

Order of Worship of our Triune God for Lord's Day, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Ketocin Covenant Presbyterian Church (OPC)

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 105:1, 5-8

**Invocation: Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Hymn:** 194 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Trinity Hymnal)

**Corporate Confession of Sin:** Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift up our eyes to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen. (John Oecolampadius)

**Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 40:1-2**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 132 (Trinity Hymnal, p. 833)

**Hymn:** 197 – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Trinity Hymnal)

**Scripture Lesson:** Acts 26:1, 6, 19-30; 2 Peter 1:16-21

**Pastoral/Elder Prayers**

**Sermon Text:** Luke 1:1-4

**Sermon Title:** The Story of Christmas: Fact, Fiction, or Fable?

**Speaker:** Pastor Ben Franks

**Theme of Sermon:** The beginning of Luke's Gospel teaches us how to read the Bible as a whole and addresses the historicity of the story of Jesus.

**Sermon Outline:**

**1. Is the gospel story historical? (vv. 1-3)**

**2. Does it matter if the gospel story is historical? (vv. 4)**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Hymn:** 296 – How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Benediction:** John 15:4-5