



HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

MIGHTY GOD

EVERLASTING FATHER

*Prince of Peace*

ISAIAH 9:6

Third 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.



314-821-7311 | [info@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:info@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

[www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org](http://www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org) • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood



# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF LOVE

(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 McCall, Debbie Highmark, Steve O'Neal, Josie Standerfer

**Liturgist:** Mason Powell

**Scripture Reader:** Ellie Perry

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. —Isaiah (9:6)

"Just think of it; the Son of God, Jesus, the one through whom all things were made, the Word that is in the bosom of the Father, the Word that was God from the beginning, the eternal absolute Son enjoying all the full prerogatives of deity from everlasting to everlasting—lying helpless as a baby in a manger. And all that you and I might be saved and reconciled to God." — David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"He is the Everlasting Father, which means he is the Creator, and yet he is born."  
— Timothy Keller

"Affliction may be lasting, but it is not everlasting." — Thomas Watson

"We may venture more freely to call God our Father, because His only Son, in order that we might have a Father in common with Him, chose to be our brother." — John Calvin

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **“The Messiah in Prophecy”** —*ligonier.org*

Scripture does not tell us about people and events that are divorced from history. It explains that God has worked out His salvation in space and in time. One of the clearest examples of this is the Bible’s use of prophecy that is set firmly in one historical setting while predicting events in another. Prophecies of the coming Messiah fill the Old Testament, with the book of Isaiah featuring some of the most well-known predictions of the future.

Isaiah 9:1–7 records the famous prophecy of the coming child who would be “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah uttered these words during the reign of King Hezekiah, who lived at the end of the eighth century and the beginning of the seventh century BC. Hezekiah was one of the godliest kings during the old covenant period (2 Kings 18:1–7), but he was no King David. Hezekiah inherited the throne of David his forefather and reigned during a period when the Assyrian Empire was the strongest power in the ancient Near East. David, however, was established on the throne of Israel by the Lord, and he took Israel from being a minor player on the world stage to one of great importance (2 Sam. 5; 1 Chron. 18:4). Because of the glories of David’s reign, David became the prototype of the ideal ruler, and the prophets looked forward to the day when a king like David but even better would rule over God’s people once more (Jer. 23:5; 33:14–15; Zech. 12:8).

This messianic hope arose because the Lord promised to raise up a son of David who would rule forever and because the failures of David’s line made the people hope for someone to restore that line (2 Sam. 7; Amos 9:11–15). Hezekiah was a good king, but he was not the Messiah. However, during his reign God spoke through the prophet Isaiah, telling the king that after the Assyrian invasion of Judah during Hezekiah’s lifetime, a new king would sit on the throne in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 9:6–7 describes this coming king. He would possess unparalleled wisdom, being the “Wonderful Counselor” who would not need advisers or counselors to help guide him. His reign would also be so marked by peace that he would be the “Prince of Peace.” Other kings are known for war, and while this coming king would be a mighty warrior, his rule would establish and maintain permanent peace between God and the king’s loyal subjects. And this king would be more than a mere man. He would be “Mighty God, Everlasting Father”—that is, the Creator Himself incarnate.

In this fallen world, people long for peace between family members, between coworkers, and between neighbors. Lasting peace is possible, however, only through submission to the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus. When we bow to Him in faith, we are put at peace with our Creator, and we are called to announce His reign so that others may know His peace. Let us seek to tell others about the Prince of Peace this day.

# Song of Preparation

# Of the Father's Love Begotten

(please join in singing on vs. 2, 4)

*E<sup>b</sup>*

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan  
 2. At His Word the earth was fram - èd; He com - mand - ed, it  
 3. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin, called  
 4. This is He whom an - cient se - ers long fore - told in one

*B<sup>b</sup>/D A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm*

to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the  
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean in their  
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the  
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom - ised

*A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>*

Source, the End - ing, He. Of the things that are, that  
 three - fold or - der one. All that grows be - neath the  
 Sav - ior of our race; and the babe, the world's Re -  
 in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the na - tions'

*B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>sus*

have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture years shall see:  
 shin - ing of the moon and burn - ing sun,  
 deem - er first re - vealed His sa - cred face:  
 Sav - ior— let cre - a - tion praise its Lord

*E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup>*

ev - er - more and ev - er - more. \_\_\_\_\_

## Call to Worship—Isaiah 12 (selected)

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**People: For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

**People: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;**

Leader: Let this be made known in all the earth.

