



ADVENT 2017

SONGS FOR THE
SAVIOR

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Order of Worship — Sunday, December 3, 2017

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Celebrating the Season of Advent - 2017

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing, a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons of time spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the fruit 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!

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.

The Earth Stood Still

by Future of Forestry

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A teenage girl and her soon to be
A simple trip far as they could see
The sky was clear and the hour serene
But did they know what the night would bring?

Lonely hearts strung across the land
They've been waiting long for a healing hand
My heart was there and I felt the chill
Love came down and the earth stood still
Love came down and the earth stood still

Shepherds stirred under starry skies
Tasting grace that would change their lives
The angels trembled and the demons did too
For they knew very well what pure grace would do

The hope of the world and a baby boy
I remember Him well like I was there that night
My heart was there and I felt the chill
Love came down and the earth stood still

Explanation of Advent Theme: Creation – Dan Anthony

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 Rogers 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 – Dan Anthony

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).

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.

Psalm 103:8-13 (ESV)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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.

All The Poor And Powerless

by Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

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All the poor and powerless and all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess and know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah and we will cry out hallelujah

All the hearts who are content and all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left will know that You are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah and we will cry out hallelujah
(repeat)

Shout it go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses that He is God
(repeat)

We will sing out hallelujah and we will cry out hallelujah
We will sing out hallelujah God
(repeat)

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.

Almighty God

By David Leonard, Leslie Jordan & Sandra McCracken

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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, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
(repeat)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Kids' Worship Dismissal

Infants - Pre-K are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

Greeting

Just as the Apostle Paul urged fellow believers to be hospitable, in the Gospel, Jesus has welcomed us - the worst of sinners - into His home and family. In the same spirit we greet each other to show the hospitality of Jesus.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dan Anthony

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 and world.

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.

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.

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Receive

By Audrey Assad

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Holy wisdom God in Heaven here in human time
Humble Godhead bending low and touching bread and wine
Faith is making plain the truth beneath the veil
Faith supplying where our feeble senses fail

*To the Father to the Son and to the Spirit be
Blessing honor glory power might and majesty
It is God who we encounter it is God that we receive
From this altar we do believe*

Jesus by Your hand You feed us Your own life and bread
Jesus risen Savior lead us out of sin and death
Word of God in flesh and blood we're here for You
Bread of life the love of God our heavenly food

To the Father . . .

Song of Response

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

Joy to the World

Text by Isaac Watts, music by George Frederick Handel, PD

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Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy
No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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.*

Seasons of the Cross

Blue for Advent: 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...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)

Scripture Passage and Sermon Outline

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

Title: My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Teacher: Josh Floyd

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

JOY IN MAGNIFYING THE LORD

STRUGGLE WITH MAGNIFYING THE LORD

POWER FOR MAGNIFYING THE LORD

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Praise and magnify the Lord for His strength, mercy and goodness!
2. Confess to Jesus the ways in which we have pridefully sought to magnify ourselves instead of Him.
3. Give thanks to God for Him looking on our humble estate, showing mercy to those who fear Him and filling the hungry with good things.
4. Who in your life does not know Jesus as their Savior? Please pray that our God would show mercy to them and that through the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives, they would become those who fear the Lord.
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help us to magnify the Lord, and rejoice in Jesus our Savior, during this Advent season despite all the busyness, materialism and potential family drama that can be associated with it.

Communications

Budget Meetings – TODAY, December 3, in the Fellowship Hall, directly after the service, we will have a question & answer session regarding the 2018 proposed budget. Join us again the following Sunday, December 10, for our annual congregational meeting to approve our 2018 church budget.

Parker Street Ministries: Christmas Store – Consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to benefit families in the Parker Street Neighborhood (collection boxes are located at both entrances of Trinity - gifts for ages 0-18). Wrapping supplies (especially gift bags) and Holiday Decor are needed too. If you would like to help with setting up or serving at the Christmas Store, contact Parker Street Ministries, 863-682-4544 or volunteer@psmlakeland.org. Get your Community Group involved! Go with a friend!

Advent Art Night – Wednesday, December 6, 6-7:30p, in the Fellowship Hall, FRAT Student Union and Children's Ministry will host an Advent Art Night. Students will help children create Advent art to display at the church or take home. Pizza and cookies will be served. Cost is \$3 per child. Kids of all ages are welcome. Space is limited to the first 70 kids to sign-up. RSVP by December 3 to Callie Sandman at callie@trinitylakeland.org.

