



# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel  
Heathcote Statham

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

#### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger.

Many: So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight.

One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

Many: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Many: May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming,  
on earth as it already is in heaven.

#### †GATHERING HYMN

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 93*

[Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates](#)

TRURO

### WE OPEN UP TO GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Incarnate, if we are being honest, we confess that we have not lived as your children. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those we are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, while you hope we will fill the lives of others with your grace. Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us to be willing to draw near to others, so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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**

One: Beloved, hear the good news! Even before you can finish asking, I declare to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† **THE PEACE**

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

† **GLORIA**



Glo ri - a! In ex-cel-sis De - o!  
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**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**MORNING WATCH**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 25:1-10

**ANTHEM**

Gaudete Piae Cantiones (1582)  
arr. Kingsbury

Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 21:25-36

**SERMON**

*Canticles of Advent: Lifted Up*  
Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell

**WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT**

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Glory to God Hymnal, No. 88*

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

VENI EMMANUEL

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From the *Iona Abbey Community*)

We believe in God, who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion. We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone; who came in the body to give worth to every human life; who touched the untouchable and loved the unlovable. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth and freedom; who works through us for justice, care of creation, and the healing of the nations. And we celebrate the potential God has given: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, and the promise of things to come.

## 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

### †DOXOLOGY VENI EMMANUEL

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you -

Many: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts -

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God -

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Hymn 552 to be sung by all)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

### †SENDING HYMN

*Glory to God, Hymnal No. 384*

[Soon and Very Soon](#)

### BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Prelude in E Major, S. 566  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, preacher; Dr. Steve Lindsley, liturgist; Trinity Choir and Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Tanis James, C.C. Cooper, Jim Glenn, and Zach Hugo, soloists; and Shayne Doty, organist.

*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

You are welcome and there is a place for you here at Trinity! We strive to be an open and inclusive community, acknowledging and embracing the rich diversity of God’s creation so we embody our calling to, “grow together and welcome all.” We love having children, and their wiggles, worship with us at Trinity. If you choose, childcare is provided for ages four and under. We are happy your family is here! Whatever in your life brought you to worship with us today, you are welcome, and we hope you feel at home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT TRINITY WITH OUR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & PAGEANT -** Trinity's annual Journey to the Manger Christmas Festival & Pageant will be on Sunday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

**DECORATE MCCREESH PLACE -** Help spread Christmas cheer at McCreesh Place on Sunday, December 8, after Worship! If you're interested in joining us, please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR -** The Children’s Choir, for ages 4 through 5th grade, meets Sundays during Worship from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. below the Sanctuary. The choir does not meet on Sundays without Sunday School. To participate, have your child join Maddy Hardy after Morning Watch during Worship.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHEDULE-** Children will prepare for their pageant during Sunday School on December 8 and 15, with regular Sunday School resuming on December 22. The Nursery, staffed by Angela Drugan and Sarah Emily Click, is open every Sunday from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (or 10:30 a.m. if Sunday School is not held).

**ADULT & YOUTH DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL –** Led by Steve or Rebecca, December's Sunday School theme is *Advent Waiting: A Journey Through Scripture*. Join us for a meaningful exploration of the Scriptures this Advent season! Bring your Bible, reflections, and questions—extra Bibles will be available if needed.