



First Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 2022

# WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF HOPE

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Carrie Johler

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Ron Ridderbos

## Quotes and Reflections

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
— Isaiah 9:6-7

"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes... and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." — Luke 21:25-36

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **An Advent Prayer- Rev. Scotty Smith**

*Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:7-8 (NLT)*

Heavenly Father, the Advent theme of "waiting" confronts me in every context of life. Why am I in such a hurry? Why the rush? At just the right time, you sent Jesus. Not a day too early, and not a day late. It will be the same with Jesus' second coming. But as for me, cars in front of me cannot move fast enough. FedEx, UPS, and mail can't be delivered quick enough. Restaurants can't serve me soon enough and Wi-Fi can't be speedy enough. Worse, people can't make their point soon enough.

I repent. Early in this season of Advent, I want to recalibrate my heart, that I might live and love at the pace of grace. Free me of my busy, cluttered, in too-much-of-a-hurry self. According to you, the only thing that counts is "faith expressing itself in love" (Gal. 5:6), not impatience expressing itself in irritability. May my "to love list" supersede my "to do list," a thousand-fold.

Father, thank you for not being in a hurry. Thank you for waiting to be gracious to us. Thank you for not being slow about your promises. Thank you for being patient with my impatience. I lament my busyness and repent of my hurriedness. I purpose to slow down—look, listen, and linger in the presence and beauty of Jesus. Oh, come let us adore Him, indeed. So very Amen I pray, in Jesus' wonderful and merciful and name.

## **Song of Preparation** (Children's Choir)

*Watcha Gonna Call That Baby*

### **Call to Worship—Psalm 25 (selected)**

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;**

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth and teach me,**

**All: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Trinity Hymnal #208

### *Come and Worship*

Music by Bebo Norman and Jason Ingram

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er the earth;  
7 Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro -  
13 claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and Wor - ship Come and  
19 wor - ship, Come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the new - born King.  
25 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing watch - ing  
Saints be fore the al - tar ben - ding watch - ing  
31 o'er your flocks by night God with man is now re - sid - ing  
long in hope and fear Sud - den - ly - the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
37 Yon - der shines the In - fant light Come and Wor - ship  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear  
43 Come and wor - ship; Come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ the new - born

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Paul Encourages the Church in Thessalonika*

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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—Luke 21:29-36**

And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 21:17-18**

You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His protective mercies!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## **\*Song of Longing**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
Trinity Hymnal #196

(children are invited to come forward on the last verse)

## **Children's Sermon**

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

*(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade on the 1st & 3rd Sunday)*

## **Offertory Song** (Ensemble)

*Glory in the Darkest Place*  
Words and Music by Brittany Born

## **Sermon**

"Wearied By Our Oppressors"  
Advent Series, The Weary World Rejoices  
Psalm 22  
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski



# \*Song of Response

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery (alt. S. McCracken). Music by Sandra McCracken

## Chorus

F/C C F/C C F/C C Am G F/C C

Hail to the Lord's a - nointed great Da - vid's great-er Son! Hail in the

6 F/C C G Am F G F/C C

time ap - pointed, His reign on earth be - gun! His reign on earth be - gun!

## Verses

11 F/C C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm

1.He comes to break op - pres-sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2.He comes with com - fort speed-y to those who suf - fer wrong;  
3.To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turned to light,  
4.He shall come down like show-ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
5.The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

16 F C/E F C/E G Am F G

to take a - way trans - gres-sion and rule in eq - ui - ty. (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 to chorus)  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
love, joy, and hope, like flow-ers, spring in His path to birth.  
his name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is Love.

# \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes** for all ages meet today.

**Jr. Students:** meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm.

**Sr. High** meets on Sundays from 6-7:30pm in the lower level youth area. **Youth Christmas Party:** Dec. 14th from 6-7:30pm

The **Tuesday evening Women's Bible Study** will meet at Melissa Jorgensen's on Nov. 29th at 7pm. The **Men's and Women's Wednesday bible studies** are on hiatus until the new year.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Roberts, Maglione, Wong, O'Neal. Nursery: Poe, Doak, S. Goldstein, Younger, Hammond. SS: Broughton, Keating. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaeffer, Schlitt, T. Thomason. Nursery: Hendricks, Nichols, Schmidt, Williamson, Petty.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) **will resume in the new year.**

**Ladies**, join us for an evening of friends, food, fun, and wreath making! Wed., Dec. 7th from 6-8pm at Kathy O'Neals. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. While the deadline has passed to order supplies to make a wreath, you can still join us for food and friends!

**Christmas Craft Party:** Sat., Dec. 3rd at 9am. Kids ages 4yrs to 5th grade will make gifts to take home, enjoy singing, a special Christmas story, and lunch. Space is limited. **Registration is open** on Church Cetner or our website. **Bring your friends!** We still **need volunteers and donations.** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall or on Church Center.

**Christmas Craft Volunteer Meeting and Lunch TODAY** following Sunday school.

Trinity's annual **Christmas Concert** is Sun., Dec. 18th at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm). This year's concert, *The Weary World Rejoices*, will begin with a prelude by W. Mark Akin, classical guitarist.

**Christmas Eve Service** at 5pm, **Christmas Morning Service** at 10:30am.

**Advent Giving Tree:** See today's insert for the ministries we hope to help this year. If you would like to participate, take a tag from the tree and return it with your donation to the basket above the tree during the Advent season.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).

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There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer ([PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** James Broughton ([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava ([jimnalyce@yahoo.com](mailto:jimnalyce@yahoo.com)). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com))

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Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

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You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session wishes to invite the congregation to our annual meeting of the congregation/corporation on Sun., Dec. 11th during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2022.

# MISSION UPDATE

## **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry Collection – Now through Sunday, December 4th**

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families.

Today we will begin collecting items for their holiday pantry. Included in your bulletin this week is a list of items that have been requested. Please take the insert home with you today. If you happen to go to the grocery store, please consider purchasing some of the items. The final day for collecting will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please email Pablo at [pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org).

If you would like to sign up for the December 19<sup>th</sup> food pantry, please do so on the events page of the church center app. There is currently 1 volunteer positions open.

## **Coffee on Glenwood – Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee on Glenwood began as a way to show our neighbors that we are here to serve. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

Two Friday's ago, a few of us were able to do just that. While it was brutally cold, several people did stop for a cup of coffee and shared with us some of their prayer requests. This included prayer for family, children, work, and even their own hurt and suffering. Please pray for all those who stopped and shared (and even those that saw us waving).

Our last Coffee on Glenwood of the year will be on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign-up please do so by visiting the events page of the church center app.

# WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



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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