**All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: Lord, meet us here as we worship and sing praises to you. Let your name be made known in all the earth.

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Trinity Hymnal #203

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Trinity Hymnal #296

Lighting of the Advent Candle

## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Reading—Luke 3:7-18

*John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

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— Philippians 4:4-6**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Phil. 4:7**

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for guarding our hearts and minds in Christ.

**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 to the World

Keth Getty and Krystin Getty

A Dmaj7 E A D E

Piano

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

F#m7 A/E Dmaj7

Pno.

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

A/C# Bm E7 C#7

Pno.

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

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

Pno.

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

## Children's Sermon— Love

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)

*Behold*

Dallas Jenkins, Phil Wickham, and Steven Furtick

## **Sermon**

"Everlasting Father"

Isaiah 9:6-7

Sermon Series: His Name Shall be Called

Rev. Pablo Rosales

## \*Song of Response

## *Is He Worthy*

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): *We do*  
(Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): *We do*  
(Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't  
stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): *We do*  
(Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new?  
(Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): *It is*  
(Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): *It is*  
(Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?  
(Congregation): *It is*  
(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): *It is*

(Chorus: All)  
*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): *He does*  
(Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): *He does*  
(Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?  
(Congregation): *He does*  
(Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us?  
(Congregation): *He does*

(Chorus: All)  
*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son  
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
He is. He is*

## \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**No Sunday school classes today.** We will resume on Jan. 4.

**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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Highmark, O'Neal, Standerfer. CC: Steele, Schmidts. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Moen, Schlitt, Schmidts. CC: Oehlerking, Wagberg, Schmidt

**Men's & Women's Bible studies** will resume in Jan.

**No Men's Night** this week.

Please be sure to sign the **Trinity Hymnal in the narthex for the Rosales family!**

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).

**Giving Tree: The Deacons handle mercy ministry** at Trinity. Throughout the year, our own members and sojourners, reach out for assistance. Sometimes it's for gas to get to work, other times food. You could allocate funds towards this ministry by grabbing a tag off the giving tree in the Narthex.

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](mailto: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. 17 Food Pantry items due  
Dec. 18 Robinson Food Pantry  
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert  
Dec. 24 Candlelight Service 5pm  
Dec. 28 Reception for Rosales Family  
Jan. 4 Sunday school Resumes  
Jan. 4 Youth Parent Meeting  
Jan. 16-18 Youth Retreat  
Jan. 21 Women's Bible study  
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. Grab a physical copy in the Narthex or scan the QR code. **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 Rev. Tim Jackson

## Senders:

- **Giving Tree**— 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.
  - **The Deacons handle mercy ministry at Trinity.** Throughout the year, our own members and sojourners, reach out for assistance. Sometimes it's for gas to get to work, other times food. You could allocate funds towards this ministry by grabbing a tag off the giving tree in the Narthex.

## Welcomers:

- **Christmas Robinson Food Pantry** — 14 families were served during the Thanksgiving pantry! All were able to take home a turkey for Thanksgiving! The shelves were stocked and fully emptied in one evening. What an amazing display of generosity on your part. **The next pantry is on December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please bring any donations by Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up to volunteer at the pantry using the QR code above.
  - **Here's a list of needed items:**
    - Laundry Detergent, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner/Disinfectant Spray
    - Dishwasher Gel, Dish Soap
    - Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex
    - Shampoo/Conditioner
    - Liquid Body Wash, Liquid Hand Soap
    - Body Lotion
    - Feminine Products
    - Deodorant (Men and Women)
    - Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
    - Antibacterial Wipes
    - Sugar, Salt, Pepper
    - Vegetable Oil
    - Frozen meals and veggies — ANY FROZEN ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE FREEZER (NOT THE REFRIGERATOR)
- **Mission Gate Angel Tree** — Thank you to all who brought gifts! Please continue to pray for these families going through a very difficult season without the ones they love.

## 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 RE Tom Schmidt 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.

[www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org](http://www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org)