



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LESSONS AND CAROLS    DECEMBER 11, 2022

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

Sleepers, Wake  
Wayne Wold

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

### ADVENT PRAYER

Gracious Lord, you chose to share the Good News of your coming to shepherds in the middle of the night. We thank you for the surprising ways you come into our lives, and the joy that comes from knowing you are indeed with us. Search our hearts and know us; and fill our lives with the blessings of your presence. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

### † GATHERING HYMN

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 133*

[O Come, All Ye Faithful](#)

ADESTE FIDELES

### WE OPEN UP TO GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child. We would like to be those who cared for God as an infant, who welcomed him into the world. We would like to be those who welcomed an unknown stranger and refugee not knowing who he was. And yet, we are more like Herod. We find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others. We cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Loving God, we pray that you fill us with your light so that we may live our lives as true disciples. 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 mer-cy \_\_\_\_\_ up - on us.

## † WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The grace of God is bountiful, through grace we are both forgiven and transformed to serve Christ better in our lives. Believe this good news and allow it to transform your life.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## † 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

#### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

The Fall and the Fallout

Mike Campbell

#### HYMN

Hymn #82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

#### SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22: 15-18

The Promise

Sara Martin

#### ANTHEM

Our Father's Love Begotten  
13<sup>th</sup> Century Chant, arr. Walker

#### THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9: 6-7

News of Great Hope

Kyle Nielsen

#### FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9

The Coming Salvation

Rebecca Heilman-Campbell

#### HYMN

Hymn #94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON

#### FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

The Angel and Mary

Sarah Sugg

**ANTHEM**

Anna Coppedge, soprano

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey

**SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2: 1-7

The Birth

Madeleine Johnston

**ANTHEM**Lullaby from *Hodie*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams(1872-1958)**SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2: 8-16

The Shepherds' Visit

Steve Lindsley

**ANTHEM**And Suddenly There was with the Angel/Glory to God from *Messiah*  
G. F Handel (1685-1750)**EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2: 1-12

Wise Men Find Jesus

Rebecca Heilman-Campbell

**ANTHEM**Christmas Cantata, II. O Magnum Mysterium  
Daniel Pinkham (1923-2016)**NINTH LESSON**

John 1: 1-14

The Word

Ginger Weeks

**WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT****† ADVENT PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

A prayer by Henri Nouwen

One: Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

Many: We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

One: We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

Many: We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

One: We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

Many: We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

One: To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" And to you we pray the prayer you once taught us to pray, saying:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
Raymond Haan

## † 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. 134*

[Joy to the World](#)  
ANTIOCH

## † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Sleepers, Wake  
Wayne Wold

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman, and Rev. Jodi Martin, liturgists; Sara Martin, seminary intern; Dr. Justin Smith, interim director of music; Michael Rowland, organist; Trinity Choir; Ginger Weeks, Madeleine Johnston, Mike Campbell, Sarah Sugg, Kyle Nielsen, and Anna Coppedge, participants.

*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.*

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## 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/3VmeLxK>.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** - Join us on Sunday, December 18, in front of the Fellowship Hall, for an outdoor Christmas pageant and festival. Trinity kids will present, "Journey to the Manger", at 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine)! There will also be snacks, crafts and a petting zoo! Stay for Christmas caroling around the campfire outside the Youth Center at 4:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

**ROOM IN THE INN IS BACK**- Roof Above runs Room in the Inn by inviting churches to host a shelter for people experiencing homelessness for one or two nights of the week. Sign up as a Room in the Inn volunteer! We are partnering with Sardis Presbyterian Church again as we grow volunteers around this ministry. You're encouraged to read through the Sign-Up Genius and FAQ closely. Sign up now at <https://bit.ly/3XQlXne>. If you to have any questions, please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell [rheilman@trinitypreschurch.org](mailto:rheilman@trinitypreschurch.org).

**SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS TO TRINITY** - Please add Trinity to your family Christmas card mailing list. We look forward to displaying these in the Welcome Center during the holiday season!