



Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

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."

***CAROL**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

SCRIPTURE READING2 SAMUEL 10

HYMN OF ADORATION.....IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR
No. 128

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?
No. 137

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE JEFF WATFORD

SERMON.....ISAIAH 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SERMON NOTES

EVERLASTING FATHER

ISAIAH 9:6

A MISHAP WITH THE TRINITY?

WHAT A FATHER IS:

WHAT A FATHER DOES:

WHY WE NEED MESSIAH TO BE EVERLASTING FATHER:

*HYMN OF PREPARATIONGOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ENGLISH CAROL

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray;

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

From God our heav'nly Father,
a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might."

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding,
in tempest, storm, and wind;
and went to Bethlehem straight-way,
the Son of God to find.

*BENEDICTION

BULLETIN BOARD

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 6 PM NEXT SUNDAY

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 6 pm next Sunday. Invite your neighbors, friends and family to join us for a special time of worship.

2024 BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE

Join us as we continue our three-year Bible reading plan and develop a new habit or reinforce an old one: reading God's word every day! The plan is simple - usually just one chapter a day. The Session is regularly praying for your growth in Christlikeness - God's Word is one of the primary means He uses to change our lives and make us more like Jesus. Reading His Word together provides both accountability and deeper fellowship in our body. Laminated copies of the 2024 plan are available on the information counter.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Marvin & Cyndi Bozard - serving with UNTO, a ministry of Cru

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

Herb Tait and family: in the loss of Mrs. Betty Tait

Susan Gonzalez: recovering after surgery to repair broken jaw and teeth, on liquid diet for six weeks

Wayne Walling: released home from rehab, undergoing outpatient infusion therapy at MUSC Orangeburg

Frank Myers: recovering from knee replacement surgery

Karla Lambrecht: recovering from knee surgery

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee surgery, pray for balance issues when she walks

Theresa Hickson: clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

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

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
 Sandral Jackson, Bookkeeper

ELDERS

Michael Salley
 Alan Ulmer
 Woody Watford

DEACONS

Les Carter
 Jeff Folk
 Wayne Walling
 Jeff Watford

DEACON ASSISTANTS

Larry Adicks,
 Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson

CALENDAR

SUN 12/17	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 12/19	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/20	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 12/24	10:30AM 6:00PM	MORNING WORSHIP CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 SAMUEL 11	2 SAMUEL 12	2 SAMUEL 13	2 SAMUEL 14	2 SAMUEL 15	2 SAMUEL 16

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