

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim, Kathy Gordon, Henricus Peters

**Prayer after Communion** James Stovall and Tim Geisler

“God Be In My Head”

God be in my head and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes and in my looking;

God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in my thinking;

God be at mine end and my departing.

\***Recessional Hymn:** *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 102

\* **Benediction** Pastor John

**Postlude** Ignatius Banda

“Now Thank We All Our God” by S. Karg-Elert

*Please stay for coffee and donuts following the Benediction*

*Our hospitality hosts are:*

*Suzanne Savage, Suzanne Byerly, Judy Kim and Ginger Merritt*

#### **Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim

**Our musicians:** Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

Our Acolytes: Natalie Williamson, Alexandra Cimpian, Masha Doering

**Greeters:** Doug and Anne Gribble

**Flowers:**

**Communion Bread Provider:** Todd Gordon

**Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering:**

Todd Gordon and Craig Gingerich

**Please feel free to contact our pastors:**

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Pastor John: jpwillison@yahoo.com;

Stephen Minister Judy: judyxkim@gmail.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Need help:** Need altar flowers for most Sundays through Dec. 17.

**TODAY:** Confirmation PARENT meeting with Pastor Timothy.

Confirmands and parents meet with Pastor Timothy at SAVOR, 12:30 p.m. following worship service. This is an information and planning meeting. Please contact one of the pastors if your child is interested in participating in Confirmation classes next spring. Your child should be at least 11 to benefit the most from this class.

**MONDAY:** Board meeting at John and Suzanne Savage’s home: Green Villas 4,5,6; 455 Lan’an Lu, House #56. 6:52 p.m. fellowship; 7:02 p.m. start.

**November 26:** G.F. Handel’s MESSIAH at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center. Meg Ideker is singing. The concert is at 90% full.

**December 2:** Decorating the chapel. Hanging of the Greens. We are partnering with AGIF to decorate our chapel as well as the sanctuary. Let’s have a good turnout from Trinity!

**December 3:** First Sunday of Advent. FAMILY SUNDAY.

**December 10:** Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant! Calling all children.

You can have a part in the Christmas pageant by being a shepherd, or angel, or even some of the animals, like sheep! Circle this date on your calendar, so that you can participate in a Christmas tradition at Trinity.

**December 10:** Bake Sale. Liam Richmond is calling for volunteers to bake for the Bake Sale, proceeds to benefit a local charity, soon to be named. Look for an email soon!

**December 10:** Granny Han Project. Details will be forthcoming. We want to help the students of the Granny Han school as we have in the past with donations of clothing items like socks and underwear, and perhaps some school supplies.

### Smoking or Non-Smoking? What Does the Bible Say About Hell? (2) The New Testament

Five words or phrases, metaphors that are relevant:

Hades

Gehenna

Tartarus

Outer darkness

Lake of Fire

Conclusions —These conclusions address what we can safely believe, and as well as what is beyond our knowing.

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#### Electronic Giving or Giving in the USA

Would you prefer to give electronically?

Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

#### Weekly News & Updates

**Want to receive Trinity emails?** Send Pastor Timothy an email at: revtfmerrill@aol.com. Or drop your business card in the offering plate.

根据中华人民共和国的法律，只允许外国护照持有人在场参加。  
In accordance with the laws of the People’s Republic of China, only foreign passport holders are allowed to attend services here at Trinity Congregation.

# TRINITY CONGREGATION

OF ABUNDANT GRACE

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2017, 11 AM

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

# THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

*\* All who are able may rise to praise God.*

**Prelude:** Ignatius Banda

“How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou” by M. Duprè

**\*Processional Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89  
Natalie Williamson, Acolyte

**\*Call to Worship** Stephen Minister Judy Kim

Leader: Come before the Lord with joyful songs, singing of his goodness and mercy;

**People:** *Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.*

Leader: Serve the Lord with gladness, because of his greatness and justice;

**People:** *Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.*

Leader: Come before the Lord with joy, because he is faithful to his promises, because his Word is eternal;

**People:** *Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.*

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, and we are his people, his community, his family.

**People:** *Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.*

Leader: It is God who has made us to praise of his name, and therefore today, in the spirit of thanksgiving we gather to worship!

**ALL:** *Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!*

**\*Invocation** Stephen Minister Judy Kim

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Eleanor Williamson, *Reader*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading:** The Rev. Christopher Mizel, *Reader*  
Matthew 25:14-30:

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two

talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**READER'S CHOIR** Revelation 20: 7-15

**Sermon** Pastor Timothy

"Smoking or Non-Smoking? What the Bible Says about Hell (2)"

**\*Hymn of Response:** *Thy Word Is a Lamp* No. 601

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** No. 895

**Offertory**

**\*Offertory Hymn:** "All Praise to Thee" No. 682 *Verse 5 only*  
(Sung as a round, MEN begin, and WOMEN follow at circle)

## HOLY COMMUNION



(Musical Setting A, "Green Liturgy," found in HYMNAL pp. 17-18. Want to follow the complete liturgy without the truncated text below? Use your smartphone [in SILENT mode] and go to the website, TrinityShanghai.org. Select "Holy Communion Liturgies," and click on GREEN liturgy and follow along.)

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you;

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts;

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise!

**Celebrant:** We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, Source of life abundant. ... *[Celebrant continues]* ... Yet we rebelled against you and wandered far away. But as a mother who cares for her children, you would not abandon us. Time and again, you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so on this day, we join with the Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting up our voice to magnify you as we sing:

**People (singing):** "Sanctus" No. 17

**Celebrant:** Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, ... *[Celebrant continues]* ... to feast at the banquet prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever!

**People (singing):** "Amen"

Elise Eslinger

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.

*[Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle. The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat. Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]*

**Hymn to be sung during Communion:**

"O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread," No. 613.

*Following the singing of this hymn, and as the organ plays, reflect on your relationship with God and others, and offer thanksgiving and praise.*