



Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

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 TO THE WORLD
No. 125

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS MUSIC: GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains.
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

***CAROL**INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY
No. 143

SCRIPTURE READING2 SAMUEL 17

CAROLSEE, AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say- what's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing, 'Peace on earth,' told us of the Savior's birth."

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**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
No. 133

SHEPHERDING PRAYERRE WOODY WATFORD

SERMONISAIAH 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

WHAT CHRISTMAS DEMANDS

ISAIAH 9:6

PEACE: THE ESSENTIALS

PRINCE: THE RESPONSE

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

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
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:
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:
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 AT 6 PM TONIGHT

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

We will not have Sunday school again next week. Please join us for prayer time at 9:30 am.

YEAR-END DONATIONS DUE BY NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Donations for 2023 need to be made by Sunday, December 31. Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Come to church at 8 am on Saturday, January 6, for our first Men's Breakfast of the new year. Upcoming Men's Breakfasts are planned for February 3 and March 2.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Joel Brown - serving with RUF at South Carolina State University
Our Troops: pray all of our troops and their chaplains around the world
Church of the week: Grace Coastal Presbyterian, Okatie; Jason Crenshaw, 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
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 12/24	9:30AM 10:30AM 6:00PM	PRAYER MORNING WORSHIP CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
TUES 12/26	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/27	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 12/31	9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 SAMUEL 18	2 SAMUEL 19	2 SAMUEL 20	2 SAMUEL 21	2 SAMUEL 22	2 SAMUEL 23

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