Breakfast with Campus Outreach – Sunday, December 17, 8:45a, in the Fellowship Hall, we will gather for our annual Church-wide Christmas Breakfast. We will be joined by the Campus Outreach team who will be moving here next year. Come get to know them and enjoy fellowship with the whole church. The breakfast will be a potluck, so pull out all of your award-winning recipes! Sign up to bring food by visiting perfectpotluck.com (Last Name: Trinity, Password: 2017) or call the church office at 863-603-7777.

Employment Opportunity

Communications Assistant – The purpose of this position is to assist in the communication within the church and community and to contribute as a member of the administrative team. For consideration, e-mail resumes to Frank McCaulley at frank@trinitylakeland.org.

Assistant Director – Trinity's Student Ministry Team is looking for its newest member! We are seeking a full-time Assistant Director to focus primarily on the development of an independent Middle School Program while providing support for all student ministry efforts. For consideration, email your resume to Shayne Bass at shayne@trinitylakeland.org.

From the Director of Operations

Year End Giving – All gifts must be received in the church office, made online or postmarked by Sunday, December 31 to be included on your 2017 Giving Statement. Please contact Frank McCaulley to donate stock or to arrange for gift up/drop off when the office is closed at 863-286-5007.

	Progress Report
	Goal: \$957,000 Committed: \$1,007,616.09 Given: \$606,197.57
	Projects Started: Roof

Ushers

Mike Wells, HEAD

Ken Breathitt

Bill Riley

Debbie Blankenship

Matt Tucker, HEAD

Greg Valentine

Sam Riley

Gary Blankenship

Calendar

For more information and additional calendar items,
visit our website at trinitylakeland.org.

* Childcare provided

SUNDAY (December 3)

- 8:00 am Prayer
- * 10:15 am Worship Service
Lord's Supper
- 12:00 pm Budget Q&A
- 1:00 pm Elder Meeting
- * 3:30 pm Launch Team Meeting
(Grace Community)
- 5:30 pm Women's Ministry
Ornament Exchange
- 6:00 pm College Group (offsite)

MONDAY

6:00 pm LAMP

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 pm Person of Jesus Lunch Study
- 6:00 pm Middle & High School Worship
Advent Art Night

THURSDAY

7:00 pm POJ & Potluck (offsite)

SUNDAY (December 10)

- 8:00 am Prayer
- * 10:15 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Budget Congregational
Meeting
- 6:00 pm College Group (offsite)

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday from 8:30a to 5:00p
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Welcome to Trinity!

We're so glad you are here.

Name (Please Print)

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
- _____

Community Bible Reading

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December 4 - 9, 2017

Monday	Matthew 10 1 Samuel 5	Proverbs 23 Zechariah 1
Tuesday	Matthew 11 1 Samuel 6	Proverbs 24 Zechariah 2
Wednesday	Matthew 12 1 Samuel 7	Proverbs 25 Zechariah 3
Thursday	Matthew 13 1 Samuel 8	Proverbs 26 Zechariah 4
Friday	Matthew 14 1 Samuel 9	Proverbs 27 Zechariah 5
Saturday	Psalms 147	Psalms 49 Psalm 101

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

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Luke 1:46-48 (ESV)

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed"

Prayer

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

Ministry Leaders

Tim Rice, LEAD PASTOR & DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PLANTING
Josh Floyd, ASSISTANT PASTOR & CHURCH PLANTING APPRENTICE
Tim Strawbridge, DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL LIFE
Jason Jacobs, DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP
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Krissa Valentine, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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JoAnn Johnson, DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Dwight Smith, MISSIONS TEAM DIRECTOR

RULING ELDERS

Clark Buurma	Dwight Smith
Alex Frost	Tim Strawbridge
Jerri Gable	John Tucker
Dick Greene, <small>CLERK</small>	Justin Wilson
Holland Henderson	TEACHING ELDERS
Jason Jacobs	Josh Floyd
Shawn Jones	Stan McMahan
Scott McBride	Tim Rice
Frank McCaulley	Ben Turner
Jack Plating	
Jim Prevatt	

Deacons

Braxton Bone	Bruce Gaynair
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