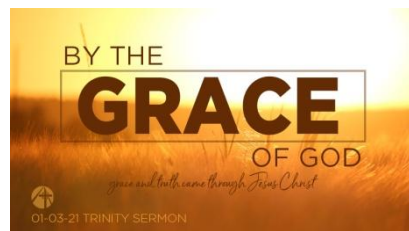




Pensacola, Florida
January 3, 2021 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday Of Christmas



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

Chiming Of The Hour

Musical Meditation

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Malotte

Prepare your heart, soul, and mind for worship

Welcome And Congregational Life Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Presbyterian Church USA: Book of Common Worship, 2018)

In the beginning was the Word of God,

And the Word became flesh to live among us.

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us.

Tell the good news throughout the earth:

The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

*Hymn

“We Three Kings”

*Opening Prayer (UNISON)

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.

As you have led us in days past, so guide us now in this New Year and always,
that our hearts may learn to choose your will and our resolves be strengthened;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.

*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

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

(at this point children will remain in pews with family)

Prayer for Illumination

UNISON Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV) *Spiritual Blessings in Christ*

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that

we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

Scripture John 1:1-18 (NRSV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Sermon

By The Grace of God

Hugh Hamilton

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation, Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of Bread, Sharing of Cup

Prayer

***Hymn**

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

***Call for the Offering**

***Benediction**

***Sending Refrain**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (verse 1)

My faith looks up to Thee; Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

Thank you for worship with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

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

NEXT ADULT STUDY Beginning January 3, 2021 Hugh will present his 12 Session Series FOUNDATIONS of OUR FAITH. The first 2 Sessions will be Jan 3 Intro: Why Study Theology? What is "Reformed Theology"? and Jan 10 The Bible. Please let us know at info@trinitypcola.org if you would like to be a part of this Serendipity/Gap Class Zoom Class.

THE GAP CLASS beginning January 17, 2021 will meet again on Sundays at 8:45 am in Room 10 at Trinity in the Activities Center. Social Distancing Protocols will be observed, and masks are required. Jack Lurton be teaching on "Scripture is Authoritative" and we welcome anyone wishing to participate.

PLEDGE CARDS Please drop off or mail in your pledge card to the Church Office. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please just write down the amount of your pledge and indicate whether it is weekly, monthly or annually. Please include your name and address. You may adjust your pledge at any time by contacting Sharon. Thank you for your faithfulness.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for January 17, 2021 following worship for the purposes: 1) To approve financial terms of pastors' calls for 2021, 2) To elect a Nominating Committee for 2021 Elder Elections, and to Elect the Class of 2023 Elders approved by the Session in April 2020 on behalf of the congregation due to the pandemic quarantine: Elders John Baehr, Sharon Gensemer, Jeff Hendrix, Jan Johnson, Joy Kidd, Eileen Mignerey, and Carol Powell.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING Please join us January 10 to un-decorate for Christmas following worship.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE Verses of Comfort can be found at trinitypcola.org > ministries > congregational care > other services – [click link here](#).

CONCERNS OF THE TRINITY FAMILY

TRINITY MEMBERS

Butch Crooke
Faye Groves
Kenny Heffner
Alison John
Dawn John
Richard & Sue Peden
Jake and Lil Renfroe
Carl Williams

