

Reflection

“[I]n the treasures which the wise men bring is a prophecy of the homage that the whole world will pay to Christ; for the King of Israel is the hope of the world.” – Herman Ridderbos

Musical Reflection

Brightest and Best (sung by the Holy Trinity Choir)

1. Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger,
lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Refrain: Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid,
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Refrain

3. Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and off'rings divine?
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine? Refrain

Words by Reginald Heber; Music arr. by Shawn Kirchner

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 Isaiah 60

Minister (vv. 1-2): Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

People (vv. 3-4): And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

All (vv. 5-6): Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymns of Praise

Angels, from the Realms of Glory #218
As with Gladness Men of Old #226

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

Words of Comfort and Promise

Luke 2:29-32

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Hymn of Response

Once in Royal David's City
(sung by the Covenant Kids' Choir)

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay:
from the manger to the cross,
for our sins he paid the cost.

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Old Testament Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Amen!

Psalm 72:8-15; Micah 5:1-5
(Pew Bible p.485; 778)

Hymn of Preparation

What Child Is This #213

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 2:1-12 — The Wise Men Come to Worship King Jesus
(Pew Bible p. 807)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Musical Reflection

Saw You Never, in the Twilight (sung by musicians)

1. Saw you never, in the twilight,
when the sun had left the skies,
up in heav'n the clear stars shining
through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching,
saw a little stranger star,
and they knew the King was given,
and they followed it from far.
2. Heard you never of the story
how they crossed the desert wild,
journeyed on by plain and mountain
till they found the holy child?
How they opened all their treasure,
kneeling to that infant King;
gave the gold and fragrant incense,
gave the myrrh in offering?
3. Know ye not that lowly baby
was the bright and morning Star?
He who came to light the Gentiles
and the darkened isles afar?
And we, too, may seek his cradle;
there our hearts' best treasures bring;
love and faith and true devotion
for our Savior, God, and King.

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come #195

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Kids Cookie Decorating & Military Outreach — After our evening service at 6:00 pm **TONIGHT**, we will gather in the Courtyard to decorate Christmas cookies and assemble gift baskets for military families facing deployment this Christmas. We're excited about this opportunity as we've been praying for ways to reach MacDill Air Force Base. Please join us!

Youth Christmas Fellowship — The middle and high school students will gather **TONIGHT at 5:45-7:15 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).

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

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

No Neighborhood Outreach Dinner — We will not serve meals on Thursday, December 23rd or 30th.

Looking Ahead to 2022! Save These Dates — As this calendar year comes to an end, please draw your attention to a number of ministries beginning in the new year.

- **Looking Back and Looking Ahead:** We will spend the Sunday School hour on **Sunday, January 9th** highlighting and reflecting on all that we have heard and learned from God's Word this past year and how we as individuals and as a church intend to be doers of that Word as we look ahead to 2022. We'll also gather for a fellowship **brunch** after the service that day!
- **Winter SS Series beginning Sunday, January 16th:** "Looking at the Prophetic Call Narratives." Who were the Old Testament prophets? When did they live? What was their purpose? We will seek to answer these questions by examining individual prophets' calls to ministry as the prophets together form a unified whole and a unified voice.
- **"The Christian and Our Finances" Roundtable:** This will be a five-week workshop-style class open to all on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning January 18th**. Childcare will be provided.
- **Small Groups:** Each of our Small Groups will meet 1-2 times each month for fellowship and prayer. This year, we will work our way through Psalm 119 together. Specific details for each group will be announced soon.
- **Talent Show:** Calling all children, adults, families, and small groups! Start brainstorming a song, act, or some other special "talent" to share for an evening of church family fun! More details and a date (likely end of January, or early February) to come soon!

Stewardship Report— Operating Account as of **December 17, 2021**

Budgeted Receipts thru 12/31	\$956,567
Actual Receipts thru 12/17	\$829,492
Shortfall	(\$127,075)

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.



Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men Come to Worship King Jesus

Introduction

The birth of Jesus is a _____

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1. The wise men's _____.

2. King Herod's _____.

3. The Jews' _____.

4. The church's _____ midst Satan's

_____.

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 pmEvening 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.

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