

# MORNING WORSHIP

December 24, 2023 – 10:00 AM

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Prelude  
Greeting

## APPROACHING GOD

*(Lord, may your holy name be praised in all the earth!)*

\*Call to Worship **John 1:1-5, 9-18**

\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #319**  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*Confession of Faith **The Larger Catechism Q36, 37, 39, 41**

**Q36: Who is the mediator of the covenant of grace?**

**Answer:** *The only mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.*

**Q37: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?**

**Answer:** *Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.*

**Q39: Why was it requisite that the mediator should be man?**

**Answer:** *It was requisite that the mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.*

**Q41: Why was our mediator called Jesus?**

**Answer:** *Our mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.*

\*Congregation Standing

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

*(Lord, teach us your Word, that we may walk in your truth.)*

Scripture Reading **(p. 1026) Matthew 1:18-2:12**  
\*Hymn **Trinity Psalter #307**

*All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

Scripture Reading **(p. 1088) Luke 1:26-38**  
\*Hymn **Trinity Psalter #317**

*What Child Is This*

Scripture Reading **(p. 1090) Luke 2:1-21**  
\*Hymn **Trinity Psalter #214**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Sermon Text **(p. 729) Isaiah 9:1-7**

Sermon **“FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN”**

## RESPONDING TO GOD

*(Lord, we gladly give you our praise, our gifts, and our lives.)*

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn of Response **Trinity Psalter #311**  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Prayer of Intercession

## COMMUNING WITH CHRIST

*(Lord, form Christ in us so that we would reflect your glory.)*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Closing Hymn **Trinity Psalter #570**  
*Doxology*

\*Benediction

**WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS:** *It is a joy to have you join us in fulfilling man's highest calling, namely the worship of our holy God!*

## John 1:1-5, 9-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>**In him was life, and the life was the light of men.** <sup>5</sup>**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>**But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,** <sup>13</sup>**who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>**For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.** <sup>17</sup>**For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** <sup>18</sup>**No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.**