

Lord's Day Morning Worship Service

December 29, 2024; 11:00 a.m.

When the music begins, please refrain from conversation and prepare for the worship service.

Greeting and Welcome; Announcements

Approaching God

▲ Call to Worship & Response **Isaiah 12:5–6**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously,
let this be made known in all the earth.

**People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion;
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

▲ Doxology **Trinity Hymnal 103 (vs. 4)**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we sing this mystery.**

▲ Prayer of Invocation

▲ *O Day of Rest and Gladness* **Trinity Hymnal 392**

▲ Confession of Sin (*Unison*) **Galatians 2:20**

**I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me. Amen.**

▲ Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Old Testament Scripture **Psalm 16**

Pastoral Prayer

▲ *Indicates standing, as able.*

Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV)

Giving Attention to God's Word

▲ *When in His Might...* **Psalter Hymnal 126B**

New Testament Scripture **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

Sermon **JESUS' RETURN 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

Licentiate Mitchell D. Watson

Theme We await the resurrection at Christ's return.

1. Resurrection Hope (vs. 13–15)
2. The Return of Christ (vs. 16–18)

Responding to God's Word

▲ *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* **Trinity Hymnal 196**

▲ Confession of Faith (*Unison*) **John 11:25–26**

**Jesus said
“I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.”**

▲ *Gloria Patri* **Trinity Hymnal 735**

Giving & Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

▲ Benedictory Prayer

▲ Doxology **Trinity Hymnal 218 (vs. 5)**

**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.**

Next Lord's Day

Licentiate Mitchell D. Watson will preach at both services

Morning Sermon APOSTOLIC GREETING (1 Corinthians 1:1–3)

Evening Sermon THE ARMORER (Ephesians 6:10–11)