

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 1, 2013 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

~ Charles Wesley

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [8:25/10:55A.M.]

The Prophets' Candle, the first purple candle representing Christ's royalty and the sinner's repentance, is lighted. The coming of Christ was indeed foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament hundreds of years before the incarnation of Christ.

* **THE PRELUDE** "Savior of the Nations, Come" J.S. Bach
Elizabeth V. Arnold, *organ*

* **THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

*† **THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** *Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 33:8-11* Mr. Howell

Minister: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

† **THE HYMN No. 196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

† **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE READING OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

THE CALL TO PRAYER OF HUMBLE SUBMISSION

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE HYMN NO. 194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [st. 1, 4-5] VENI EMMANUEL

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting *Isaiah 59:20*

"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the Lord.

**The Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Gustav Holst
Chancel Choir; Steve Lee, *directing***

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His
hand,**

**Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to
demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He
stood,**

**Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the
blood;**

He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on
the way,**

**as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of
endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears
away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with
sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice
they cry:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High! Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

† **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Acts 12:1-19* Page 1171 in the Pew Bible

† **THE RESPONSE**

Minister:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of

**People: The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of
our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 714

“We Plow the Fields”

*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children’s
Church.*

*Following the worship service, please pick up your children from the
Children’s Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

THE SERMON

Mr. McRoberts

STEADY, SON, STEADY

Acts 12:1-19

XXVIII. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD KNOWS THE CHAINS OF MY IMPRISONMENT ~ 12:1-4

II. GOD HEARS THE EARNEST CRIES OF MY HEART ~ 12:5-6

III. GOD SENDS THE MEANS OF MY ESCAPE ~ 12:7-19

CONCLUSION

† **THE HYMN No. 670** “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” **NEUMARK**
[Congregation sings *a cappella* on the last stanza]

† **THE BENEDICTION** *I Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28*

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you
completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. He Who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, until the
day breaks and these shadows flee away.

People: AMEN!

† **THE QUIET REFLECTION**

† **THE POSTLUDE** “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” **Walther**

* Indicates seating times for those who are detained † Indicates the congregation standing, as able



2013 Christmas at Trinity
The Lord's Day, December 1, 6:00 p.m.
Decorating the Christmas Tree
Carol-Singing and Decorating the Tree in Trinity Hall
Cookies and milk served following the service

The Lord's Day, December 8, 6:00 p.m.
Youth and Children's Christmas Service
The Cherub Choir, Seraphim Singers, Covenant Choir and Youth Choir

Trinity Bell Choir
Candlelit Service of Christmas Music with Readings

The Lord's Day, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.
Carol Sing Service
Special Music from Men's Quartet and Women's Ensemble

The Lord's Day, December 22, 6:00 p.m.
Eighteenth Annual Service of Lessons and Carols
Chancel Choir with Orchestra and Organ
Festive Prelude Begins at 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services
Chancel Choir and Guest Instrumentalists

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OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, December 1, 2013

- The Lord's Day** 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
- 6:00 P.M. Chrismon Tree Decoration in Trinity Hall
- 7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the Coopers

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, December 2-7, 2013

- Monday** 12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room
- Tuesday** 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
- 3:30 P.M. WIC Christmas Party at John Knox Manor
- Wednesday** 6:30 A.M. Men's *Search the Scriptures* Study in the John Knox Room
- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room
- 11:30 A.M. SEAL *Business as Missions* Lunch in the Westminster Room
- 5:00 P.M. *Midweek*: Carol-Singing and Children's Choirs
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in the John M. Ward Session Room
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

Trinity Church Ministry Focus of the Week

Special Christmas Programs, Worship Services, and Music during December

Missionary Focus of the Week

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