



HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

MIGHTY GOD

EVERLASTING FATHER

Prince of Peace

ISAIAH 9:6

Second 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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WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF 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. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Joan Kwong, Alyssa Hall, Linda Manwaring, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Tim Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Isaiah 40:29-31 – “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak... those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.”

“The Messiah is the mighty God, mighty in mercy, mighty in patience, mighty in judgment, mighty in love, and mighty to save.” — Charles Spurgeon

“The strength of the Messiah is not in conquest alone, but in the ability to lift the weak, heal the broken, and triumph over darkness.” — Anonymous

“Jesus exercises not a coercive power, but a power rooted in truth and love.”
— John Stott

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Our Mighty God- R.C. Sproul

So, He'll be called "Wonderful," He'll be called "Counselor," and He will be called "Mighty God" (Isa. 9:6). And in the use of the language here in Isaiah, this doesn't simply indicate God's omnipotent strength, which the Bible documents over and over and over again. But the particular description that is used here is the description of God as a warrior who fights for His people. Who rescues them out of slavery in Egypt. Who crushes the entire Egyptian army and the power of Pharaoh. Who brings down nations by His laughter because He is the almighty One. The mighty warrior who fights for His people.

The title that is used in the Old Testament for the mighty power of God is that title El Shaddai, which is found more often in Job than in any other book in the Old Testament. And that title, El Shaddai, describes the One who overpowers; the One who can't be conquered; the One who cannot lose.

You remember when Job was on the edge of despair and he was sitting on the dung heap, and his wife is encouraging him to curse God and die that he might be relieved of his relentless pain and suffering. And Job begins to question God: "Why are You doing this? Speak to me." And when God answers, He says: "Gird up yourself like a man. I will ask and you will answer. Who is this who darkens counsel with words without knowledge? Who are you? What's your name? Speak up." He said: "You want to ask Me questions, Job, I'm going to ask you some first. Here's your theological examination. Where were you when I set the foundations of the world? Speak up. Where were you when I set the stars in their courses? Job, can you unbuckle the Belt of Orion? I can. Can you bind the Pleiades? I can. Can you draw out the Leviathan with a seven pound fishline? I can." And God goes on for chapter after chapter with these questions. And Job was saying, "No, no, no, no." And when God is finished, Job said: "I will place my hand upon my mouth. Behold, I abhor myself. I repent in dust and ashes. I will speak no more against Your name."

You see, the way God answered the questions of Job, beloved, was not with a proposition but with Himself. He displayed the unconquerable power of Himself to Job's utter amazement. And we have lost that sense of awe before the power of God. We think of the power of creation when there was nothing but this darkness, and God speaks the world into existence. He says, "Let there be light," and the lights come on. In the very first act of creation, the darkness is vanquished by His word. There's nobody here who can begin to conceive of that power, the power of creation.

But the same power that God unleashes in creation is that power that He visits this world with in His redemption and that He invests in this baby in the manger in Bethlehem. "For unto us, a child is born, and unto us a Son is given. And He shall be called Mighty God." And so, this babe is endowed from on high with the fullness of the power of God. That's the One we worship. Not an impotent deity, but an almighty One.

Call to Worship—Isaiah 33 (selected)

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

People: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Leader: Now O Lord, come and fill our hearts with the kind of hope that deepens our joy and fills our voices with praise!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard on High

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend | Trinity Hymnal #214

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Angels we have heard on high; Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply; Echoing their joyous strains

[Chorus]

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above' not with scenes of glory;
But a humble gift of love; Jesus, born of Mary

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story
Gold—a King is born today, Incense—God is with us
Myrrh—His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see Him, whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the new born King.

Chorus

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Romans 15:4-13

Christ the Hope for Jews and Gentiles

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing to your name.”

And again it says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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— Matthew 3:7-10

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume 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."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for freeing us from law-based redemption!

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.

7 A G A D G D 3rd time to Coda

this, the Christ, who was long fore - told. Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
King who came with no crown or throne. Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.
Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart. 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. God, Most High, in a man - ger laid.
Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son. O, what wis - dom to save us all.

15 A G D G D G D

Lift your voic - es and now pro - claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us."
Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall. 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 G²

Glo - ri - a. —

45 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. —

49 Bm⁷ G²

Glo - ri - a. —

53 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. —

Children's Sermon— Hope

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

"Mighty God!"

Isaiah 9:6-7

Sermon Series: His Name Shall be Called

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G

1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, —
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G

— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G

- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G

- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D

- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D

praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D

maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

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) *What Child Is This/Child of the Poor*

William Chatterton Dix, Scott Soper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*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): Karen Broughton (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting today during the Sunday school hour. We will go over the budget, elect officers, and review 2025. All **elementary SS will meet in room 106.**

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: Kwong, Hall, Manwaring, Hendricks. SS: Broughton. CC: Oehlerking, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Highmark, O'Neal, Standerfer. CC: Steele, Schmidts.

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

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

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Craft Party! You are much appreciated!

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. **All gifts are due today** so they can be delivered early this week.

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

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: Erin Wagberg (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. 7 Congregational Meeting (SS)
Dec. 7 Elementary SS Party (rom 106)
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:

- **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 15th.** Please bring any donations by Sunday, December 14th. 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** — Today is the last day to bring your gifts for the Mission Gate Angel Tree.

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.

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