



Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....BASED ON: ISAIAH 7:10-16,
PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19, ROMANS 1:1-7, MATTHEW 1:18-25

The voice of the prophets cry out: Look, the young woman shall bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel which means, "God is with us."

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

His name is Jesus and he will save us from our sins.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

He is descended from David according to the flesh.

You who reign on high with the angels, shine forth your light!

He was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

We belong to him, obedient in faith for the sake of his name.

**Then we will never turn back from you; give us life,
and we will call on your name.**

Jesus is coming, prepare the way of the Lord!

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Jesus is coming and he will save us from our sins.

Shine your light, O Lord, and we shall be saved!

*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."

***HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
No. 133

SCRIPTURE READINGREVELATION 8

HYMN OF ADORATIONO COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
No. 123

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**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

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

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

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....PASTOR JOHN MARK

SERMON.....LUKE 2:8-15

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock
by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around
them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I
bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will
find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with
the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one
another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has
made known to us.”

SERMON NOTES

A SONG OF GLORIOUS PEACE

LUKE 2:8-15

. AUDIENCE

. SUBJECT MATTER

. EFFECT

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**.....GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
 News! news!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
 Christ is born today!
 Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
 Joy! joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And man is blessed forevermore:
 Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
 Peace! peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall:
 Christ was born to save!
 Christ was born to save!

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE PATRICK'S THIS EVENING

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

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Michael Salley was elected to serve as elder and Les Carter to serve as deacon during last Sunday's congregational meeting. Please keep these men in prayer as they begin their leadership roles in the coming year.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE STARTS AT 6 PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 pm this Saturday evening, December 24.

2023 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 2023 plan are available on the information counter.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Keith & Ruth Powlison - Serving on MTW's Hinterland team in Cusco, Peru.
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: First Scots Presbyterian, Beaufort; Alex Mark, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Betty Lamigo: continued strength and stamina during her transition to hospice care
Wayne Walling: recovering at home after recent hospitalization and treatment completion
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	
ELDERS	DEACONS
Alan Ulmer Woody Watford	Jeff Folk Wayne Walling Jeff Watford
DEACON ASSISTANTS	
Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR		
SUN 12/18	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 6:00 PM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP OPEN HOUSE @ PATRICK'S
TUES 12/20	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SAT 12/24	6:00PM	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
SUN 12/25	10:30AM	MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
REVELATION 9	REVELATION 10	REVELATION 11	REVELATION 12	REVELATION 13	REVELATION 14

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HERE!**

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