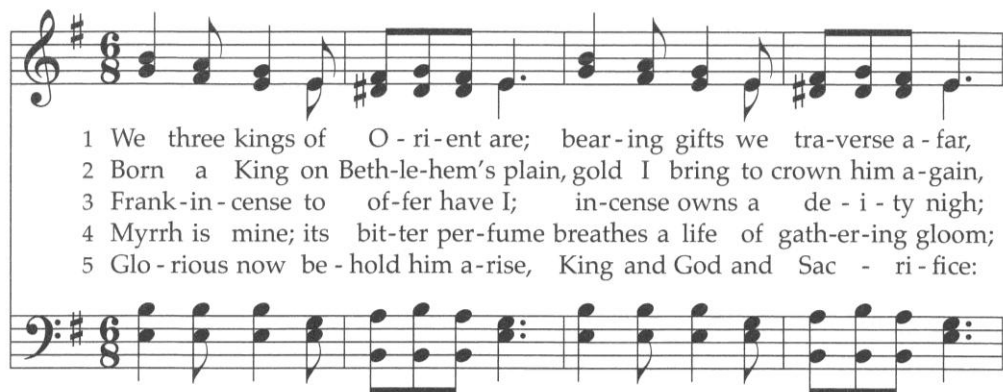
TRINITY FRIENDS & FAMILY

Don Allen (neighbor of Dona & Milton Usry)
Rose Baber (mother of Barb Martensen)
Jan Baldwin (family of Robert & Gail Childs)
Morgan Beck (brother of Gregg Beck)
Terri Carroll (sister of Dan Prettyman)
Joe Caruthers (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Harvey Howell Casey (nephew of Mary Catherine Hinton)
Patricia Clark (cousin of Elizabeth Massengill)
Nathan Dille (friend of Diane Millas)
Ken Dunn (request of Fred Gamble)
Rob Dobie (family of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Kelly Eberhardt (request of Mary Anne Meier)
Vince Farrugia (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)

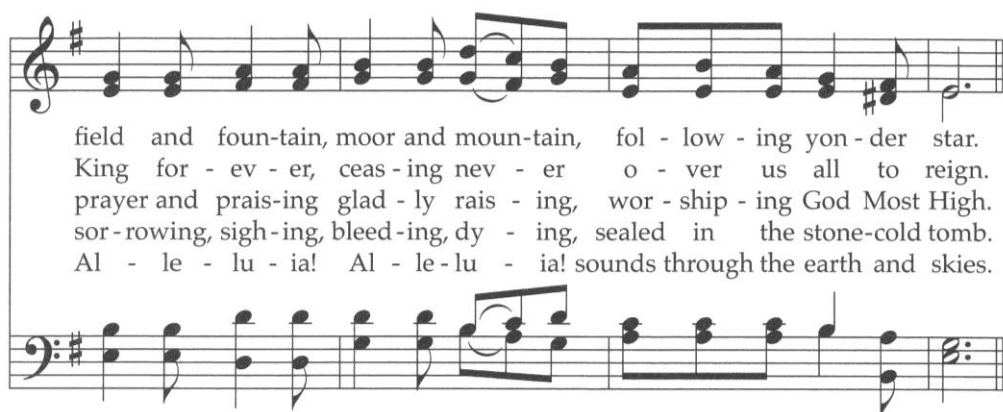
Kristin Gottschalk (niece of Allen Martensen)
Tina & Roger Jaskot (friends of Jon & Karen Nagel)
Joe Kemp (friend of Hugh Hamilton)
Yangduck Kim (mother of Hyunjoo Kim)
Jerry LaFlamme (request of Linda Gamble)
Mason Land (request of Barbara McLean)
Tom Landsgaard (brother of Greg Landsgaard)
Deanna & Jeff Lepa (family of Tom & Sandra Buck)
Millard Lunceford (brother of Joy Kidd & Judy Davis)
Angelica Makepeace (request of Alison John)
Lora Millard (family of Cam & Elizabeth Massengill)
Wyatt Mixson & Family (request of Marge Shimmin)
Barbara & Ben Mozo (request of Sandy Edwards)
Mary Muller (request of Peggy Watson)
Shade O'Driscoll Family (friends of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Jim Potter (request of Jean Norman)
Allen Smith (son of Gerry Smith,
brother of Berney Smith)
Diane Swalin (request of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Roger Vinson (request of Jean Norman)
Linda Warrick (request of Marge Shimmin)
Jo Winford (sister of Jayne Felix)
Saffron Young (family of Mary Anne Meier)

Prayer Warriors have been praying for our Concerns of the Trinity Family list during this time of isolation. We are grateful to Sally Zorn, Linda Gamble, Mary Anne Meier, Jill Clark, Sharon Gensemer, Sandra Holman, Kathy Webb, Marshall Arrich, Jane Patterson, Pat Harris, Dawn John, and Betty Petree. Thank you all!

