



Trinity Church

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

building God's Church...blessing our community

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

*CALL TO WORSHIPLUKE 1:46-50

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

*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 PRAISEJOY 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
Prophecy 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."

*CAROLANGELS 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 READINGPSALM 112

HYMN OF ADORATION.....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

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.....GOD 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.

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE DAN STEFFEN

SERMON.....PSALM 85

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah

³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

SERMON NOTES

ADVENT ADJUSTMENTS 3 - THE MESSIAH WE NEED

PSALM 85

1. A HISTORY OF BEING GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL

2. A HISTORY OF NEEDING GRACE AND MERCY

3. BOLD ASKING - COUNTERINTUITIVE CONFIDENCE

4. THE MESSIAH WE NEED

5. THE END RESULT: JOY & GLORY

*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 EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us Friday evening at 6 pm for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of lessons and carols..

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The following men were voted in during officer elections last Sunday: Alan Ulmer and Woody Watford will serve as elders, and Jeff Folk, Wayne Walling, and Jeff Watford will serve as deacons. Please keep these men in your prayers as they begin these important leadership roles.

2022 BIBLE READING PLAN COMING SOON

We will continue our three-year Bible reading plan in the new year. Reading 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 church body. Laminated copies of the 2022 guide will be available soon on the information counter and on the church website.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CLEAN-UP

We are planning to take down the Christmas decorations on Wednesday, December 29 starting at 9 am. Please come help if you are available that day. For more information, contact Karen at the church office.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Jeff & Sissie D'Jernes - serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are continuing with the Arop-Lokep Old Testament translation project.

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: Oakbrook Community PCA, Summerville; Mark Turner, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Wayne Walling: recovering from surgery

Herb Tait: recovering at home after hospitalization

Sarah Hutto: recovering from open heart and hernia surgery

Melonie Anderson: for her health to remain stable so she can care for Claudia

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

Linda Wactor: recovering from recent infection

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

CALENDAR		
SUN 12/19	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER BREAKFAST POTLUCK MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 12/21	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FRI 12/24	6:00PM	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
SUN 12/26	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL - CH. 18 MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 113	PSALM 114	PSALMS 115	PSALM 116	PSALMS 117	PSALM 118

Praise and tons of thanks!

Dear Trinity,
Claudia and I want to thank you for the help you provided us last weekend! Dan Steffen, Randy Ziegler, Bubba Morell, Alan Ulmer, and Sam Reid came over and repaired our deck. They worked like a well-oiled machine and didn't leave until the deck was safe for us to use! We are truly thankful for the supplies and all the labor! For sure, this was a true answer to prayer.

In Him,
Claudia and Melonie

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