



Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 26, 2021

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....REVELATION 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are Your deeds, LORD God Almighty.

Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear You, O LORD, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

*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**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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."

***HYMN OF JOYFUL WORSHIP**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still thru the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

SCRIPTURE READINGPSALM 119:1-48

HYMN OF ADORATIONO LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**O King of Glory,
we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint,
our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous.
For we have surrendered to the enemy
by our secret and our known sins.
For our treason you died, Lord Jesus.
For our restoration, you rose again.
Draw us closer to you in this holy week,
that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears,
and our hearts, the wonder of your grace.
By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline,
let us be loyal and loving servants of the King.
Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 1 PETER 2:24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**.....EARTH GAVE HIM NO WELCOME

WORDS: EDITH MARGARET CLARKSON

Earth gave him no welcome, no shelter, no home
He slept in a stable, the inn had no room
No bed but a manger, no pillow but hay,
no friends but the oxen who watched where he lay.

To seek and to rescue the dying and lost,
he came to save sinners at infinite cost
Despised and rejected, forsaken was he
Earth gave him no welcome but Calvary's tree.

Earth gave him no welcome sin's night has been long
But soon comes God's morning All glorious with song
Then earth shall not see him rejected again;
Triumphant in glory her King comes to reign!

SHEPHERDING PRAYERRE STEVE HAWLEY

SERMONPSALM 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is in the LORD his God,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

SERMON NOTES

ADVENT ADJUSTMENTS 4 - PURPOSEFUL PRAISE

PSALM 146

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF PRAISE?

- NOT MERELY EXTERNAL
- PURPOSEFUL, DELIBERATE
- LIFELONG
- SENSE OF DETERMINATION
- IN RESPONSE TO _____

WHO ARE WE TO PRAISE?

- NOT OURSELVES
- NOT OTHER MEN (EVEN GREAT ONES)
- OUR GOD & CREATOR
 - WHO ALONE HAS POWER & _____

THE RECIPIENTS OF GOD'S HELP, LOVE, & RUIN

- HELPS THE NEEDY
- LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS
- RUINS THE WICKED

TRUE IDENTITY REVEALED

*HYMN OF RESPONSEJOY TO THE WORLD

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.

*BENEDICTION

BULLETIN BOARD

2022 BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE

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 are available on the information counter and on the church website.

GENTLE AND LOWLY DISCUSSION CONTINUES

Sunday School resumes at 9:30 am next Sunday, January 2, as does our discussion of the book Gentle and Lowly. Our adult and youth small groups will be discussing chapter 18 in the book next week.

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: Edisto Habitat for Humanity, putting God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

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: Hope Community Church - Cane Bay (north of Summerville) church plant - Nathan Francis, church planter

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

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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	
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DEACON ASSISTANTS	
Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR		
SUN 12/26	10:30AM	MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 12/28	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 12/29	9:00AM	CHRISTMAS DECORATION CLEAN-UP
SUN 1/2	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL - CH. 18 MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PSALM 119:49-96	PSALM 119:49-96	PSALM 119:49-96	PSALM 120	PSALMS 121	PSALM 122

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