



Pensacola, Florida
December 31, 2023 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas

**Indicates times when all who are able will please stand.*



Prelude

"Joy to the World"

John Rutter

A time of music and quiet meditation to remove all distractions and encounter our Creator.

Chiming Of The Hour

Welcome And Congregational Life Announcements

*Hymn 146

"Gentle Mary Laid her Child"

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Call To Worship – Based on John 1:1, 14

Ryan Obray

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.**

One: God has come to us in the birth of Jesus.

All: **God continues to come to us in new and surprising ways.**

One: Let us worship the God of new hope and new beginnings.

*Prayer Of Confession

Ryan Obray

Prince of Peace, Word of God incarnate, we need You. We need your power, your wisdom, your mercy. At the close of the year, we confess that we have had nudges from you that we did not translate into action. We have missed the mark and left much undone.

Forgive us, O God, for all the good intentions that were born and yet somehow, we never carried out. Lead us into this New Year with a new spirit. Cleanse our hearts and create within us new attitudes and new courage as only you are able to create them. We pray in the name and power of Jesus, our Lord. (Silent prayer, personal reflection)

*Assurance Of Forgiveness

Ryan Obray

One: God is gracious and merciful. Jesus Christ has died for our sins and risen to assure us of eternal life. Believe the Good News: you are forgiven! Be at peace.

All: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Ryan Obray

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Please greet each other, "Peace be with you."

Children's Moment

Prayer for Wisdom and Understanding of God's Word

Scripture Reading (UNISON) Luke 2:22-40

Liturgist, Ryan Obray

Pew Bible, NT, p. 59

After the reading: Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 145**

"What Child is This"

GREENSLEEVES

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, NT, p. 189

Sermon

Simeon's Song

Hugh Hamilton

Affirmation Of Faith *From PCUS: "A Declaration of Faith," 1977, Chapter 10 "Hope In God*

All things will be renewed in Christ.

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.

We do not know when the final day will come.

In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.

We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our lives.

But we see Jesus as Lord.

As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.

He will judge all people and nations.

Evil will be condemned

and rooted out of God's good creation.

There will be no more tears or pain.

All things will be made new.

The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer:

Ryan Obray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

"Gesu Bambino"
Antha McClure

Ryan Obray
Pietro A Yon

***Doxology (Hymnal p. 606)**

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn 136**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

***Benediction**

Hugh Hamilton

Postlude

"Merry Christmas Medley"
Connie McFarren and Hyunjoo Kim

arr. Melody Bober

May this music, often exuberant and joyful, prepare you as God sends you out to serve.



Hugh Hamilton, Pastor
Craig McFarren, Director of Music
Hyunjoo Kim, Organist
Danny Lyons, Director of Hand Bell Choir
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL! To learn about Trinity's life and service or about becoming a member of Trinity, visit www.trinitypcola.org.

WE WELCOME Ryan Obray home to Pensacola and to Trinity's worship this morning. Ryan is a First Year Seminary Student at Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, home for the holidays with his parents, Colette and Preston Obray.

THE SESSION CALLS A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday, January 21 for the purpose of approving the financial terms of the pastor's call, and to start the Elder Elections process.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER RESUMES JANUARY 10.

STARTING NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 9:15AM, Room 10, *JOURNEY INTO LIVING WISELY IN A FOOLISH WORLD: A Study of Proverbs*. Bring your Bible, you will receive lesson handouts that guide our discussion. Jan 7 Hugh Hamilton will give an introduction to the book of Proverbs and then embark on 13 lessons. We will discover practical wisdom and applicable insights to topics: money, marriage, work, anger, better health, making friends, pride: the worst of all sins, laziness, eliminating envy, stress, planning success, wisdom for the workplace, better relationships, and others.

ADDITIONAL WEEKLY NEWS, EXPANDED ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MESSAGES are in color in your Thursday email. To be added to the Thursday emails, send your address to info@trinitypcola.org and/or check our website: www.trinitypcola.org .

NURSERY CARE is provided for babies to 5-year-olds during Sunday School and Worship. The Nursery is located in Room 2. Children's Church is available for Kindergarten – 3rd Grade in Room 1 after the Children's Moment in Worship. Ushers can help you locate either room.

THE PRAYER LIST is in the Bulletin on the first Sunday of each month. Other days, it can be found on the Narthex table with the Prayer Request box. To receive the updated weekly prayer list by email, contact Sally Zorn or the church office (info@trinitypcola.org)