

## Reflection

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” – Isaiah 7:14

“The eternal Son of God, He through whom the universe was made, did not despise the virgin’s womb! What a wonder is there! It is not strange that it has always given offence to the natural man. But in that wonder we find God’s redeeming love, and in that babe who lay in Mary’s womb we find our Saviour who thus became man to die for our sins, and bring us into peace with God.”  
– J. Gresham Machen

## Musical Reflection

*All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord* (sung by musicians)

All praise to thee, eternal Lord, Once did the skies before thee bow;  
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; a virgin’s arms contain thee now;  
choosing a manger for thy throne, angels who did in thee rejoice  
while worlds on worlds are thine alone. now listen for thine infant voice.

## 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

from Luke 1

Minister: Our souls magnify the Lord; and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior

**People: For he who is mighty has done great things for us; and holy is his name.**

## Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

## Hymns of Praise

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* #208  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #203

## The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy \*catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The word "catholic" in its original use means "universal" or "worldwide." It is not a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

### Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

### Words of Comfort and Promise

Luke 1:34-35

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

### Hymn of Response

*Silent Night! Holy Night!* #210

### Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 35-36

Q. 35 What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

**A. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.**

Q. 36 What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

**A. He is our Mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.**

## RENEWING OUR FAITH

### Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Reader: The Word of the Lord

(Pew Bible p.855)

**People: Amen!**

### Hymn of Preparation

*Of the Father’s Love Begotten* #162

*At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.*

### Proclamation of God’s Word

Rev. Dustyn Eudaly, Senior Minister

Matthew 1:18-25 — Lo, He Abhors Not the Virgin’s Womb

(Pew Bible p. 807)

## RESPONDING IN THANKS

### Musical Reflection

*Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless* (sung by musicians)

1. Who is this so weak and helpless,  
child of lowly Hebrew maid,  
rudely in a stable sheltered,  
coldly in a manger laid?  
’Tis the Lord of all creation,  
who this wondrous path has trod;  
he is God from everlasting,  
and to everlasting God.

3. Who is this? Behold him shedding  
drops of blood upon the ground!  
Who is this, despised, rejected,  
mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
’Tis our God, who gifts and graces  
on his church is pouring down;  
who shall smite in holy vengeance  
all his foes beneath his throne.

2. Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,  
walking sadly life's hard way,  
homeless, weary, sighing, weeping  
over sin and Satan's sway?  
’Tis our God, our glorious Savior,  
who above the starry sky  
now for us a place preparing,  
where no tear can dim the eye.

4 Who is this that hangs there dying  
while the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
numbered with the malefactors,  
torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
’Tis the God who lives forever  
’mid the shining ones on high,  
in the glorious golden city,  
reigning everlastingly.

## Collection of Offering

## Closing Hymn

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* #193

## Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Young Adult Pickleball Fellowship** — Young adults are invited to join us **TODAY** for pickleball and fellowship at Cuscaden park following the service and fellowship. All skill levels are welcome! We will have extra paddles. Questions? Contact Tracy Gates at (760) 445-2228. We plan to do this on the second Sunday of each month.

**Neighborhood Caroling** — In lieu of evening activities here at the church, we will gather in our small groups **TONIGHT at 5:30 pm** for dinner and caroling. All are welcome; feel free to invite others to join you! Each group will eat from 5:30-6:00 pm, and carol from 6:00-7:00 pm.

### Caroling in the Neighborhood of Don & Hope Bennett’s Home

*(Shepherding Groups: Don Bennett, Wink Hall, Gregg Fisher)*

3228 W. Harbor View Ave. Tampa, FL 33611

RSVP to Don ([dbennett@bankerlopez.com](mailto:dbennett@bankerlopez.com))

### Caroling in the Neighborhood of Steve & Loren Light’s Home

*(Shepherding Groups: Steve Light and Dave Brittain)*

5011 W. Azeele St. Tampa, FL 33609

RSVP to Steve ([slight@htpctampa.org](mailto:slight@htpctampa.org))

### Caroling in the Neighborhood of Dustyn & Julie Eudaly’s Home

*(Shepherding Groups: Dustyn Eudaly, Regular Attendees, Visitors)*

3600 W. Granada St. Tampa, FL 33629

RSVP to Dustyn ([deudaly@htpctampa.org](mailto:deudaly@htpctampa.org))

**Neighborhood Outreach Christmas Dinner** — Join us **this Thursday, December 16th** as we serve a special Christmas meal, distribute blankets as gifts, and sing Christmas carols. **Children**, we would love for you to join us in the singing portion of the evening if you are able!

**NEW Sunday School Class: Christmas Hymns of Martin Luther** — Join us **next Sunday, December 19th at 9:15 am** to learn about and sing Christmas hymns penned by the German Reformer Martin Luther. This will be a one-week class to which the middle and high school students are invited to join!

**Covenant Kids Cookie Decorating** — After our evening service **next Sunday evening, December 19th** the Covenant Kids will be dismissed down to the Fellowship Hall to decorate (and eat!) Christmas cookies.

**Youth Christmas Fellowship** — The middle and high school students will gather **next Sunday, December 19th at 5:45 pm** at the home of Carl & Alyssa Fisher for a meal, fellowship, and a white elephant gift exchange! Please RSVP to Leslie Hall ([lhall@htpctampa.org](mailto:lhall@htpctampa.org)).

**Christmas Eve Service** — Our Christmas Eve service will be at **5:00 pm on Friday, December 24th**. Please invite others!

**No Sunday School/Evening Service** — We will not have Sunday School or evening worship on Sundays, December 26th and January 2nd.

### Stewardship Report— Operating Account as of Dec. 10, 2021

Budgeted Receipts thru 12/31	\$956,567
Actual Receipts thru 12/10	<u>\$758,838</u>
Shortfall	(\$197,729)

Please pray for the Lord to provide for our financial needs as a congregation; he has been so faithful to us across so many areas of our church’s life.



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Introduction

The church's \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the

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1. Joseph and Mary's \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_.

4. God's \_\_\_\_\_: The

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WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our theological standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, all of which are subordinate to our only ultimate rule of faith and practice, God's Word (the Old and New Testament Scriptures).

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the courtyard 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 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 0-3: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
• Pre-K-K5 Grade: dismissed to the nursery before the sermon

MEETING TIMES

Sundays: 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm .....Evening Worship and 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, htpctampa.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.

MINISTERS

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