

CHRIST

THE

Word

First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2019

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO HAS SPOKEN THROUGH HIS SON

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

The Two Advents

Words: Right Rev. George Washington Doane (1827)

He came not, with His heavenly crown, His sceptre clad with power,
His coming, was in feebleness, the infant of an hour;
A humble manger cradled, first, the Virgin's holy birth,
And lowing herds companioned there, the Lord of heaven and earth,
He came not, in His robe of wrath, with arm outstretched to slay;
But, on the darkling paths of earth, to pour celestial day,
To guide in peace, the wandering feet; the broken heart, to bind;
And bear, upon the painful cross, the sins of humankind.
And Thou hast borne them, Savior meek! and therefore, unto Thee,
In humbleness, and gratitude, our hearts shall offered be;
And greenly, as the festal bough, that, on Thy altar, lies,
Our souls, our bodies, all be Thine, a living sacrifice!
Yet once again, Thy sign shall be, upon the heavens, displayed,
And earth, and its inhabitants, be terribly afraid. For, not in weakness, clad,
Thou com'st, our woes, our sins, to bear,
But girt with all Thy Father's might, His vengeance to declare.
The terrors of that awful day, Oh I who shall understand
Or, who abide, when Thou in wrath, shalt lift Thy holy hand?
The earth shall quake, the sea shall roar, the sun in heaven grow pale,
But Thou hast sworn, and wilt not change, Thy faithful shall not fail!
Then grant us, Savior! So to pass our time, in trembling, here,
That when, upon the clouds of heaven, Thy glory shall appear,
Uplifting high our joyful heads, in triumph, we may rise,
And enter, with Thine angel train, Thy temple, in the skies!

Song of Preparation (Ensemble) *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

***Call to Worship—Isaiah 2:1-3**

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

People: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

People: He shall judge between the nations and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

Leader: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Trinity Hymnal #208

(The lighting of the Advent candle)

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 24:36-44

No one knows the day or the hour of Christ's second advent

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Romans 13:11-12

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 3:23-25

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His justifying grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Song of Rejoicing

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

VERSE 1, 2 & 3

4 D G D

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el;
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el,
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el.

3rd time to Coda ◊

7 A G A D G D

this, the Christ, who was long fore - told. Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
 King who came with no crown or throne. Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.
 Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads for your King has come.

CHORUS 1 & 2

11 A G D A G D

prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold. God, Most High, in a man - ger laid.
 Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son. O, what wis - dom to save us all.

15 A G D G D G D

Lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us."
 Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.

TURNAROUND 1

19 G Bm A D

Join now with the hosts of heav - en.
 Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.

22 D/G Bm⁷ A G



25 \oplus Coda
 A G D

Sing, for the Light o - ver - whelms the dark.

29 **CHORUS 3**
 A G D A G D

Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

33 G D G D G Bm 1.
A D

God has made a way. He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Je - sus.

37 2. **TURNAROUND 2**
 A D

Je - sus.

41 **BRIDGE**
 D G²

Glo - ri - a. —

45 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. —

49 Bm⁷ G²

Glo - ri - a. —

53 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. —

Children's Sermon

Song of Response

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457 (vs. 1)

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Sermon

"Christ is the Word of God"

John 1:1

Rev. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!
Trinity Hymnal #194

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

The Apostle's Creed was not written by the original apostles of Christ but is an ancient and faithful representation of the essential truths of the faith passed on through them.

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Please remain seated and hold the elements until instructed to receive together.

(Please note: Grape juice is in the grape-tinted cups in the outer ring. Wine is in the clear cups. If the tray is out of grape juice, raise your hand and an elder will bring it to you.)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

All Is Well

Sandra McCracken and Cindy Morgan

Touch down to earth here in a manger, a humble landing in a quiet place
Be still, oh stars, wait for the angels, to sing their golden song of praise

Your father's arms tenderly catch you, and your mother's tears baptize your head
Be still, my heart, as light pours around us; Wonder has found us, Emmanuel

All is well, all is well. God with us, Emmanuel

My heart it aches and it rejoices; ponder these prayers in the secret place
Be still my soul, see the heavens open
All that has broken is made new again

So go to the fields, go to the mountains
Sweep out the shadows, there's good news to tell
Be still, oh sorrow, for joy has found us; Grace to surround us, Emmanuel

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Words by Wendell Kimbrough. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven



1. Migh-ty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
2. Hum-bly now we ask you, Fa-ther, In your grace, to make us strong,



Pre-cious blood and bo-dy, bro-ken, From your Son our Sav-ior, Christ.
That, with all the saints be-fore us, In good works we may press on!



