



BLOODLINES

THE SCARLET THREAD OF

Redemption



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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 HOPE

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein

Scripture Reader: Debbie Highmark

Pastoral Prayer: Tom Schmidt, Ruling Elder

Quotes and Reflections

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
— Isaiah 9:6-7

"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes... and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." — Luke 21:25-36

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Advent Prayer- Rev. Scotty Smith

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:7-8 (NLT)

Heavenly Father, the Advent theme of "waiting" confronts me in every context of life. Why am I in such a hurry? Why the rush? At just the right time, you sent Jesus. Not a day too early, and not a day late. It will be the same with Jesus' second coming. But as for me, cars in front of me cannot move fast enough. FedEx, UPS, and mail can't be delivered quick enough. Restaurants can't serve me soon enough and Wi-Fi can't be speedy enough. Worse, people can't make their point soon enough.

I repent. Early in this season of Advent, I want to recalibrate my heart, that I might live and love at the pace of grace. Free me of my busy, cluttered, in too-much-of-a-hurry self. According to you, the only thing that counts is "faith expressing itself in love" (Gal. 5:6), not impatience expressing itself in irritability. May my "to love list" supersede my "to do list," a thousand-fold.

Father, thank you for not being in a hurry. Thank you for waiting to be gracious to us. Thank you for not being slow about your promises. Thank you for being patient with my impatience. I lament my busyness and repent of my hurriedness. I purpose to slow down—look, listen, and linger in the presence and beauty of Jesus. Oh, come let us adore Him, indeed. So very Amen I pray, in Jesus' wonderful and merciful and name.

Song of Preparation (Ensemble) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Call to Worship—Psalm 25 (selected)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; let me not 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,

All: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, and Keith Getty

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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 G²

Glo - ri - a. -

45 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. -

49 Bm⁷ G²

Glo - ri - a. -

53 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. -

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. and orchestrated by Dan Kreider

1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by

4 dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea - vens
 per - fect u - Son pon the of Man. In His li - ving, in His
 death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

7 prai - ses, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
 suf - fering, Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
 sin - ners, Hangs the lamb in vic - tor - y. See the
 strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a

10 long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now come the
 true and of our re - dem - ption. see to
 fore - taste of de - li - verence. How the un -

12 light save of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
 save the hell - bound man. Christ to the great and sure - ful -
 Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to -
 wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -

15 scen - ded took on flesh to in ran - som us.
 fill - ment of the law; to in Him we stand.
 glo - ry grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
 rec - ted as we will be when he comes.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Paul Encourages the Church in Thessalonika

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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—Luke 21:29-36

And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 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

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 21:17-18

You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His protective mercies!

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! The Lord Is Come

Trinity Hymnal #195

(children are invited to come forward on the last verse)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Response

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Trinity Hymnal #196 (vv, 1, 4)

Membership Ceremony & Sacrament of Believer's Baptism

Jim & Alyce Bava, David & Meredith Heintz, Jackson Standerfer (baptism)

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

O Come, All You Unfaithful

Words and Music by Lisa Clow and Bob Kaufflin

Sermon

"The Lord Redeems the Outsiders"

Advent Series, Bloodlines

Matthew 1:5; Joshua 2

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



*Song of Response

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

♩ = 60

G D G A D/F#

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G

light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D A7sus D

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today at 11am. Children Pre-K-2nd grade meet in the Pre-K/K room. Grades 3rd-5th meet in the 3-5th classroom.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Jan. 12th and 14th.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options- Two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's home at 7pm to discuss the Sermon on the Mount (11/30). The Wednesday studies will resume on Jan. 12.

Ladies Christmas Social on Wed., Dec. 1st at 6:30pm at Kathy O'Neal's.

Donated items needed for the Christmas Craft Party! There are many ways you can help (you do NOT need to be crafty). Sign up sheets for items needed are on the round table in the narthex. See Jason Van Deraa or Amy Mitchell with any questions.

Christmas Craft Party: Sat., Dec. 4th from 9am to 12:15pm. Children ages 4yrs thru 5th grade will make gifts, sing Christmas Carols, hear a story by Pastor Polski, and enjoy lunch. Registration is limited and will close once full. Sign up will TODAY. Scan the QR code to the right. **There is a brief volunteer meeting for the volunteers today after Sunday school**

Save the Date: Trinity's annual **Christmas Concert** will be on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:30pm.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Dec. 24 at 5pm.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries will resume on Jan. 12.

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.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 (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.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:](#)



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session wishes to invite the congregation to our annual meeting of the congregation/corporation on Sun., Dec. 12th during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2021.

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.

