



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2021

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION

Fling Wide the Door
Robert Farlee

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

✠ LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The home we long for is built on a foundation of love with Jesus as our cornerstone.
Many: The home we hope for is a home that knows peace:
One: A peace at the core of our being
Many: A peace that calms our anxiety
One: A peace amidst our relationships
Many: A peace experienced down the street and around the world.
One: The home we long for is a home that knows peace. So today we light the candle of
 peace – as a reminder and as a prayer.
All: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love as together we build a home of peace.
 Let us worship God.

✠ GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 88

[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)

VENI EMMANUEL

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, long ago your prophets told of your promises – a promise of restoration and salvation. We confess that we have not believed your promise, that we have preferred brokenness to restoration, and have lingered with disease rather than welcome salvation. We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo, not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change. Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength, so that we may receive the fullness of your promise, and live into that joy. Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON



Ky-ri - e E - le - i - son, Chris - te E - le - i - son.

Ky-ri - e E - le - i - son, Lord have mercy _____ up - on us.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, God could not love you any more than God loves you at this very moment.

Many: May we know that wrapped in that love is grace and forgiveness, and a call to go out into the world to love.

† THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –
And also with you!

† GLORIA PATRI



Glo _____ ri - a! In ex-cel-sis De - o!

Glo _____ ri - a! In ex-cel-sis De - o!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

MORNING WATCH

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3: 1-6

SERMON

A Weary World Rejoices: Stories of Preparing
Dr. Steve Lindsley and Phil Blount

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 278

[Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire](#)

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING AND MEDITATION

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR Code to the right.



OFFERTORY

Gary Sugg, Clarinet

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Larry Shackley

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see evermore and evermore. Oh, that birth forever blessed when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face evermore and evermore. This is he whom seers and sages sang of old with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore. Let the heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing, pow'rs, dominions bow before him and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore. Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unending praises be, honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory evermore and evermore.

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

† PRAYER FOR OFFERING

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

† SENDING HYMN

Glory to God, Hymnal No. 827

[O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright](#)

Wie Schön Leuchtet

† BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Sleepers, Wake

Wayne Wold

† *All who are able are invited to stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS: Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman, Rev. Jodi Martin, liturgists; Dr. Chris Gilliam, director of music; organist Michael Rowland; and Trinity Choir.

For those in need of hearing assistance, our Sanctuary is equipped with a "loop system" that broadcasts the audio into your hearing aids using t-coil technology. Alternately, headphones can be accessed in the Narthex.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Our church family actively seeks to welcome all and to acknowledge and embrace the rich diversity of God's human creation. Come as you are. We do not seek to change you; rather, to provide space for you to grow in your unique faith journey. We believe that it is impossible to live out Christ's purpose, as individuals and as the church, without being fully open and inclusive, following the example Christ set for us. At Trinity Presbyterian Church, we believe in: Growing Together. Welcoming All. Please fill out our digital [Connect Card](#) to learn more about our church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREENING OF TRINITY - We invite you to participate in this beautiful Trinity tradition! To contribute to the Greening of Trinity for the Advent and Christmas season, please contact the church office for a dedication form or you may complete a form online <https://bit.ly/3lr7YTs>.

ADVENT IN PLAIN SIGHT - At Christmas, God came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, and still today, God is at work through the ordinary stuff of life, if we train our eyes to see. Join us for an easy Devotion & Dialogue around Jill Duffield's study book, *Advent in Plain Sight*. There will be two days each week for you to join our dialogue in the Heritage Room: **Sundays, November 28 - December 19** at 9:45 a.m. and **Mondays, November 29 - December 20** at 12:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room or by Zoom. For ZOOM information email rheilman@trinitypreschruch.org.

NIGHT WATCH, AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL - Advent promises God isn't absent when all appears dark. God waits until our eyes adjust to the beauty and meaning that can be found in the dark. Let's walk together into the night to see what God reveals. Pick up a copy at the church, or go to <https://bit.ly/311DJ93>.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMMUNITIES - For many years, Trinity has hosted a Christmas party for Supportive Housing Communities. We met with their leadership this year and due to COVID, they felt a party was not possible. Trinity's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team are hopeful for next year. They are in need of \$15 to \$25 gift cards for their guests struggling this holiday season. They ask that gift cards come from Uber, Lyft, Amazon, Visa, Lowes, Walmart, Food Lion, Target, Harris Teeter and Aldi. The cards may be dropped by the church. And, in case you can't stop by a store, no worries, donate to SHC here <https://bit.ly/3DcDGK4>!

CONGRAGULATIONS to Marie and Mat Glapiak on the birth of their daughter, Liliana Josephine Glapiak. Lilly was born on November 27.

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