



*For nothing will be impossible with God.*

Luke 1:37 (ESV)

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Order of Worship — Sunday, November 27, 2016

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## Celebrating the Season of Advent - 2016

*The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the longings of time spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the apple until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Advent culminates in the arrival of Jesus-Messiah in the flesh, born as a human child to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king! In Romans, Paul writes, “For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God...in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” Freedom begins with the birth of the Christ. (ref. Rom 8:19, 20b, 21)*

## Song of Gathering and Preparation

*The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

## Almighty God

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Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy  
Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to You  
Come and fill the praises of Your people  
In grace and truth You make us new again

*Hallelujah (3x)*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
But Your river deep floods over everything

*Hallelujah...*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open (6x)

*Hallelujah...*

*(repeat)*

## **Explanation of Advent Theme – Shayne Bass**

*By the finger of God. Who alone can come against the forces of spiritual darkness in this world and beyond? Only One more powerful than, higher than, and above all created things. Only One who holds the very creative force of the universe in his hands. Amazingly, this One became a little baby, with dirty, fragile, and soft fingers reaching out for the warmth and protection of his mother – showing us just how powerful he is and also showing us the way we too can have this King and his Kingdom. Today we light a candle to reflect on the greatness of God in his creation. In remembering the creation, we also reflect on God’s awesome power to save and his ability to use whatever means he chooses to reveal his Holy Love to humanity.*

## **Call to Worship/Lighting of Advent Candle**

*We read God’s Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.*

*The Attaway Family – Isaiah 42:5-9 (ESV)*

*Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”*

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession – Shayne Bass**

*We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## **Song for the Advent of our Savior**

*We sing a song that reflects our need for the mercy and grace brought to us at the coming of Jesus Christ.*

### **God With Us**

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Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love / To be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life to be Light / To shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption  
God with us  
You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world / For Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin to bear shame / And to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

*Our Deliverer You are Savior...*

You are here, You are holy  
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)  
(repeat 3x)

*Our Deliverer You are Savior...*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*We again read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (ESV)*

*For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

## **Worship Through Giving**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*Latin hymn, translated by John Mason Neale, 1851, PD*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

## **Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who he is and what he has done for us.*

### **It Is Well**

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Grander earth has quaked before / Moved by the sound of His voice  
Seas that are shaken and stirred / Can be calmed and broken for my regard

*Through it all, through it all*

*My eyes are on You*

*Through it all, through it all*

*It is well*

*Through it all, through it all*

*My eyes are on You*

*It is well with me*

Far be it from me to not believe / Even when my eyes can't see  
And this mountain that's in front of me / Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

*Through it all, through it all...*

So let go my soul and trust in Him  
The waves and wind still know His name  
(repeat)

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well it is well with my soul*

*(repeat)*

### **Because He Lives (Amen)**

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I believe in the Son / I believe in the Risen One

I believe I overcome / By the power of His blood

*Amen amen / I'm alive I'm alive because He lives*

*Amen amen / Let my song join the one that never ends*

*Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave / I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name / He rolled the stone away

*Amen amen / I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen / Let my song join the one that never ends*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow / Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life / My future in His hand

*Amen amen... (2x)*

## **Confession of Faith**

*As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.*

*From the Westminster Shorter Catechism:*

### **Q. 70. What does it mean to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?**

A. It means to have forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood which is shed for us in his sacrifice on the cross, and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified as members of Christ, so that we may more and more die unto sin and live in a consecrated and blameless way.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Shayne Bass**

*We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community & world.*

*(Children, Infants – Kindergarten, are dismissed for Kid's Worship.)*

## **Proclamation of God's Word – Josh Floyd, Assistant Pastor and Church Planting Apprentice**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.*

## **Song of Response**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of his goodness and greatness.*

### **This is Amazing Grace**

*By Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro and Phil Wickham*

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Who breaks the power of sin and darkness / Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder / Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross  
You lay down Your life, that I would be set free  
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

*Who brings our chaos back into order / Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory*

*Who rules the nations with truth and justice / Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings*

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love...*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain / Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain / Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
(repeat)*

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love...*

*What other king leaves his throne, what other king leaves his throne  
What other king leaves his glory  
What other king leave his glory to die, yeah his glory to die*

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

*May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.*

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## **Seasons of the Cross**

*Blue for Advent: The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the ions of time spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the apple until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Blue has historically been associated with this season, a picture of the darkness before the dawn. In Romans, Paul writes, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Rom 8:19-21) Freedom begins with the birth of the Christ.*

# Scripture Passage and Sermon Outline

## Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** Revelation 19:1-6 (ESV)

**Title:** Sing Hallelujah!

**Teacher:** Josh Floyd

*<sup>1</sup> After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants." <sup>3</sup> Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever." <sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" <sup>5</sup> And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." <sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."*

**Praise the LORD for His power!**



**Praise the LORD for His salvation!**

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD for his power and justice displayed by Him executing judgment over his enemies. Praise Him Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His truth, goodness and right rule.
2. Confess to Jesus the ways in which you have lost your sense of awe and wonder at the Lord God Almighty. Confess ways in which we are so easily caught up in and thrown off course by the routine, the busy and the temporary things of this world.
3. Give thanks to God for the salvation of sinners like you and me! Thank Him for rescuing us from the bondage of sin and death through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus (whose birth we celebrate during this Advent season).
4. Who in your life does not know Jesus? Pray for God-ordained conversations to take place between the two of you in this season of Advent. We have the cure for the sickness of sin...and that cure is the gospel of Jesus Christ!
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help draw you back to the throne room of God and that we would be quick to sing Hallelujah or Praise the LORD loudly! Pray for boldness and for wisdom in finding the words to say in evangelizing people whom the Lord has put in your life.

