

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
O come, thou Key of David, open wide our

**O COME, O COME**  
**Emmanuel**  
**AND**  
**RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL**  
**THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE**  
**UNTIL the Son OF**  
**GOD APPEAR**

Is - ra - el, that mourns in ex - ile here,  
S - i - na - i, in an - cient times, give the law  
• thy - self in the depths of hell, thy peo - ple save,  
• drag them out thence, perse - cuted in gloom of night,  
heav'nly home make safe, CAPTIVE ISRAEL on high,

REFRAIN  
un - til the Son of God, who par - tured  
in cloud and maj - es - ty, gave us Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
• and give them vic - t'ry over death and flight.  
and death's shad - ow, and the path of mi -

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is -

*Songs of the Season*  
First Sunday in Advent  
December 1, 2024

# 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 GIVES US HOPE

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111.)

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Emily Ridenhour, Olga Martir, Doug Standerfer, Maggie Linenbroker

**Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Lyn Moffitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Dr. Aaron Goldstein

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” — Paul, *Philippians 2:5-7* (c AD 62).

“For this purpose, then, the incorporeal and incorruptible and immaterial Word of God comes into our realm, although he was not formerly distant. For no part of creation is left void of him; while abiding with his own Father, he has filled all things in every place. But now he comes, condescending towards us in his love for human beings and his manifestation. For seeing the rational race perishing, and death reigning over them through corruption, and seeing also the threat of the transgression giving firm hold to the corruption which was upon us, and that it was absurd for the law to be dissolved before being fulfilled, and seeing the impropriety in what had happened, that the very things of which he himself was the Creator were disappearing, and seeing the excessive wickedness of human beings, that they gradually increased it to an intolerable pitch against themselves, and seeing the liability of all human beings to death—having mercy upon our race, and having pity upon our weakness, and condescending to our corruption, and not enduring the dominion of death, lest what

had been created should perish and the work of the Father himself for human beings should be in vain, he takes for himself a body and that not foreign to our own. For he did not wish simply to be in a body, nor did he wish merely to appear, for if he had wished only to appear he could have made his divine manifestation through some other better means. But he takes that which is ours, and that not simply, but from a spotless and stainless virgin, ignorant of man, pure and unmixed from intercourse with men. Although being himself powerful and the creator of the universe, he prepared for himself in the Virgin the body as a temple, and made it his own, as an instrument, making himself known and dwelling in it. And thus, taking from ours that which is like, since all were liable to the corruption of death, delivering it over to death on behalf of all, he offered it to the Father...”

— St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*, § 8 (c. AD 350).

# Devotional Preparation

## Christmas Carols: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, by Keith Mathison

Of the many beautiful hymns that have been composed in celebration of the birth of Christ, few in my mind equal the depth of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. The origins of the Latin version *Veni, Emmanuel* are obscure. It may have been composed as early as the eighth century. The melody appears to have originated in France in the fifteenth century. The hymn was translated into English by the Reverend John Mason Neale in the mid nineteenth century. The English version originally consisted of five verses, which began "Draw nigh, draw nigh, Emmanuel." Alternate versions of most of the verses and additional verses were composed later, and one can now find numerous versions of this hymn.

While the origins of the hymn and its development over time are interesting matters, they are not the reasons for the hymn's profundity. That rests on the subject matter. The hymn is based on a prophecy in Isaiah 7, a prophecy that looks forward to the birth of a child who will be named Immanuel, which means "God with us." In Eden, God had been present with mankind, but as a result of the fall, man was exiled from God's presence. From that point forward, the restoration of God's presence with man become a major theme that is developed throughout Scripture.

God chooses Israel as the people through whom He will reestablish His presence with man, and this begins in earnest with the construction of the tabernacle in the wilderness and later the temple in Jerusalem. God dwells in the midst of His holy people, but only the high priest is allowed into God's direct presence and that only once a year. At the time of the exile, Ezekiel sees God's presence depart from the temple as a result of the people's sin, but he and the other prophets look forward to a time when God will restore His presence with His people in a way that transcends the temple built with hands. Isaiah's prophecy of the child called Immanuel hints at this.

