



Trinity Church

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

building God's Church...blessing our community

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....BASED ON: ISAIAH 35:1-10, PSALM 146:5-10, LUKE 1:46B-55, JAMES 5:7-10, MATTHEW 11:2-11

We worship you, Lord, and magnify you, God our Savior!

Our hearts will not be afraid! God, you are coming to save your people.

The blind will receive their sight, the lame will walk, the dead will be raised.

Streams will pour forth in the wilderness and the desert filled with the living water.

God will tear down the mighty from their thrones and lift up the lowly.

Strengthen our hearts, Lord. Give us a steadfast and firm faith.

Sorrow and sighing will pass away, and God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

On that day we will be filled with everlasting joy and gladness.

We wait patiently for you, Lord, because you will fulfill your promises.

Your mercy is for those who fear you from generation to generation.

Hear the good news: Christ is coming and will reign forever.

Praise the Lord! All our hope is in the Lord our God. Come, Lord Jesus.

We worship you, Lord, and magnify you, God our Savior!

Our hearts will not be afraid! God, you are coming to save your people.

*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**GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY & MUSIC: BOB KAUFMAN

Glory be to God on high Let peace on earth descend
God comes down before our eyes To Bethlehem
God invisible appears Endless ages wrapped in years
He has come who cannot change And Jesus is His name

Emptied of His majesty He comes in human form
Being's source begins to be And God is born
All our griefs He'll gladly share All our sins He'll fully bear
He will cover our disgrace And suffer in our place

Let the joyful news ring out The Prince of Peace proclaim
Lift your heart and voice to shout Immanuel's name
God has kept His promises What a work of grace this is
Son of Mary, chosen One The Lamb of God has come

**Hosanna, hosanna The Lamb of God has come
Hosanna, hosanna He is the promised One**

CONFESSON OF FAITHTHE APOSTLES CREED¹

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 hell²; 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 catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGMALACHI 3-4

¹ 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. ² 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.

³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

HYMN OF ADORATION.....IMMANUEL

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Even as we ask you, Lord, for a meaningful and blessed Advent season,
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.
Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee,
for not reading your Word,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,
we may have a fresh sense of your presence
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**.....PSALM 103:10-12

"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

***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 WOODY WATFORD

SERMON.....LUKE 1:67-79

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

SERMON NOTES

MARY'S SCHOOL OF PRAISE

LUKE 1:46-55

1. RIGHT LOCATION
2. RIGHT OBJECT
3. RECOGNIZING NEED
4. RECOGNIZING DISPARITY
5. IT'S ALL MERCY!
6. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COVENANT
7. ANTICIPATE THE GREAT REVERSAL

***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**

BULLETIN BOARD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Officer elections will occur during a Congregational Meeting today 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.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE PATRICK'S NEXT SUNDAY

The Patricks are hosting a Christmas Open House next Sunday evening December 18 at their home, 1170 Moss Street. The fun will begin at 6 pm. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring an dessert; I-Z bring an appetizer.

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 next Sunday, 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.

POLLY'S PANTRY NEEDS TO BE RESTOCKED

If you would like to donate to continue helping to bless our community through Polly's Pantry, 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

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Mike & Caroline Miller - serving with a church planting team in Athens, Greece
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: Point Hope Presbyterian, Daniel Island, Rob Hamby, church planter

TRINITY FAMILY

Betty Lamigo: continued strength and stamina during her transition to hospice care
Wayne Walling: recent infection and hospitalization, 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

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 Ann Axson, Bookkeeper	
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Alan Ulmer Woody Watford	Jeff Folk Wayne Walling Jeff Watford
DEACON ASSISTANTS	
Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR

SUN 12/11	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUES 12/13	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN 12/18	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 6:00 PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP OPEN HOUSE @ PATRICK'S

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REVELATION 1	REVELATION 2	REVELATION 3	REVELATION 4-5	REVELATION 6	REVELATION 7

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HERE!

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