



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 12, 2021

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

Worship does not satisfy our hunger for God — it whets our appetite.
Our need for God is not taken care of by engaging in worship — it deepens.
- Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

*CALL TO WORSHIPPSALM 126

The Lord has done great things for us!

And we are filled with joy!

Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

our tears into songs of joy!

O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

and remain in us forever.

*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 PRAISEGLORY 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**

SCRIPTURE READINGPSALM 104

HYMN OF ADORATION.....LO, 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.

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

SERMONPSALM 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”

⁸ For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

SERMON NOTES

ADVENT ADJUSTMENTS 2 - THE ROAD TRIP

PSALM 122

1. WHERE ARE WE GOING?

2. WHY ARE WE GOING?

3. WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN WHEN WE GET THERE?

4. WHAT WILL THE RESULT BE?

5. WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?

***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 & CHURCH OFFICER ELECTION TODAY

We will have a congregational meeting to discuss next year's budget and elect new officers after the worship service today. The following men have accepted nomination to be officers in the church - Elder: Alan Ulmer & Woody Watford and Deacon: Jeff Folk, Wayne Walling, & Jeff Watford.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT AT THE PATRICKS

The Patrick family is hosting a Christmas Open House next Sunday evening December 12 at their home, 1170 Moss Street. The festivities will begin at 6 pm. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring an appetizer; I-Z bring a dessert.

DONATE ITEMS FOR 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 19. Please do not wrap your gift, but do attach the angel tag. Needed items include diapers, 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.

BREAKFAST POT LUCK DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share on December 19 when we will enjoy a meal together during the Sunday School hour. We will not have any book discussion that Sunday. Please bring a breakfast casserole, side dish, baked goods or fruit - the church will provide coffee, juice and milk.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: DAZZ - pregnancy care center and ministry to new parents

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: Metro North Church, Goose Creek; John Schley, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Jane Junquet: in the loss of her mother

Wayne Walling: recovering from surgery

Herb Tait: recovering at home after hospitalization

Sarah Hutto: recovering from open heart and hernia surgery

Melonie Anderson: adjusting to new medication for advancing MS

Linda Wactor: recovering from recent infection

Claudia Wilkes: in stage 4 renal failure, not eligible for another transplant

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy, healing for foot

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	
ELDERS	DEACONS
Mark Ford Sam Lambrecht Dan Steffen	Les Carter Bubba Morrell
DEACON ASSISTANTS Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR

SUN 12/12	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL - CH. 17 MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPEN HOUSE @ THE PATRICK'S
TUES 12/14	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN 12/19	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER BREAKFAST POT LUCK MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 105	PSALM 106	PSALMS 107	PSALM 108	PSALMS 109	PSALM 110-111

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