And then, in the fullness of time, Jesus is born, and Matthew tells us that His birth took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet Isaiah (Matt. 1:23). Jesus is Immanuel. He is God with us. In Him all of the Old Testament types and promises that looked forward to the restoration of God's presence with His people are fulfilled. Jesus is the Son of God incarnate.

The words of the hymn express the hopes of Israel throughout her history for the fulfillment of Isaiah's promise. We as Christians can now look back to the fulfillment of those promises—to the most incredible, awe-inspiring moment in history, the birth of Immanuel, the incarnation of the Son of God Himself. In Jesus God established His presence once again with His people, and He is with us always—to the end of the age. Rejoice!

## Song of Preparation (Children's Choir)

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Sandra McCracken, as recorded by Rain for Roots

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

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

**People: Indeed, none who wait for you shall 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, for you are the God of my salvation;**

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Leader: O Lord, as we await the second and final coming of your son, Jesus, meet us with the hope that can only be found in your Word.

*Isaac Watts wrote "Joy the World" based on Psalm 98, focusing on the longing for Jesus' second coming as King.*

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Joy to the World

Keith and Kristyn Getty

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Piano

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-ceive her  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their songs em-  
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns their fest-  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions

Pno.

King! Let ev-ry heart pre- pare him- room, and  
 ploy; While fields and floods, rock hills and plains, Re-  
 ground; He comes to make, His bless-ings flow far  
 prove the glo-ries of His right-eous-nes and

Pno.

heav-en and na- ture sing and heav-en and na- ture sing and  
 peat the soun- ding joy, re- peat the sound- ing joy, re-  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far  
 wond- ers of his love, and wond- ers of His love, and

Pno.

heav-en and heav- en and na- ture sing.  
 peat re- peat the sound- ing joy.  
 as far as the the curse of is found.  
 wond- ers won- ders of is love.

A Dmaj7 E A D E

F#m7 A/E Dmaj7

A/C# Bm E7 C#7

Fm7 Bm A/G D A/E E A D/A G/A

# Come and Worship

Music by Bebo Norman and Jason Ingram

An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er the earth;  
Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro -  
claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and Wor - ship Come and  
wor - ship, Come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the new - born King.  
Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing watch - ing  
Saints be fore the al - tar ben - ding watch - ing  
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,  
Yon - der shines the In - fant light  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear Come and Wor - ship  
Come and wor - ship; Come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ the new - born

## \*Prayer of Adoration



# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Call to Confession—Luke 21:34-36**

“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**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 14:1-3**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for the hope of eternal life found only in Jesus.

**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

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, and Keth Getty. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

## 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.  
King who came with no crown or throne.  
Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart.

Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,  
Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.  
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.  
Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son.

God, Most High, in a man - ger laid.  
O, what wis - dom to save us all.

15 A G D G D G D

Lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim,  
Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall.

"Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us."  
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 G<sup>2</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

45 D A<sup>(4)</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

49 Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

53 D A<sup>(4)</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

**WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD**

**Pastoral Prayer**



**Tithes and Offerings**

Children ages 3 (by July 31) through 1st grade are dismissed for Children's Church to Room 106B

*If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:*



**Sermon**

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Pablo Rosales

**\*Song of Response**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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**

## 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

*Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

### Communion Song (Ensemble)

*O Come, All You Unfaithful*  
Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Sending Song

*Mighty God We Thank and Praise You*

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;  
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.  
In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, one.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong,  
That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on!  
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pow'r and glory to your name!  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

### \*Benediction

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,  
please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Alyce Bava (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)**

Calling All Singers! We'd like to invite you to join our Trinity choir. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

### **The Book of Ephesians- Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)**

We are going to take a deep dive into Ephesians, the book where Paul reveals the "mystery" behind His plan for His church. Along the way he touches on virtually every truth about God's relationship with us as individuals. If you want to know God better, and have the peace and blessedness that goes with it, come and study Ephesians with us. We're going to take it slow so that we can all learn together.

