

Prelude

The Prelude to Worship prepares us to leave the world outside surrounding our bodies to enter into the kingdom of our heart, soul, and mind.

Lighting the Candles

Lighting a candle draws us out of the world-light to seek the Light of Christ who shines in the darkness of our soul. Opening our Bible to today's reading prepares our mind to Jesus speaking God's Word that shines in our heart and soul.

Today, our Prelude calls us to bring salt to Worship. Shake a little salt on your open Bible. Prepare to Let the salt of God's Word preserve, flavor, and cure your heart, soul, and mind.

Special Music

We find that instrumental music draws us out of the world and centers us in our heart of feelings.

Prayer of Confession: Teaches us to die to sin

Confession simply prepares our heart, soul, and mind to die to power of sin with Jesus who suffered all our sin. The Holy Spirit is the unseen force who leads us to see, feel, and hear our temptations.

Judgement tempts us with shame, guilt, and blame.

Condemnation is the experience of judgement tempting us to believe we are unworthy of entering God's Presence.

Sacrifice is the experience of judgement and condemnation tempting with what we must change before God will receive us into God's Presence.

Confession is awareness of God's Light shining in the darkest

regions of our heart, soul, and mind.

Prayer of Repentance: Teaches us to deny self

Repentance follows confession. Without confession we do not know what to turn from and to whom we are to turn. Jesus says that he is God in the flesh revealing God's desire for mercy.

Who are the lords of your life? To name them, remember your confession. Who are the people, groups, or institutions or nations who control you with their Judgement, Condemnation, and Sacrifices? Who determines that you are right and good or evil? These are those who persecute you. They are the ones you pray for and learn to love as God loves you through Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Mercy: Teaches us to rise in Christ

Lord, have mercy! Lord have mercy on me. I have given my persecutors and enemies power to lord over my life. I am tempted to fight, hide, and run but I cannot escape them. Their voices are in my head and heart. I long to hear you. I hunger for your Word. I thirst for your life. In your great mercy, you spoke to me. You led me to experience my temptation not to punish me, but to deliver me.

Prayer of Reconciliation: Teaches us to live in Grace

Lord, in my humanity I am vulnerable to judgement, condemnation, and sacrifice. Through Christ, my Lord, may I receive Mercy and enter your throne room of Grace where my heart, soul, and mind are healed in your Love. Spirit of the Living God, lead into the wilderness of my temptation, deliver me in Christ's mercy, restore my soul. Make me a living sanctuary on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

Special Music

Today’s Message: Types of Salt

Tithes and Offerings

2020 Budget Actual:	2021 Proposed Budget:
Income: \$150,252	Income: \$137,985
Expenses: \$144,414	Expenses: \$137,728

Please remember that our tithes maintain Trinity’s physical presence in Wise County. Sharing our witness of the Good News of Jesus Christ makes Disciples. The Church grows in direct proportion to its Witness, not its budget. Just as Jesus is fully human and fully God, the church thrives when it focuses on living in the Wise County as the Body of Christ through the Ministry of Reconciliation.

Special Music

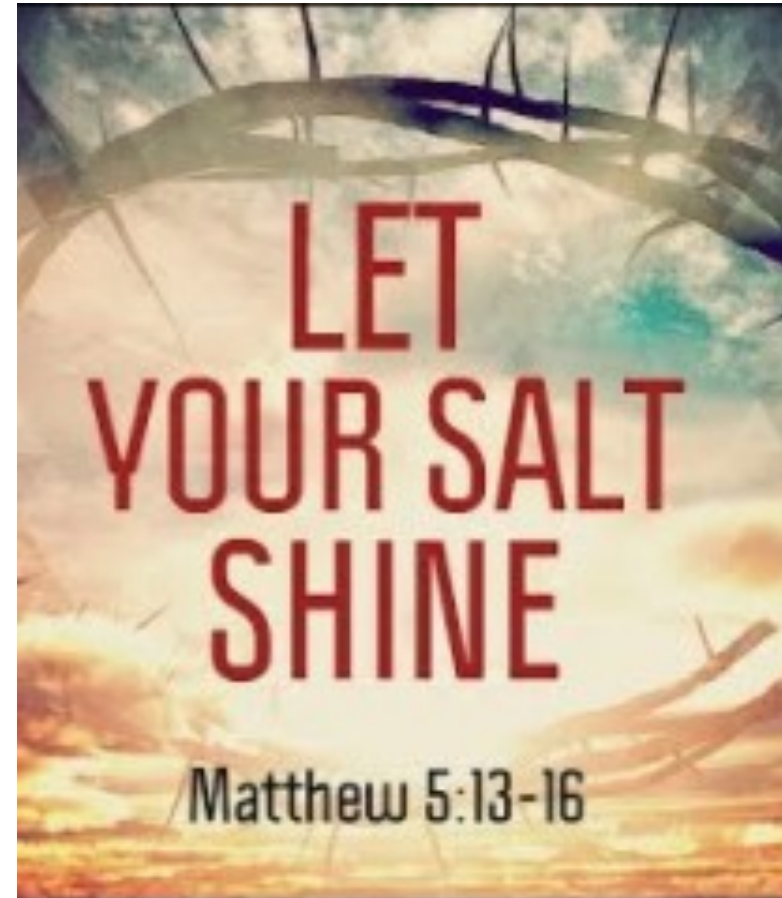
Postlude

Our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness prepares us to leave the world outside surround our bodies to enter into the kingdom of our heart, soul, and mind. We return to the world to teach our neighbors the way of Prelude and Postlude where the first is last and the last is first.

THE TRINITY COMPANION

JANUARY 31, 2021

SANCTUARY WORSHIP



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The Work of Reconciliation: Home Work

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Long before sin becomes an action it has wounded the heart, soul, and mind of the sinner. The Merciful sit and eat with sinners and tax collectors. The Merciful have experienced Jesus' mercy. They have witnessed what happens when a person lives on bread alone. When the belly is full the heart, soul, and mind hunger and thirst for righteousness until we are judged and condemned. The Pharisees spiritual exercises intended to make us look Holy on the outside satisfies our hunger and thirst for righteousness until we are judged and condemned for not appearing Holy enough.

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