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

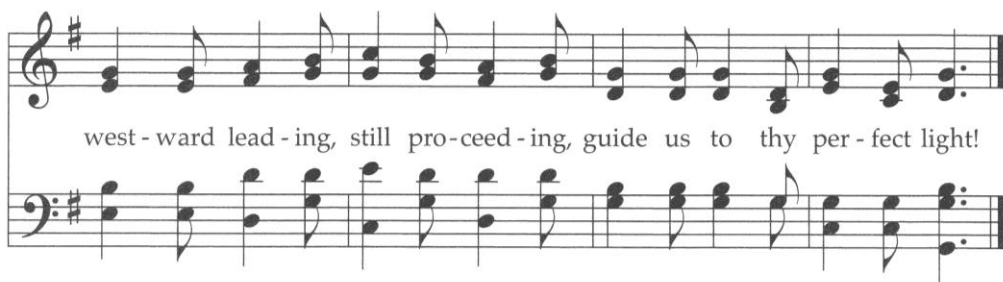


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain



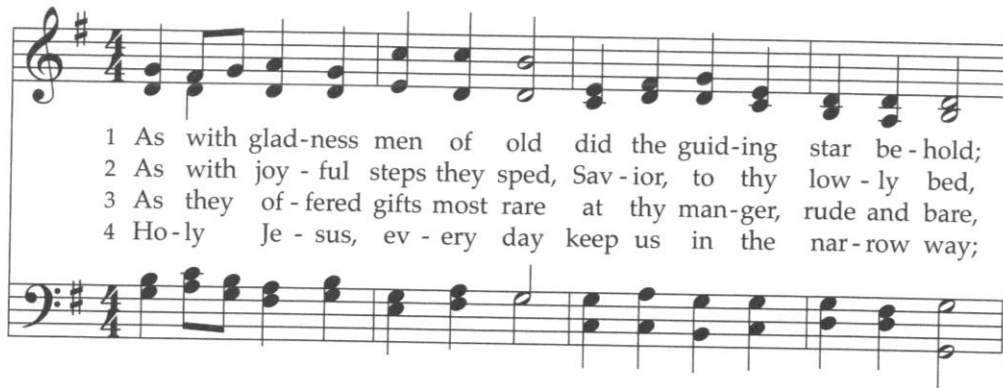
O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



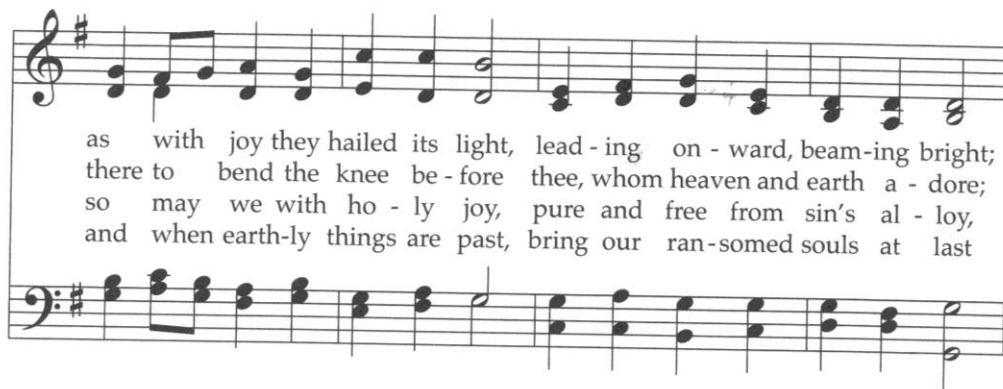
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

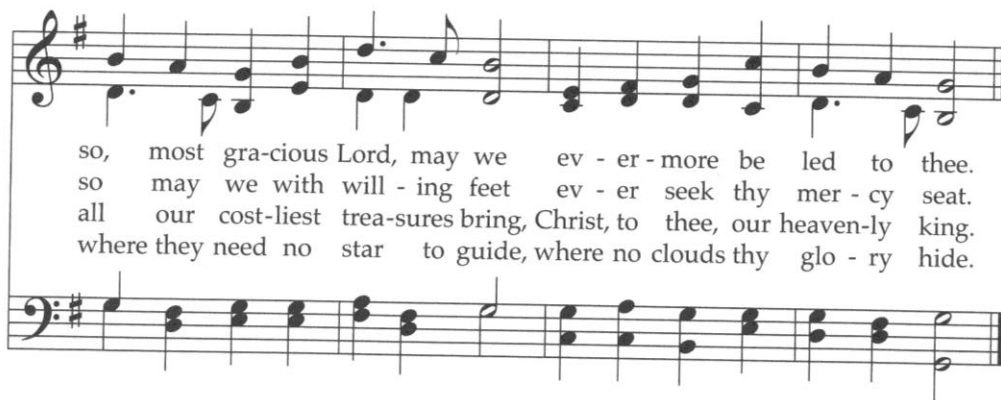
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

