



Trinity Church

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

building God's Church...blessing our community

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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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*DOXOLOGY

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

*INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE**REJOICE

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY MUSIC AND ADDITIONAL WORDS: BOB KAUFMAN

All the earth rejoice, your Creator reigns as the only awesome God,
the Alpha and the Omega, who was, is, and is to come.

Let the oceans roar and the mountains sing,
he provides for all He has made.

So be comforted as he rules with grace.

Rejoice, all the earth, rejoice.

All the world rejoice, for the baby comes as a humble prince in the night,
the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, the Everlasting Light.

Let the warmth of heav'n reach the coldest heart
with the gospel of His grace,

for His heel will bruise the serpent's head.

Rejoice, all the world rejoice.

All the church rejoice, for your King returns on a white horse wearing a crown.

He will break the sky with the angel's shout,
descending from the clouds.

Then the dead will rise from the land and sea,
all His people will ascend.

We will reign with Him for eternity.

Rejoice, all the church, rejoice.

***HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE**THE FIRST NOEL

WORDS & MUSIC: JONATHAN RYAN, MEGHAN BAIRD, & STEPHEN ALTROGGE

The first Noel, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought.

SCRIPTURE READING1 SAMUEL 27

***HYMN OF ADORATION**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
No. 123

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**.....THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, All for love's sake becomes poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

SHEPHERDING PRAYERRE SAM LAMBRECHT

SERMON.....ISAIAH 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into
contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made
glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

SERMON NOTES

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

ISAIAH 9:6

CONTEXT:

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR:

HYMN OF RESPONSELO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to men a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story,
proclaimed by angels bright,
how Christ, the Lord of glory,
was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
and in the manger found him,
as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God;
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens ev'ry load.

*BENEDICTION

BULLETIN BOARD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Plan to stay after worship next Sunday, December 10 as we elect trustees and review the 2024 church budget. No officers will be elected this year.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE PATRICK'S NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

We will gather at the Patrick's home at 6 pm next Sunday for a Christmas Open House. If your last name starts with A through L, please bring a savory dish. If your last name starts with M through Z, please bring something sweet.

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 17**. 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 1,000 women who were at risk for abortion choose life for their babies.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Scott Andes - serving with RUF International at University of South Carolina

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: Eastbridge Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant; Daniel Cohee, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Susan Gonzalez: recovering after surgery to repair broken jaw and teeth, on liquid diet for six weeks

Wayne Walling: undergoing infusion therapy at MUSC Orangeburg rehab

Frank Myers: recovering from knee replacement surgery

Karla Lambrecht: recovering from knee surgery

Dan Steffen: recovering from back surgery

Susan Ulmer: recovering from gallbladder surgery

Herb Tait: healing for broken arm after surgery was ruled out. Pray for peace and comfort for Mrs. Betty.

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee surgery, pray for balance issues when she walks

Theresa Hickson: clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF

John Mark Patrick, Pastor
Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students
Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry
Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist
Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant
Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper

ELDERS

Michael Salley
Alan Ulmer
Woody Watford

DEACONS

Les Carter
Jeff Folk
Wayne Walling
Jeff Watford

DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks,
Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

CALENDAR

SUN 12/3	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 12/5	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/6	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 12/10	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPEN HOUSE AT THE PATRICK'S

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SAMUEL 28	1 SAMUEL 29	1 SAMUEL 30	1 SAMUEL 31	2 SAMUEL 1	2 SAMUEL 2

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HERE!

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