

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

2 - bove thy dee - p' and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals the - se - l's keep the heav'n - d'ring love.
 So God's Son - d'ring his heav'n. day.
 cast out in - to the world to -

yet in - g'ring Light;
 O mo - ing ly birth!
 No of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and are met thee to - night.
 And prais an - ce men on earth.
 where meet in - ters in.
 O come on - u - el.

Songs of the Season
 Second Sunday in Advent
 December 8, 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 OF PEACE

(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): Jessica Pannkuk, Dave Nichols, Steve O'Neal, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Hannah Kwong

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — Eph. 2:4

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth
— Phillips Brooks

"If you are to have peace with God, there must be a war with Satan."
— Charles Spurgeon

"Peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but the presence of God."
— Alexander McLaren

Devotional Preparation

Hymn Story: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* by Carl F. Price

The lyrics to “O Little Town of Bethlehem” were written by Phillips Brooks in 1868 after visiting the town of Bethlehem on his trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. Since that time, this song has become a favorite for many people as they celebrate the Christmas season.

When Phillips Brooks was rector of Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, his parishioners in August 1865, sent him abroad for a year. His travels took him through Europe, and in December to the Holy Land. Here with reverent feet he traced the footsteps of his Lord and Master from Nazareth southward and visited the scenes of the Bible narrative.

After two weeks spent in Jerusalem, Christmas Eve found him in “the little town of Bethlehem” at the birthplace of Jesus. Of his stirring emotions on that “Holy Night” he later wrote to his Sunday school back in Philadelphia:

“I remember especially on Christmas Eve, when I was standing in the old church at Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with the splendid hymns of praise to God, how again and again it seemed as if I could hear voices that I knew well, telling each other of the ‘Wonderful Night’ of the Savior’s birth, as I had heard the year before; and I assure you I was glad to shut my ears for a while and listen to the more familiar strains that came wandering to me halfway round the world.”

Two years after his return to America, still full of the thrilling memories of Bethlehem, Phillips Brooks wrote for his Sunday school the Christmas hymn, “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” which for a long time had been singing in his soul. In this he has embodied, as in the prose descriptions of places visited in the Holy Land, the spiritual meaning of what he saw there.

*O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight*

Song of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Trinity Hymnal #193

Call to Worship—Luke 1 (selected)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

People: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.

Leader: That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

People: He will give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God,

All: He will give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: Now O God Almighty, fill our hearts with joy as we offer them to you in great thanksgiving for making a way of salvation!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Wendell Kimbrough | Bruce Benedict

Lighting of the Advent Candle

A D/A A D/A A A E

1. Long in dark - ness Is - rael wan - dered; Long in mor - tal shad - ows, we
2. He shall raise a might - y Sav - ior; Born of Da - vid's lin - eage He
3. Je - sus, Lord, and might - y Sav - ior, Da - vid's Son and yet his King,

5 F#m D A D A F#m

Walked in bon - dage and self - pit - y, Trod in paths of sin and grief.
Comes in cov - enant love to claim us, From our sins to set us free.
Dawn - ing light of our sal - va - tion, Of your sav - ing power we sing!

9 E D A E D A

In the proph - ets' words He told us, Long the God of Is - rael spoke;
Light to those who dwell in dark - ness. Life to those from death who flee.
Stand, oh lame, and dance, ye bro - ken. Know the Sav - ior's heal - ing grace.

13 E D A F#m D A

He a-lone in strength would save us From the hands of all our
 Joy un-to the earth, and glad-ness, To your path-ways dawn-ing his
 Come, oh deaf and hear him sing-ing; Turn, oh blind, be-hold his

17 Esus E D A

foes. peace!
 face! Eve-ry val-ley be ex-alt-ed!

21 F#m Esus E D A

Eve-ry moun-tain be made plain!— Crook-ed ways re-pent and straight-en;

25 F#m E D

All cre-a-tion bend in praise!—

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

$\text{♩} = 1/3$ **C** **VERSE** **Em** **C** **Em**

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 **C** **Em** **C**

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 **Em7** **G** **CHORUS** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F**

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all his won - drous deeds? ris - en now to reign!

13 **C** **G** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F** **C** **G** **1.** **C**

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

19 **Em** **C** **Em** **2. F2** **Em** **F2** **G** **3. C** **FINE**

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE **C** **F/C** **C** **F/C** **Am7**

Men: You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for -
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your

F **Am7** **F**

ev - er. You will reign for - ev er. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C **F** **Am7** **F** **DS**

You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for - ev er. Be
 Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill,

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar... during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the

words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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—Malachi 3:1-2

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Phil. 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for doing His good work in our hearts!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Trinity Hymnal #196

Children's Sermon

"Peace"

Rev. Pablo Rosales

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:



Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel, Kari Jobe, Jason Ingram, Jean Sibelius

Sermon

"Promised Peace"

Sermon Series, Songs of the Season

Micah 5:1-5

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Trinity Hymnal #201

***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.*

Join us for our annual Congregational Meeting after coffee and snacks. The elementary Sunday school classes will meet for a special party today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY during the Sunday school hour. We will go over the budget, elect officers, and review 2024. Elementary Sunday school and nursery will meet today for a special gathering.

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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Pannkuk, D. Nichols, O'Neal, Henricks. SS: Mitchell. CC: Mitchell, Rosales, Petty. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: L. Nichols, Poe, Petty, Goldstein. CC: Oehlerking, Manwaring, Goldstein.

Youth Christmas Party tonight from 4:30-6:30pm.

NO Men's Bible study this week. We will resume in the new year.

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

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, TODAY is the last day to pick up a tag in the narthex, then 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.

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.

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.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to 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,

Greeters: James Broughton (James.Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocher (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:](#)



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us for "Songs of the Season," a festive Christmas concert that will fill your heart with joy! Experience a delightful array of music spanning various genres, from classic carols to contemporary favorites. Enjoy captivating stories behind some beloved songs that will warm your spirit and bring the true meaning of the season to life. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable night of joy, laughter, and community. **Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm.**

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.
- **Robinson Food Pantry** – December 19th, 5:20pm-7:20pm. Scan QR code for more information.

Senders:

The work of Mission at Trinity Church cannot happen without your prayerful giving. This year you have helped support several missionaries and ministries through St. Louis and the World. **Please come by Pastor Pablo's office to see a white tapestry that was sent by one of our missionaries in the middle east. It's hanging on the wall.**

Welcomers:

Last day to grab a tag! — 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 18th.

- 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 11th.**

Tags will be available on our Giving Tree by the Mission Wall on November 24th, December 1st, and December 8th. Need more information? Contact Jane Caldwell at: 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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