



# Trinity Church

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

building God's Church...blessing our community

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

## REFLECTION & PREPARATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** .....BASED ON: ISAIAH 2:1-5, PSALM 122,  
ROMANS 13:11-14, MATTHEW 24:36-44

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**That we may learn God's ways and walk in the light of the Lord.**

The house of the Lord is a house of goodness and peace.

**A time is coming when swords will be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks.**

The house of the Lord is filled with justice and mercy.

**A time is coming when wars will cease to the ends of the earth. Our God is the righteous judge of all nations.**

The house of the Lord is a house of salvation.

**Salvation is near to us, so let us live honorably and put on the armor of light.**

The house of the Lord has been firmly established in Christ Jesus.

**Let us clothe ourselves in Christ, ready and awake for his return.**

Christ is coming to establish the house of the Lord forever.

**All nations will stream to the light of Christ. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

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**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

## \*INVOCATION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** .....TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
No. 66

WORDS: FANNY J. CROSBY      MUSIC: WILLIAM H. DOANE

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**SCRIPTURE READING** .....ZECHARIAH 3

**HYMN OF ADORATION**.....MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE  
No. 364

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine - For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.  
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.  
We have not waited to find your will for us.  
We have not noticed the needs of the people  
around us.  
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us  
for our lack of watchfulness.  
Help us to wait to know your will.  
Help us to look out for the needs of others.  
Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....EPHESIANS 2:4-5

"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"

## \*HYMN OF ASSURANCE.....GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN No. 201

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured - There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

***Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,  
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!***

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater - yes, grace untold - Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide - What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide - Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment his grace receive?

## SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE MICHAEL SALLEY

## SERMON.....THOM WATSON

### JOHN 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

# SERMON NOTES

## THANKFUL FOR GOD'S GIFTS

### MAIN POINT:

EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE THANKFUL BECAUSE OF THE GIFTS FROM GOD.

### 1. THE GIFT OF CREATION (1:1-5)

### 2. THE GIFT OF IDENTITY (1:6-13)

### 3. THE GIFT OF PRESENCE (1:14-18)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** .....COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

No. 124

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine own sufficient merit,  
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### \*BENEDICTION

#### REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Ministry Partner:** Marty Huddleston - MNA Disaster Response logistics specialist

**Our Troops:** pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

**Church of the week:** Church Creek Presbyterian, Charleston; Nick Batzig, pastor

#### TRINITY FAMILY

**Betty Lamigo:** continued strength and stamina during her transition to hospice care

**Wayne Walling:** ongoing radiation treatments

**Joe Junquet:** continued healing of his nerves

**Melonie Anderson:** recovering from surgery after badly broken wrist

**Theresa Hickson:** clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

**Claudia Wilkes:** for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis

**Lawton Porter:** ongoing therapy

**Linda Wells:** neuropathy, improved stamina

**Christie Churchwell:** relief from headaches

# BULLETIN BOARD

## DONATE ITEMS TO DAZZ ANGEL TREE

We have an opportunity to bless mothers and babies through our DAZZ Angel Tree again this year. Please take one or more angels from the tree, go shopping, and return the items to the church by December 18. Please do not wrap your gift, but do attach the angel tag. Needed items include formula, baby wash, baby lotion, infant socks, and sippy cups. DAZZ is a medical pregnancy center and Christian ministry that serves young women, babies, and families. Since opening in Orangeburg in 2014, DAZZ has helped more than 875 women who were at risk for abortion choose life for their babies.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Officer elections will occur during a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 11 after the worship service. Michael Salley is a candidate for Elder and Les Carter is a candidate for Deacon. The 2023 church budget will also be presented.

## MEN'S BREAKFASTS PLANNED

Men's breakfasts are planned on the first Saturdays of December, January, and February. Meet at Shoney's at 8 am on December 3, January 7 and February 4 for good food and fellowship. For more information, see Woody Watford.

## CHECK EMAIL FOR DEEPER READING ASSIGNMENT

Check this Wednesday's church email for information on which chapter we will be discussing in Sunday school next week. If you haven't done so yet, you can pay your \$12 for the book in class.

## UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Copies of the updated church directory are available on the information counter. You can also request an electronic copy by emailing the church office at [office@trinityorangeburg.com](mailto:office@trinityorangeburg.com)

## POLLY'S PANTRY NEEDS TO BE RESTOCKED

Since 2018, Trinity has given away almost 100 bags/boxes of food. Thank you to everyone who has donated food. The pantry is very low and needs to be restocked for 2022-23. If you would like to donate to continue helping to bless our community please pick up a shopping list of needed items on the information counter. Make sure the food expiration dates are 2022 or later. If you would rather not shop, monetary donations are also accepted. Make your check out to Trinity Presbyterian and earmark it for Polly's Pantry. Questions? See Jane Junquet.

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

| STAFF  |  |
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| John Mark Patrick, Pastor<br>Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students<br>Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry<br>Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist<br>Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant<br>Ann Axson, Bookkeeper |  |
| ELDERS   | DEACONS                                    |
| Alan Ulmer<br>Woody Watford  | Jeff Folk<br>Wayne Walling<br>Jeff Watford |
| DEACON ASSISTANTS  |  |
| Larry Adicks,<br>Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson  |  |

| CALENDAR      |                             |  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| SUN<br>11/27  | 8:45AM<br>9:30AM<br>10:30AM | PRAYER<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>MORNING WORSHIP |
| TUES<br>11/29 | 6:30AM                      | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY                          |
| SAT<br>12/3   | 8:00AM                      | MEN'S BREAKFAST @ SHONEY'S                 |
| SUN<br>12/4   | 8:45AM<br>9:30AM<br>10:30AM | PRAYER<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>MORNING WORSHIP |

| TRINITY READING TOGETHER |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| MONDAY                   | TUESDAY     | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY    | FRIDAY      | SATURDAY    |
| ZECHARIAH 4              | ZECHARIAH 5 | ZECHARIAH 6 | ZECHARIAH 7 | ZECHARIAH 8 | ZECHARIAH 9 |

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