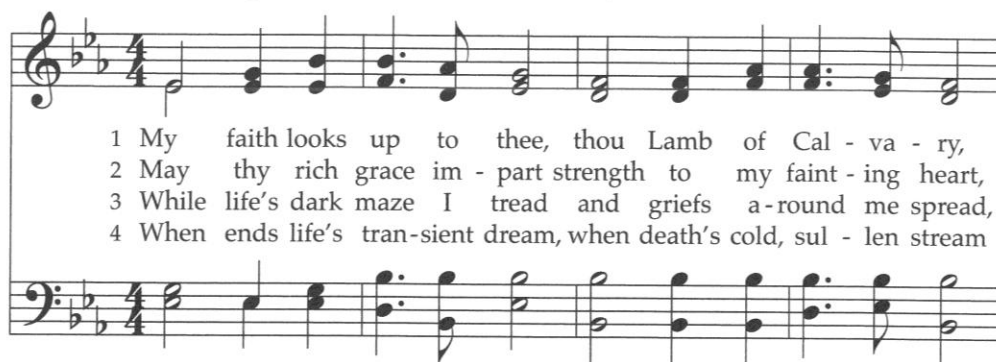
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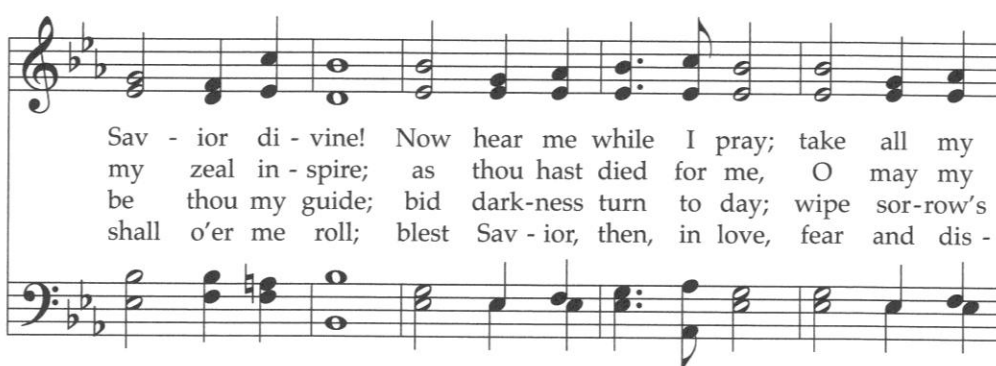
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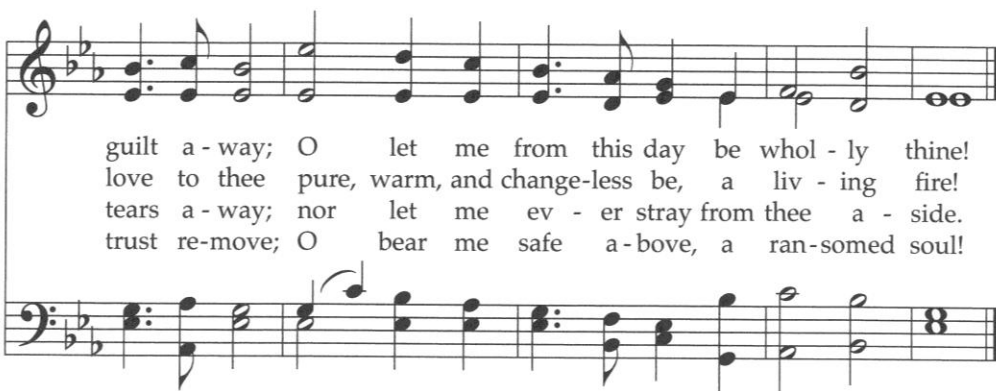
My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.