



Trinity Church

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

building God's Church...blessing our community

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

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**JOY HAS DAWNED

WORDS & MUSIC BY KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND

1. "Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation— God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for ev'ry nation. Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory, But a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory; Gifts of men from distant lands Prophesy the story. Gold—a King is born today, Incense—God is with us, Myrrh—His death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.

2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness, Cling now to a mother's breast, Vuln'erable and helpless.

4. Son of Adam, Son of heaven, Given as a ransom; Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion! What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry! Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry."

SCRIPTURE READING.....PSALM 108

READER: The Word of the Lord

CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF ADORATION.....O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

No. 123

VISITATION SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22	WEEK OF DECEMBER 23-29	WEEK OF DEC. 30-JAN. 5
Jeff & Kerry Folk	Jane Junquet	Alan & Susan Ulmer

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 PARDONPSALM 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 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 PRAYER.....PASTOR JOHN MARK

SERMONISAIAH 50:4-9

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear

to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

SERMON NOTES

THE COURAGEOUS SERVANT OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 50:4-9

PREPARATION

CALLING

COURAGE

SUCCESS

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**.....HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
No. 133

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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 THIS EVENING

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 next Sunday, 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: Marty Huddleston - MNA Disaster Response logistics specialist

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

Church of the week: First Scots Presbyterian, Beaufort; Alex Mark, pastor

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

SUN 12/15	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPEN HOUSE @ PATRICK'S
TUE 12/17	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/18	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 12/22	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 109	PSALM 110	PSALM 111	PSALMS 112-113	PSALM 114	PSALM 115

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