In these myst-'ries you as-sure us we are mem-bers of your Son;
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!



Heirs of your e-ter-nal King-dom, with all faith-ful peo-ple, One.
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi-rit, Pow'r and glo-ry to your name!



A - - - men, A - - - men,



A - men, a - - men, a - - men.

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Join Pastor Polski for a SS series on the integrity of Holy Scripture. During this series we will examine the origins of the Bible, how it came together as one grand document and why we can believe that the Bible is exactly what it says it is, God's perfect and fully trustworthy word to mankind.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes

Teachers

Pre K & K

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen, Melissa Kocher

1st & 2nd grade

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy Mitchell

Jr. & Sr. High

Ben & Elisa Tharp

Jr. High

For the next two weeks, our jr high Sunday school class will kick off the advent season with a short study on Christ's birth. We often think of Christmas as this picturesque nativity scene with precious little animals and a sweet little baby in a warm comfy cradle. In reality, Jesus was born into a messy world that desperately needed a Savior. We will learn more about this mess together in class on November 24 and December 1.

Sr. High Formations

The Formations class is designed for the spiritual formation of students as they become more like Christ. They will primarily study books of the Old & New Testament that focus on the Christian Life, as well as key theological doctrines and figures. Join us this Fall for our class going through the book of Acts as we learn about the importance of God's Church.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school for all ages meets today.** The adults will meet in the sanctuary.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Taylor, Swenson, Wood, Jorgensen, Kling. SS: Kwong, Harlow, Van Duren. Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne.
- **Prayer gathering this Friday** at 7:45am.
- **No Women's Bible Study** this week.
- Ladies, join us for a **cookie exchange on Wed., Dec. 4th** from 9-11am. Bring 3-4 dozen cookies (home-made or purchased). We will enjoy breakfast snacks, coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies! Everyone will go home with two boxes of cookies. Childcare available. Please **RSVP to Amy Mitchell.**
- **Men's Night** this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- Hallie Van Duren is looking to **train someone** to come along side her to **help coordinate the nursery.** We are also in **need of more volunteers in the nursery rooms** on Sundays. Please see Hallie if you are interested.
- **Mom's Night:** THIS Friday, Dec. 6th at 7:30pm at Erin Taylor's home. Please let Erin know if you are able to attend.
- **Do you like to sing?** Join us for a **special choral ensemble.** Rehearsal will be Wed., Dec. 18 from 6-7:15pm. We will sing on Sun., Dec. 22nd. Please let Katie Polski know if you plan to participate.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office if you need help setting it up.
- Our annual **Christmas Concert** will take place on Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm, "From Darkness to Light." **Artists,** if you would like to submit a piece to be displayed at the concert, we are looking for pieces that will fit one of the four categories of the gospel story that will be highlighted during the concert. The categories are: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation. **Deadline for artwork is Dec. 11th.**
- This year we will offer **two services on Christmas Eve: 4pm and 5:30pm.** Both services will be the same with the exception that the 4pm service will include a children's sermon.
- The session wishes to invite the congregation to our **annual meeting of the congregation/corporation on Sun., Dec. 8th** during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2019.
- See today's insert for more information on our **giving tree** and the various ministries we hope to help. If you would like to participate, pick up a tag from the tree and return your donation to the basket during December.

Year End Giving

As you prayerfully consider your year-end giving to Trinity, you might want to explore a donation of marketable stock. With the prolonged rise in the stock markets, a gift of appreciated stock might not only benefit Trinity but also give you a favorable tax treatment. Stock gifts can be directed to the Capital Campaign, the General Fund or both.

If you have any questions about this type of giving or are ready to start the process of gifting stock, please contact Bill Kling or Duncan Highmark. They will be happy to assist you in this simple process. May God richly bless you as contribute your tithes and offerings to His church.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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