



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GROWING TOGETHER. WELCOMING ALL.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Advent Prelude
Charles Callahan

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

† LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

- One: Because of war, because there is still so much unrest in our hearts,
 we light a candle of peace.
- Many: Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been
 remade into ploughshares, we light a candle of peace.
- One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.
- Many: May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming,
 on earth as it already is in heaven.
- One: Friends, be not afraid.
- All: God's peace is at hand!

† GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 106

[Prepare the Way, O Zion](#)
BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You see the lives we lead, O God, as we come before you. Called to share the good news of hope and love, we hesitate, often pushing it to the end of our long list of priorities. Given opportunities to stand up for justice on behalf of others, we find ourselves choosing silence instead. Invited to rejoice and pray without ceasing, we often choose to complain about the small inconveniences we face. Forgive us, God of boundless grace, and soften our hearts, that we may be ready to welcome your Son, the bringer of joy and peace. 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: Despite our mistakes, our God remains faithful in this and every moment. Thanks be to God. God’s hope never fails us.
- Many: God’s grace continues to fill our emptiness, and God’s mercy continues to make us new.
- All: Indeed, in Christ Jesus, 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 68-79

ANTHEM

What Child is This?
Traditional, arr. Mack Wilberg

SERMON

The Canticle of Advent: Raised Up
Dr. Steve Lindsley

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 163

[Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice](#)

ABERYSTWYTH

‡AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From A Declaration of Faith)

We believe that God made us for life in community. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. Since every human being is made for communion with God and with others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well. We acknowledge God's freedom and grace. God has chosen us as servants for the sake of the world and destined us to be his daughters and sons, giving us love and life, calling us to worship and honor God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be they name, they kingdom come, they 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.

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](#)

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. 119

[Hark, The Herald Angels Sing](#)

MENDELSSOHN

BENEDICTION

MUSIC

Chorale Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, S. 661
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

WORSHIP LEADERS Dr. Steve Lindsley, preacher; Rev. Rebecca Heilman-Campbell, liturgist; Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events: Sam Sparrow, clarinet; 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.

BOWLING NIGHT FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

- Families with youth (4th grade and up) are invited to join us at Bowlero Park Road **today at 4:00 p.m.**, for an afternoon filled with strikes, spares, and holiday cheer! Parents can choose to stay and enjoy the fun or drop off their kids. Families will cover the cost for bowlers, but snacks are provided for everyone.

GREENING OF TRINITY

- Please consider donating to the Greening of Trinity in honor or in memory of a loved one during the Advent and Christmas season. **The deadline is Monday, December 16.** The suggested donation is \$25. There are donation cards available in the Welcome Center, or you may make an online donation by scanning the QR code next to Offering.

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 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.