whereby they incur God’s displeasure, and grieve his Holy Spirit; come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts; have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

Hymn of Preparation *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* #193

Children in K5 through 1st grade may be dismissed for Children’s Worship at this time. This is optional. Children are welcome to remain with their parents during the sermon. The children will study the same passage as the sermon, so your family can discuss the passage together after church if you wish.
Please pick up your children in the classrooms downstairs promptly after service.

Proclamation of God’s Word Don Bennett, Elder

“Hold Fast!” - Hebrews 3:7-15
(Pew Bible p. 1002)

—————**RESPONDING IN THANKS**—————

Prayers of the People

Collection of Offering *Christmas Sanctus*
Holy Trinity Adult Choir

See the weary pair, nestled in a stable bare,
Gazing at their baby boy, filled with love and praise.
Earth and heaven sing, worshipping the newborn King,
Who has come to change the world.
Join in songs of praise:

Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one.
Heav’n and earth are filled with your glory.
Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.
Glory be to God in the highest!

See the shepherds run, searching for God’s precious Son;
Kneeling at his manger bed, filled with love and praise.
Ev’ry knee will bow. Ev’ry tongue confessing now,
Jesus Christ is Lord of all.
Join in songs of praise:

Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one.
Heav’n and earth are filled with your glory.
Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.
Glory be to God in the highest!

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #521

Benediction

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—————**ANNOUNCEMENTS**—————

Welcome to our Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping with us today!
Please help us greet you by completing the Welcome Card (located in the pew pockets) and placing it in the offering plate. We would love to have you join us in the **Courtyard** for coffee and donuts after the service.

Parking Lot Project— TGH and TECO continue their construction project affecting our East parking lot. Thank you all for your patience, and please feel free to park in our North lot at this point.

Tuesday Night Evangelism— Join us **Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm** at Gaslight Park in Downtown Tampa as we distribute pizza, build relationships, and seek to share the Gospel. Contact **Willy Ardon** with questions.

December & January Sunday Morning and Evening Schedule
Sunday, December 29 (Today) – No Sunday School; No evening activities
Sunday, January 5 – Sunday School Kickoff Prayer & Breakfast; Normal evening activities
Sunday, January 12 – Normal Sunday School & Sunday evening activities

Neighborhood Outreach Dinner— We will **not** have our outreach dinner this Thursday, January 2.

Two Year Bible Reading Plans— See today’s bulletin inserts!

Save the Date! The **Gasparilla Children’s Parade** is Saturday, January 18. More details to come but be thinking of friends you can invite to join us for lunch, fellowship, and parade-watching on the lawn at Rosemary Henderson’s home.

Lost & Found: Are you missing something? Please take a look in the Lost & Found—located in the Fellowship Hall in a marked cabinet outside the kitchen door. We will be cleaning out the cabinet of all items in January.

Operating Account Information as of 12/26/19:

	12/26/19	12/31/19	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
Total Collections	\$1,108,989	\$1,224,017	\$115,028



"Hold Fast"

Hebrews 3:7-15

1. Context: What is at stake?

2. Perseverance and the Word of God - Psalm 95

3. Instruction from the Word of God

a. Warning - "hardening" of the heart (8)

- i. _____ the faithfulness of God
- ii. _____ the promises of God
- iii. _____ the Word of God

b. Exhortation - "Take care" (12)

c. Encouragement - Union with Christ (14)

4. Application

a. Universal _____

b. Universal _____

c. _____ grace will wither.

WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and exists to proclaim the gospel and make disciples to the glory of the triune God.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We invite you to join us for coffee, juice, and donuts in the courtyard, or in the fellowship hall, immediately following the morning worship service.

Let us know how we may pray for you. Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church and a small prayer group will confidentially pray for these requests.

We welcome the participation of children in our worship service. This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-4: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- K5-1st Grade: dismissed to Children's Worship before the sermon

MEETING TIMES

Sundays: 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service
 6:00 pmEvening Prayer, Covenant Kids class,
 High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

Small Groups meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, holytrinitypca.org.

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm. Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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