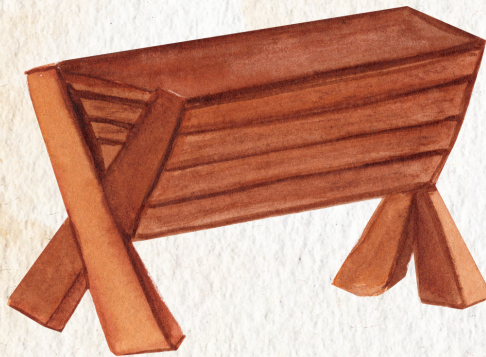


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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



# 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.



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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY TO BE EXALTED

*(Our overflow room is located off of the hallway near the kitchen.)*

**Liturgist:** Mitchell Dixon

**Scripture Reader:** Hannah Kwong

**Pastoral Prayer:** Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

"The Incarnation is the most stupendous event which ever can take place on earth, and after it henceforth, I do not see how we can scruple at any miracle on the mere ground of it being unlikely to happen." — John Henry Newman

"The cross is the centre of the world's history. The incarnation of Christ and the crucifixion of our Lord are the pivot round which all the events of the ages revolve." — Alexander Maclaren

"The result of the incarnation was that the divine Saviour could be ignorant and weak, could be tempted, and could suffer and die, not in His divine nature, but derivatively, by virtue of His possession of a human nature." — Louis Berkhof

"He took humanity into His deity: that is the whole meaning of the incarnation. That is precisely what happened at Bethlehem." — David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"The atonement is the real reason for the Incarnation." — James Montgomery Boice

"It is impossible for us to be the children of God naturally, to love our enemies, to forgive, to be holy, to be pure, and it is certainly impossible for us to follow God naturally; consequently, the fundamental fact to recognize is that we must be born again." — Oswald Chambers

## Devotional Preparation

Excerpt from "On the Incarnation" by St. Athanasius

The Word perceived that corruption could not be got rid of otherwise than through death; yet He Himself, as the Word, being immortal and the Father's Son, was such as could not die. For this reason, therefore, He assumed a body capable of death, in order that it, through belonging to the Word Who is above all, might become in dying a sufficient exchange for all, and, itself remaining incorruptible through His indwelling, might thereafter put an end to corruption for all others as well, by the grace of the resurrection. It was by surrendering to death the body which He had taken, as an offering and sacrifice free from every stain, that He forthwith abolished death for His human brethren by the offering of the equivalent. For naturally, since the Word of God was above all, when He offered His own temple and bodily instrument as a substitute for the life of all, He fulfilled in death all that was required. Naturally also, through this union of the immortal Son of God with our human nature, all men were clothed with incorruption in the promise of the resurrection. For the solidarity of mankind is such that, by virtue of the Word's indwelling in a single human body, the corruption which goes with death has lost its power over all. You know how it is when some great king enters a large city and dwells in one of its houses; because of his dwelling in that single house, the whole city is honored, and enemies and robbers cease to molest it. Even so is it with the King of all; He has come into our country and dwelt in one body amidst the many, and in consequence the designs of the enemy against mankind have been foiled and the corruption of death, which formerly held them in its power, has simply ceased to be. For the human race would have perished utterly had not the Lord and Savior of all, the Son of God, come among us to put an end to death.

# Song of Preparation

# Magnificat

Words by Flo Paris Oakes

♩ = 78 **CHORUS**

**D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F**

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spi - rit re - joi-ces in God.

**D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F**

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spi - rit re - joi-ces in God.

**VERSE**

**D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F**

For He who is migh-ty has done great things for me.

**D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F**

Ho-ly ho - ly Ho-ly ho - ly ho-ly ho - ly is His name.

**SPLIT**

**D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F**

For He who is migh - ty has done great things for me.

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spi - rit re - joi-ces in God.

**D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F D<sub>m</sub> C B<sub>b</sub> F**

Ho-ly ho - ly Ho - ly ho - ly ho-ly ho - ly is His name.

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spi - rit re - joi-ces in God.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 126 (selected)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**People: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

**All: Our mouth is filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Trinity Hymnal #214

Lighting of the Advent Candle

# Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Michael W. Smith

A A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A A A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A E/A

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

4 D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A<sup>2sus</sup> A A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A A

-ia, for the Lord God Al - mighty reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,

8 A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A<sup>2sus</sup> A

al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - mighty reigns.

11 A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A E/A D/A E A E/A A

**CHORUS**

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You,

15 D/A A F#m E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#

Lord God Al - mighty. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

18 D A E/A A D/A A F#m

Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - mighty

22 E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#

-y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

24 1. D 2. D E A

Lamb. You are ho - Lamb. A - men.



## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*The Year of the Lord's Favor*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;  
my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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—1 Thessalonians 5:16-19**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

**Silent Confession and Lament**

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Thes. 5:23-24**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Leader: Faithful of God, give thanks to Jesus for sanctifying you completely!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

*Joy Has Dawned*  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 120 VERSE

E♭ Fm E♭/G A♭ B♭ Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> E♭/B♭ B♭



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom-ised from cre - a - tion:  
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;  
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;  
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,

5 E♭ Fm E♭/G A♭ B♭ Cm A♭ B♭ E♭



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.  
As the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.  
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y Cham - pi - on!

9 E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm<sup>7</sup> B♭ Cm Fm<sup>7</sup> E♭/B♭ B♭



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness.  
Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is with us;  
What a Sav - ior, what a Friend, what a glo - rious mys - ter - y:

13 E♭ Fm E♭/G A♭ B♭ Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup>



but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of  
Cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and  
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll  
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of

16 B♭ E♭ Fm E♭/G A♭ B♭ E♭



Mar - y.  
help - less.  
win us.  
his - to - ry.

## Children's Sermon

"Joy"

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

*(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)*

## Offertory Song (Ensemble)

*Beautiful Baby Boy*

Jamie Brown

## Sermon

"Mission Impossible"

Advent Series, The Greatest Story Ever Told

Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Pablo Rosales

## \*Song of Response

*All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name*

Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

## \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All **Sunday school classes will resume on Jan. 7th.**

If you are **new to Trinity and interested in becoming a member**, our next new member's class, Connect, will run from Jan. 7 to Feb. 11 during the SS hour.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Williamson, Keating, E. & M. Hawley. CC: Standerfer, Rosales. **Next Sunday (am):** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: O'Neals, L. Nichols, J. Standerfer. No CC.

**Youth Ministry:** Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm.

**Nerf Night** on 12/20 for JH & SH from 5:30-7:30pm. Bring a water bottle, eye protection, nerf gun (if you own one-we will provide for those who do not have one).

The **Men's and Women's bible studies** are on hiatus until the new year.

**Help needed:** Nursery Co-Coordinator (high need, two positions available), Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher, Playdate Coordinator. See Melissa Kocher.

**Year End Giving:** Thank you for your tithes and offerings this past year. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2023 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is sent to the church office prior to Dec. 31. If you have any questions see Duncan Highmark.

**Advent Giving Tree:** 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. A list of ministries we hope to support can be found on the welcome table.

On **Dec. 24th** we will have our normal worship in the morning and our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5pm.

Please help us **thank Cynthia Cheatham and Debbie Highmark** for the beautiful Christmas decor.

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

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved:

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**Greeters:** James Broughton

([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Children's**

**Ministry:** Melissa Kocher

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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.

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



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's **Christmas Concert, "The Greatest Story Every Told,"** is TONIGHT at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30 with a special prelude from professional violinist, Bailey Salinero. This beautifully unique concert will usher in the holiday season as the story of Jesus' birth is told from all generations through music, drama, and song.

# MISSION UPDATE

**December Mission Newsletter and Prayer Calendar is now available:**



## **Christ Our Refuge Church, Uganda Land Purchase Update!**

During our first missions conference we announced our annual missions project. This year we came alongside one of our supported missionaries, Ben and Kim Church, to help his church plant in Uganda purchase a piece of property. Their goal is to build a building that will serve as a permanent home and ministry center for Christ Our Refuge church.

After several weeks of collecting, we raised \$9,382.18. This amount was match by our Global Missions Subcommittee up to \$5,000, bringing the total amount to \$14,382.18. Praise the Lord!

This amount is being further matched by our denominational missions sending agency, MTW (Mission to the World). Thank you to all who gave. You are doing the work of a Sender. May the Lord continue to expand his kingdom to the ends of the earth through you!

## **The Greatest Story Ever Told – TONIGHT!!!**

Trinity's very special presentation of The Greatest Story Ever Told is TONIGHT at 6:00 pm. Come at 5:30 to get a good seat. Bring your friends! You won't want to miss it! You will experience drama and music that will touch your heart during this Advent season.

## **Local/National Missions Subcommittee is officially off the ground!**

Please welcome the following members to our newly formed Local/National Missions Subcommittee: Drew Lattner, Chuck Barker, Tim Jackson, Karla Kuntze, Allen Mathieu, Jackson Roberts, Andy Williamson.

Together they will evaluate and recommend missions opportunities in St. Louis and US on behalf of Trinity. Please pray for them as they begin these new roles that will help all of us step into Trinity's theme verse: For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake (2 Cor. 4:5).

*NOTE: There are opportunities for you to have a special impact here. Please contact Pablo if you have an interest in serving on the Local/National or Global missions subcommittee.*



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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