



HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

MIGHTY GOD

EVERLASTING FATHER

*Prince of Peace*

ISAIAH 9:6

First Sunday in Advent

Trinity Church



# 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. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Kim & Maggie Linenbroker, Tara Thomason, Alyce Bava

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Patti Meadows

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

“He has risen and he is coming again. ... If I don’t see that as awesome — as utterly glorious — then I am glorying in myself rather than the cross of Christ ...”  
— John Owen

“For invincible perseverance in our calling, it is necessary to be animated with the blessed hope of our Savior’s final advent.” — John Calvin

“Advent is not about us filling our time full but rather about taking time to remember how God fills time full: ‘In the fullness of time, God sent forth his Son.’”  
— David Holwerda

“The Advent season is that time when we mute our memory of what has already happened, that we might brighten our joy. We leave the already of His advent to taste the bitter of the not yet. We go back, that we might look forward to His coming.” — R.C. Sproul

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **Who Has Time To Celebrate Advent** by Tony Reinke

Who has time to celebrate Advent? That's my initial thought each year.

But that's the point. Advent takes time. It cannot be microwaved, it cannot be compressed into 24 hours, and it cannot be sped up to the bustling speed of our daily lives. Advent is slow on purpose, because the slowness of the celebration mirrors the slowly unfolding drama of the Advent of the Savior himself in history.

One old pastor, Octavius Winslow, penned some words in his book *The Glory of the Redeemer* (1844) that are relevant to this slowing season of Advent:

The entire history of the Israelites was interwoven with a system of symbols and types of the most significant and instructive character. It was thus the wisdom and the will of God that the revelation of Jesus to the Church should assume a consecutive and progressive form. Not a sudden but a gradual descent to the world, marked the advent of our adorable Redeemer.

The same principle of progressiveness is frequently seen in a saving discovery of Christ to the soul. Not by an immediate and instantaneous revelation, not by a single glance of the mind, is Jesus always made known and seen. Long and slow is often the process. Observe, it is a gradation of light. The Sun rises — beam follows beam, light expands, Christ is more known; more known, He is more admired; more admired, He is more loved.

Thus has been the revelation of Christ's glory to the Church of God. In her infancy she was placed "under tutors and governors, until the time appointed by the Father." Not prepared to sustain the sudden and full revelation, God disciplined and trained her by various types and ceremonies; thus, wisely, and, it must be admitted, graciously, shadowing forth His dear Son by gradual but increasingly clear and luminous discoveries, until the "fulness of time was come" [Galatians 4:4], when He appeared the great Antitype of all the types, the glowing substance of all the shadows, the full meaning of all the symbols, the "brightness of the Father's glory, the express image of His person" [Hebrews 1:3].

And to reflect the slow illumination, candle by candle the darkness gets pushed back, and day by day we are invited into the slowly unfolding Advent drama.

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

*Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven*

Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty

## **Call to Worship—Isaiah 18 (selected)**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Save us, we pray, O Lord!**

Leader: Grant us the strength of your Holy Spirit so that we may truly rejoice and be glad for all that you have done on this morning of praise!

## **WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD**

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Trinity Hymnal #208

Lighting of the Advent Candle

# Come and Worship

Music by Bebo Norman and Jason Ingram

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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—Isaiah 26:1-4

*The Perfect Peace of the Lord*

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

“We have a strong city;  
he sets up salvation  
as walls and bulwarks.

Open the gates,  
that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.

You keep him in perfect peace  
whose mind is stayed on you,  
because he trusts in you.

Trust in the Lord forever,  
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

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 Corinthians 1:20**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

## WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— 1 Corinthians 1:21-25**

It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men..

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for saving us through Christ's blood!

**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**

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**



**Tithes and Offerings**

No Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month

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



**Offertory Song** (Ensemble)

*His Name Is Wonderful*

Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

## **Sermon**

"Wonderful Counselor"

Isaiah 9:6-7

Sermon Series: His Name Shall be Called

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel. Arr. by Chris Tomlin



1. I stand a-mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus — the Naz - a -  
 (2. He) took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them — His ver - y



-rene, and won - der how He could love — me, a  
 own, He bore the bur - den to Cal - va - ry, and



Last time to Coda  $\diamond$  CHORUS  
 sin - ner — con-demned, un - clean. Sing-in': How mar - vel-ous! How won-der-ful!  
 suf - fered — and died a -



And my song shall ev - er be: How mar - vel-ous! How won-der - ful!



Is my — Sav - ior's love for me. 1. I love for



love for me. 3. And with the ran - som'd in glo - ry, His



face I at last shall see. It will be my joy through the ag - es, to

## \*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):** Chenoa Pysar (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Adult Choir (Fireplace room)**

The Trinity choir will meet during the Sunday school hour starting Aug. 31. 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 Reformation and Why It Still Matters (Sanctuary)**

General evangelicalism seems to be the flavor of the day in the modern church in that people seem to be happy to settle for theology-lite, which prompts a question: Does the Reformation and its core theological teachings still matter? Join Pastor Polski as he explores the key teachings of the Protestant Reformation and explains why they remain significant for modern believers.

