



Trinity Church

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

building God's Church...blessing our community

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....BASED ON: ISAIAH 11:1-10,
PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19, ROMANS 15:4-13, MATTHEW 3:1-12

We have come to worship the Lord, the God of all nations.

The righteous and faithful judge, Christ the coming King.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding rests upon him.

Under his reign righteousness will flourish and peace will fill the earth.

The Spirit of counsel and might rests upon him.

He will judge the poor with equity and compassion, defending the cause of the needy.

The Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord rests upon him.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In those days the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

The calf and the lion together, and a little child shall lead them.

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

Repent and bear fruit for the coming Kingdom of God.

Christ is coming! May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we worship.

May we abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*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

No. 136

SCRIPTURE READINGZECHARIAH 14

READER: The Word of the Lord
CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

CAROLSEE, AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say- what's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing, 'Peace on earth,' told us of the Savior's birth."

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 PARDONEPHESIANS 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 ASSURANCEIMMANUEL

WORDS & MUSIC: STUART TOWNEND

From the squalor of a borrowed stable By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal Came the Savior of the human race
But the skies were filled With the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath He fights for me Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing in the place of honor Crowned with glory on the highest throne
Interceding for His own beloved 'Til His Father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the bride will run to her lover's arms Giving glory to Immanuel

SHEPHERDING PRAYERRE SAM LAMBRECHT

SERMONLUKE 1:5-23

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

SERMON NOTES

GABRIEL AND ZECHARIAH LUKE 1:5-23

I. FAITHFUL YET TROUBLED

II. AN ANGEL APPEARS

III. A GREATER JOY

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

***BENEDICTION**

VISITATION SCHEDULE		
WEEK OF DECEMBER 8-14	WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21	WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-28
Chris & Tamara Rickenbaker	Lyle & D'lynn Polson	Connie Porter

BULLETIN BOARD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

A congregational meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, December 14. We will hear a report on the 2026 church budget and vote on our candidate for elder, Alan Ulmer.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun on Sunday, December 14. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm to go Christmas caroling, then head to the Patrick's home at 6:30 for an open house. If your last name starts with A through L, please bring a savory dish. If your name starts with M through Z, bring something sweet.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO OP CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The OP-CDC will have a Christmas program in our sanctuary on Thursday, December 18, and Trinity will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to the parents and children outside afterward. The program is scheduled at 5:00 pm, and we need to have refreshments ready by 5:30. If you can help greet families or serve snacks, please sign up in the narthex.

DAZZ ANGEL TREE NOW THROUGH DEC. 21

We have an opportunity to bless moms and children through the DAZZ Angel Tree again this year. Please choose one or more angels from the tree in the church narthex and bring your unwrapped gifts back by Sunday, December 21. DAZZ Orangeburg is a Christian ministry serving women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering free counseling, medical consultations and baby items.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Roger & Dianne Smalling, writing and publishing reformed literature for training programs and seminars in Latin America

Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Point Hope Presbyterian, Daniel Island; Rob Hamby, church planter

TRINITY FAMILY

The Folk Family: in the loss of Jeff's father, Mr. George Folk

Deborah Finkelstein: ongoing medical concerns

Brush Babb: continued strengthening and improvement

Joe Junquet: adjustment to the loss of his vision

Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee replacement surgery

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

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

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 Helen Meacham, Pianist Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant Sandra Jackson, Bookkeeper	
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DEACON ASSISTANTS	
Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR		
SUN 12/7	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 12/9	7:00AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/10	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 12/14	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 5:30PM 6:30PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CHRISTMAS CAROLING OPEN HOUSE @ THE PATRICK'S

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MALACHI 1	MALACHI 2	MALACHI 3	REVELATION 1	REVELATION 2	REVELATION 3

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

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