### **Telling a Better Story- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room 111)**

Join Pastor Polski for a sermon discussion Sunday School on the current preaching series Telling a Better Story. We will debrief the sermon and then talk about different ways that we can engage our unbelieving or doubting family members, friends or neighbors with the better biblical stories we will be telling.

**Jr. & Sr. High Students** - Lower level

**4th-5th Grade** - Room 102

**1st-3rd Grade** - 106B

**Preschool (3yrs by July 31) /Kindergarten** - Room 105

**Nursery** - Room 104



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Visitors:** If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schmidts, Hammond, Highmark. SS: Pysar. CC: Sweet, Polski, Wagberg. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Ridenhour, Martir, Standerfer, Linenbroker. SS: Bava. CC: Doiron, Hawley, Inion.

**Youth Ministry:** Meets Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm. **Ask the Pastor Night:** Dec. 1 at the Rosales home.

**Men's Bible study** this Wed. at 6:15pm OR Fri. at 6:30am.

**Men's Night:** Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

**Trinity Young Adults** meets at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mon. of the month. See Mitchell Dixon for more info.

The **Christmas Craft Party for kids ages 4yrs thru 5th grade** is THIS Sat., Dec. 7th from 9am to 12:15pm. Registration is still open-use the QR code to the right.

Make plans to invite your friends and family to this year's **Christmas Concert, "Songs of the Season."** Sun., Dec. 15 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm).

This year **we are partnering with Mission Gate Ministry** to provide Christmas gifts to children with an incarcerated parent and children of local needy families. If you would like to participate, pick up a tag in the narthex, purchase a gift, wrap and attach the tag, and **return to Trinity by Dec. 11th.**

**Men's Breakfast:** Sat., Dec. 14th from 8-9:30am.

**Annual Congregational Meeting,** Dec. 8th during the Sunday school hour. We will go over the budget, elect officers, and review 2024.

Our candlelight **Christmas Eve service will be at 5pm.**

**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 2024 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.

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:

**Ushers:** Paul Schaffer:  
[Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

**Greeters:** James Broughton (James.  
[Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)),

**Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocher  
([Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org))

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:](#)



### HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Hope for Tomorrow Campaign- Our campaign to eliminate our debt and move to position the church to advance our outreach ministries has begun. We are 72% towards our goal. Please complete the pledge card in the chair in front of you and leave in the offering plate. Thank you for your participation.

# MISSION UPDATE

ALL the links mentioned below can be found using this QR code:



**Prayers:** New DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar (use the QR code above)

- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.

**Goers:**

- **Restore St Louis** - 2nd Saturday workday on December 14th. The event will take place at 1483 82nd Blvd, the New City Fellowship University City site. They are hoping everyone can arrive by 8:30am for a devotional, prayer and fellowship time before heading out to the jobs. The goal is to have everyone be done with jobs around 12-1pm. Contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

**Senders:**

- The work of Mission at Trinity Church cannot happen without your prayerful giving. This year you have helped us support several missionaries and ministries through St. Louis and the World.

**Welcomers:**

**Mission Gate Christmas Angels** — This year we are partnering with Mission Gate Ministry to provide Christmas gifts to children with an incarcerated parent and children of local needy families. Gifts will be distributed to children ages infant to 16 years during a party at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Choose a tag from the Christmas tree in the narthex
- Purchase a gift. Typical price range is \$25-30. You may also choose to include an age-appropriate Christian gift for the child – perhaps a story book or a teen devotional.
- Wrap the gift and tape the tag to it. Tape only one edge of the tag so both sides can be read by those distributing the gifts. Please avoid elaborate trims or bows, as they will make transporting the gifts a lot more challenging and are likely to tear off.
- Pray for the child.
- Bring your wrapped and tagged gift back to Trinity by Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tags will be available on our Giving Tree by the Mission Wall on November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Need more information? Contact Jane Caldwell at: [jecmd25@gmail.com](mailto:jecmd25@gmail.com).

**Mobilizers:**

- So many ministries with various needs. Are there any you'd be willing to coordinate? Reach out to Pastor Pablo to discuss.





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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