### **Galatians-Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)**

Join us as we study the book of Galatians, with reference for context to the book of Acts. Galatians was written shortly after the historic event related in Acts 15 – the Council of Jerusalem. Galatians affirmed and explained the monumental implications of that first church council: that Christianity was not just a sect of Judaism, but a new faith, that Jesus was not just the Jewish Messiah, but the suffering servant who had died to atone for the sins of all those of every background who are called to believe in him, and that salvation was therefore always and only by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Paul wrote about that “mystery” in many of his epistles, but Galatians is his first and most passionate defense of the gospel of grace that he carried to the gentile world.”

### **Trinity Connect, New Members Class (Room 111)**

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church? Or maybe you just want to learn more about our ministries or denomination. While this is the first step to becoming a member, it does not commit you to following through with membership.

**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 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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Linenbrokers, Thomason, Bava. SS: Pannkuk. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Kwong, Hall, Manwaring, Hendricks. SS: Broughton. CC: Oehlerking, Manwarings.

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

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

**Ladies Connect:** Thur., Dec. 11 @ **6:30pm** at Mickie's.

Our annual Christmas Craft Party is favorite of our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach. We **need a FEW MORE donations** to make it a success. Information and sign ups are on the table in the main hallway.

The **Christmas Craft Party is THIS** Sat., Dec. 7th from 9am to 12:15pm. Be sure to register via the QR code to the right.

Our 2025-2026 Concert Series theme is "Ponder anew." You can find art displayed in the Narthex inspired by this theme. These are **original pieces created by Trinity members**. Their art causes us to consider God's goodness with a sense of wonder and amazement.

**Trinity's annual Christmas concert** will be two nights this year! "His Name Shall Be Called" - Dec. 20 & 21 at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm for a special prelude by Concert Pianist Annie Gregurich).

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 picked up a tag, wrapped gifts (attach the tag) are due **Dec. 7th**.

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Dec. 7th** during the Sunday school hour. We will go over the budget, elect officers, and review 2025.

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

**Year End Giving:** Thank you for your tithes and offerings this past year. If you desire to provide stock to be used for 2025 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is sent to the church office prior to 12/31. 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),

**Children's Ministry:** Erin Wagberg ([Erin.wagberg@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Erin.wagberg@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:](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 3 Men's Night  
Dec. 3 Men's Bible Study 6:15pm  
Dec. 5 Men's Bible Study 6:30am  
Dec. 6 Christmas Craft Party  
Dec. 7 Congregational Meeting (SS)  
Dec. 7 Angel Tree gifts due  
Dec. 7 Youth Christmas Party  
Dec. 11 Ladies Connect 6:30pm  
Dec. 13 YA Christmas Party  
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert  
Dec. 24 Candlelight Service 5pm  
Feb. 27-28 Women's Retreat

# MISSION UPDATE

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



## Prayers:

- Prayer is essential to Trinity's mission. Please see our December 2025 newsletter for ways to pray for our ministries and missionaries. Also, see our public prayer list to pray for congregational needs.

## Goers:

- **Hope Presbyterian Church Plant** – Is God calling you to be part of the Hope Pres launch team in a small or large capacity? What does it mean to live your life "on mission"? A church plant is a huge undertaking and prayers, welcomers, senders, goers, and mobilizers, are all a vital part. For any questions, please reach out to TE Tim Jackson

## Senders:

- **Embroidered Trinity Pull-overs** – Your orders and referrals of others to Swan Graphics have helped this organization further its mission and here are just a few examples of the work they've fueled together:
  - 28 employees have been given training and employment opportunities
  - 3 past and current employees have graduated or are currently enrolled in university.
  - Started 2 economic development projects: Swan Graphics and Swan Seed Co.
  - 18 individuals have gone through Swan Training classes
  - A duplex was purchased to provide housing for employees of the businesses
- **Giving** — The work of mission is only possible because of your generous donations. If you'd like to make an end of year gift directly to any of our missionaries or ministries, please scan the QR codes next to their names on our Mission Wall in the Narthex. You could also donate to Trinity Missions by going to the giving section on our website and selecting Missions from the dropdown menu.

## Welcomers:

- **Thanksgiving Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** – Thank you to all who have prayed and donated items for the food pantry at Robinson. All of your donations were transported to the school and distributed to our families. So thankful that the new freezer was full of turkeys! What a wonderful sight! We will do a small collection for the last pantry of the year beginning next week.
- **Mission Gate Angel Tree** — Please return all of your tags and wrapped gifts to Trinity by next Sunday, December 7th.

## Mobilizers:

- If you've ever thought to yourself, "I wish we could do this," or "I wish we would do that." Let's have a chat about Missions. Are you passionate about PowerPoint and communicating mission opportunities to the congregation? **The Mission Committee is looking for you.** Reach out to Pablo for more 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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