# Communications

**Budget Meetings** – Sunday, December 4 in the Fellowship Hall, directly after the service, we will have a question & answer session regarding the 2017 proposed budget. Join us again the following Sunday, December 11 for our annual congregational meeting to approve our 2017 church budget.

**The Facilitator** – The Facilitator is a study tool designed to help you engage with the weekly sermon in your family and Community Group. It will be made available on the Trinity App or click the “Notes” link for the latest service on the Trinity home page and scroll to the bottom, [trinitylakeland.org](http://trinitylakeland.org). Questions? Contact Luke Wolfe at [luke@trinitylakeland.org](mailto:luke@trinitylakeland.org).

**Church-wide Christmas Breakfast** – Sunday, December 18, 8:45a, in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be a potluck, so pull out all of your award-winning recipes! Sign up to bring food by visiting [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) (Last Name: Trinity, Password: Christmas) or call the church office at 863-603-7777.

## Connect & Serve

**Women’s Ministry Coffee: Celebrating the Season** – Mark your calendar! Saturday, December 3, 8:45-11a, at the Riching’s Residence (2385 Brandon Road) you are invited to come and enjoy the holiday sounds of Harrison School of the Arts. Bring a new, unwrapped gift for Parker Street Ministries’ Christmas Store. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Esther Spence at 863-221-3415. RSVP to Jessica Wilson at [jessicawilson19@gmail.com](mailto:jessicawilson19@gmail.com) by TODAY, November 27.

**Bridal Shower for Ashley Lopez** – Join us Sunday, December 4, 2-4p, at the home of Shannon Waller (1330 Easton Drive) to celebrate with Ashley. Contact Shannon Waller (863-944-9090) for gift ideas or to RSVP.

**Advent Craft Night** – Advent is a special time of year when we celebrate the coming of our Savior. Wednesday, December 7, 6-7:30p, in the Fellowship Hall, FRAT Student Union and Trinity’s Children’s Ministry will host an Advent Craft Night. FRAT Students will help younger kids create an Advent craft to take home. Pizza and cookies will be served. Kids of all ages are welcome. Cost is \$2 per child or \$5 per family. RSVP to Callie Sandman at [callie@trinitylakeland.org](mailto:callie@trinitylakeland.org).

**Parker Street Ministries: Christmas Store** – Consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to benefit families in the Parker Street Neighborhood (collection boxes located at both entrances - gifts for ages 0-18). Wrapping supplies (especially gift bags) and Holiday Decor are needed too. We also have the opportunity to help set-up the Christmas Store at Parker Street Ministries (719 N Massachusetts Ave) Friday, December 9, 6:30 - 9p. Invite your friends. Get your Community Group involved. Email [volunteer@psmlakeland.org](mailto:volunteer@psmlakeland.org) for questions or to sign up.



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# Calendar

For more information and additional calendar items,  
visit our website at [trinitylakeland.org](http://trinitylakeland.org) or  
call the office: 863-603-7777

\* Childcare provided

## SUNDAY (November 27)

7:30 am Prayer

\* 8:45 am Education Hour Classes  
(Fellowship Hall &  
Large Basement Room)

\* 8:45 am New Members' Class  
(Small Basement Room)

\* 10:15 am Worship Service

## MONDAY

6:00 pm LAMP Seminary Class

## WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm Person of Jesus Lunch Study

6:00 pm Middle & High  
School Worship

## SATURDAY

9:00 am Celebrating the Season  
Women's Coffee

## SUNDAY (December 4)

7:30 am Prayer

\* 8:45 am Education Hour Classes  
(Fellowship Hall &  
Large Basement Room)

\* 8:45 am New Members' Class  
(Small Basement Room)

\* 10:15 am Worship Service  
*Lord's Supper*

12:00 pm Budget Q&A

1:00 pm Elders' Meeting

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# Welcome to Trinity!

*We're so glad you are here.*

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Gender

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address: Street

City/State

Country/ZIP

Phone

E-mail Address

☐ First Time Visitor ☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Member

☐ College Student @ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

☐ Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

☐ Joining a Community Group

☐ Upcoming New Member Class

☐ Women's Bible Study

☐ Student Ministry

☐ Children's Ministry

☐ Volunteering with children

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# Community Bible Reading

[joincbr.com](http://joincbr.com)

November 27 - December 3, 2016

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2 John</b> 1 Samuel 5	<b>2 Kings 6</b> Esther 8
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3 John</b> 1 Samuel 6	<b>2 Kings 7</b> Esther 9
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Revelation 1</b> 1 Samuel 7	<b>2 Kings 8</b> Esther 10
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Revelation 2</b> 1 Samuel 8	<b>2 Kings 9</b> Ezra 7
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Revelation 3</b> 1 Samuel 9	<b>2 Kings 10</b> Ezra 8
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Samuel 10	<b>2 Kings 11</b>

(3-year plan: read **bold passages** / 1-year plan: read all)

## Scripture Memory for the Week:

*Revelation 19:1 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> *After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God..."*

## Prayer

How can our staff pray for you?  
Please use the space below to tell us.

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