



# 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 8, 2024

## 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 JOYFUL WORSHIP .....O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

O come, all you unfaithful; come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying  
Come, see what your God has done

**Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you**

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run  
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace for those who believe

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So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering  
Come, see what your God has done

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**.....THE APOSTLES CREED<sup>1</sup>

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell<sup>2</sup>; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

**SCRIPTURE READING**.....PSALM 100

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

**HYMN OF ADORATION**.....LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

No. 160

**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”

<sup>1</sup> Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century. <sup>2</sup> By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion. <sup>3</sup> The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

**\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE**.....WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL, ADAPTED BY WILLIAM C. DIX

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

**SHEPHERDING PRAYER**.....RE MARK FORD

**SERMON** .....ISAIAH 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

# SERMON NOTES

## THE UNIQUE SERVANT OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 49:1-7

### 1. RELATIONSHIP TO THE LORD

### 2. ASSIGNMENT

### 3. HUMANITY

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION.....LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

### \*BENEDICTION

VISITATION SCHEDULE		
WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-15	WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22	WEEK OF DECEMBER 23-29
Jeff & Mary Watford	Jeff & Kerry Folk	Jane Junquet

# BULLETIN BOARD

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Please be in prayer for our Congregational Meeting next Sunday, December 15, where we will hear a report on the 2025 church budget and vote on candidates for deacon and elder. Nominees for deacon are Evan Lambrecht, Frank Myers and Chris Rickenbaker, and nominees for elder are Mark Ford and Sam Lambrecht. The meeting will be held immediately after the worship service.

## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ON DEC. 15

We will gather at the Patrick's home on Sunday, December 15 from 6 to 8 pm for a Christmas Open House. If your last name starts with A through L, please bring a sweet dish. If your last name starts with M through Z, please bring something savory.

## DONATE TO DAZZ THROUGH 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 22. You do not need to wrap your gift, but please do attach the angel tag. Needed items include infant socks, baby bottles, receiving blankets, board books and developmental learning toys. 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 1,100 women who were at risk for abortion choose life for their babies.

## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR PASTORS & WIDOWS

This December, our congregation will join with hundreds of others to participate in a special offering for the PCA Relief Fund, which supports retired pastors, widows and ministry staff in need. Pray about what you will give on December 22.

### REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Ministry Partner:** Brian Howard - serving with RUF-I at Clemson University

**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

**Jimmy Wells and family:** in the loss of his wife Linda

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

**Melonie Anderson:** recovering at home from recent 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  
 Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant  
 Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper

## ELDERS

Michael Salley  
 Alan Ulmer  
 Woody Watford

## DEACONS

Jeff Folk  
 Wayne Walling  
 Jeff Watford

## DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks,  
 Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

## CALENDAR

<b>SUN</b> 12/8	<b>8:45AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
<b>TUE</b> 12/10	<b>6:30AM</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>WED</b> 12/11	<b>5:30PM</b>	PRAYER
<b>SUN</b> 12/15	<b>8:45AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b> <b>12:00PM</b> <b>6:00PM</b>	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPEN HOUSE @ PATRICK'S

## TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 101-102	PSALM 103	PSALM 104	PSALM 105	PSALM 106	PSALM 107

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**HERE!**

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