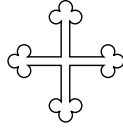


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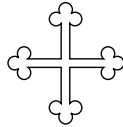
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 ESV



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
Who mourn and long for comfort;  
Who struggle and desire hope;  
Who sin and need a savior;  
Who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;  
Who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to whoever will come...

This church opens wide her doors and offers  
Welcome in the name of the risen  
Lord Jesus Christ



## Upcoming Events

### • **December**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Morning worship
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service 5p
- 29<sup>th</sup> Morning worship

### • **January**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Communion  
SS/CE  
Evening video service 6p
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 7p

See our online calendar at  
<http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar.html>

## Serving in the Church

### **Snacks**

- December
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Carron & deHaas
  - 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Nursery**

- December
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Kari S. & Lizzy W.
  - 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Greeters**

- December
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Carron & Dunn
  - 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Ushers**

- December
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Jayson B.
  - 29<sup>th</sup>

# Family Worship Guide

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, December 22: Obad; Jonah 1-4;	Psalm 142;	Rev 1
Monday, December 23: Mic 1-3;	Psalm 143;	Rev 2-3
Tuesday, December 24: Mic 4-7;	Psalm 144;	Rev 4-6
Wednesday, December 25: Nah 1-3;	Psalm 145:1-13;	Rev 7-9
Thursday, December 26: Hab 1-3;	Psalm 145:14-21;	Rev 10-12
Friday, December 27: Zeph 1-3; Hag 1-2;	Psalm 146;	Rev 13-15
Saturday, December 28: Zech 1-5;	Psalm 147;	Rev 16-17

## Prayer

- Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.
- Monday, Pray for our sister church, Christ Presbyterian Church, in Temecula, CA.
- Tuesday, Pray for our Chaplains as they minister to our soldiers.
- Wednesday, Pray for those who are sick that God would bring them healing.
- Thursday, Pray for our troops, especially those who are apart from their families.
- Friday, Pray that God would equip and protect the elders and deacons.
- Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacons of PPC, and for Sunday's worship service.

## Preparing to Receive the Lord's Supper

**WLC Question 171:** How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

**Answer:** They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

**WLC Question 172:** May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?

**Answer:** One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

## Preparation for Worship

### Devotional Prayer

O Source of all good, what shall I render to thee for the gift of gifts, thine own dear Son, begotten, not created, my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute, His self-emptying incomprehensible, His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp. Herein is wonder of wonders; he came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like him. Herein is love; when I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of grace, to raise me to himself. Herein is power; when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart he united them in dissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created. Herein is wisdom; when I was undone, with no will to return to him, and no intellect to devise recovery, he came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost, as man to die my death, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for me. O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind; let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose, my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father; place me with ox, ass, camel, goat, to look with them upon my Redeemer's face, and in him account myself delivered from sin; let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart, embrace him with undying faith, exulting that he is mine and I am His. In him thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.

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A world of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world - and might even be more difficult to save.

~C. S. Lewis  
(1898-1963)

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### Notes on Worship

**Confession of Sin:** After hearing the Law read to us from God's Word, and having it explained to us by the Westminster Catechism, we ought to be convicted by our sin. So as we come before the thrice-holy Almighty God to worship Him, we confess our sins to Him--both publicly and corporately--in order that He forgive us so that we worship Him with a clear conscience.

# The Public Worship of God

December 22, 2013; 9:30am

## Prayer for Illumination

### \* Greeting

*Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit;*

**People: Amen!**

*Leader: The stone that the builders rejected,*

**People: Has become the cornerstone.**

*Leader: This is the Lord's doing;*

**People: It is marvelous in our eyes! Amen!**

### \* Blessing

### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 145 (Trinity Hymnal p. 838) - Advent reading*

### \* Song of Adoration

*Hymn 203 -- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### \* Reading of the Law

*Deuteronomy 5:21*

*Tenth Commandment*

‘And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.’

## Exposition of the Law

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #80 & 81. Trinity Hymnal p.875*

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Leader: O most gracious and sovereign Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you and have fallen far short of your eternal glory.*

**People: We confess that we have coveted the possessions and spouses of others; Forgive us for wanting more, and then more after that. Help us to be content with all that your sovereign hand has given us.**

*Leader: Forgive us our sins, and remove our guilt and pollution.*

**All: Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

## Congregational Response

*Hymn 213 —What Child Is This?*

## New Member Reception & Sacrament of Baptism

*Marty & Robin McCullah; Baptism of Jonah, Ethan and Lucas*

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 845)*

## Tithes and Offerings

If you are visiting with us, please do not feel obligated to give. Our church depends upon the generous gifts of those who partner with us in seeking to pursue Christ in their lives.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### \* Doxology (*Trinity Hymnal 731*)

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.

### \* Lord's Prayer

### \* Reading of Scripture

1 Thessalonians 1 -- The Apostle Paul thanks God for the Thessalonian Christians and commends their faithful reception of the gospel.

## Psalm of the Month

*Psalm 145 -- (bulletin)*

Children ages five and under may be dismissed to the nursery.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Proclamation of the Word

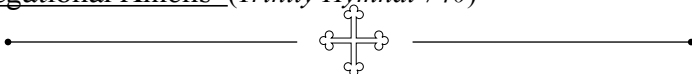
Luke 2:1-7 -- *The Birth Of Jesus* -- Pastor Clayton Willis

### \* Song of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 214 -- Angels We Have Heard On High*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational Amens (*Trinity Hymnal 740*)



\* Please stand if you are able

# Psalm 145

1. <sup>1</sup> I'll give You praise, my God, O King,  
 2. <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, de - serv - ing praise;  
 3. <sup>5</sup> I'll con - tem - plate Your won - drous works,  
 4. <sup>7</sup> Call - ing to mind Your good - ness great,

I will for - ev - er bless Your name;  
 His great - ness none can com - pre - hend.  
 Your splen - dor and Your glo - ry great.  
 Its fame they ea - ger - ly ex - press;

<sup>2</sup> I will ex - tol You ev - ery day,  
<sup>4</sup> One gen - er - a - tion to the next  
<sup>6</sup> Men will de - clare Your awe - some acts;  
 And they sing prais - es joy - ful - ly,

And ev - er - more Your praise pro - claim.  
 Will all Your might - y works com - mend.  
 Your pow'r and great - ness I'll re - late.  
 Tell - ing of all Your righ - teous - ness.



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\* child is this age by Sept. 1

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Giving	\$9703.58
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