



For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:37 (ESV)

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship – Sunday, December 4, 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 eons 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.

A Baby Will Come

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The kings of this world / Have torn it apart
But we can take heart / A baby will come
To the hungry and meek / To those who grieve
To the broken in need / A baby will come
We have known pain / We've felt death's sting
God help us believe / This baby will come
The angel appeared / Said do not fear
For peace is here / A baby has come
The advent of life / Let hope arise
We've our Savior and Christ / The baby has come
We've waited so long / God for Your mighty arm
May our doubts ever calm / For the baby has come
The proud will be low / The humble will know
They're valued and loved / For the baby has come
Cause the kings of this world / Won't have the last word
That God is Yours / For the baby has come

Explanation of Advent Theme – Josh Floyd

For yours is the kingdom of God. Poverty is everywhere; hunger, loss, fear and childlessness are not just the stuff of a few unfortunate people. The story of Christmas, really the story of the whole Bible,

invites us to embrace our own hopeless poverty, like Abraham and Sarah – too old for a promised son – and to believe that the Kingdom belongs to those who know they don't belong. On this second Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to remember the promise of God to make a people for himself through a special Son. Barren old women, murderers, thieves, and outcasts, the lost and the lonely, the gluttons and the greedy, these are invited to bow before the baby King and rejoice.

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 Marshall Family – John 1:1-5, 9-14 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of Adoration – Josh Floyd

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).

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has conformed us to your holy will. Amen.

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 John 3:1-3, 8 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure...Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Worship Through Giving/Song for the Advent of our Savior

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. We sing a song that expresses the longing of our hearts to see our Savior even as we celebrate his first coming.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text by Charles Wesley, Music by Felix Mendelssohn, PD

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb:

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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.

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 3kl;x)

Our Deliverer You are Savior...

Your Glory / Nothing but the Blood

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My life is yours / And my hope is in you only
And my heart you hold / 'Cause you made this sinner holy
And holy, holy

'Cause your glory is so beautiful / I fall onto my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life / Is to worship in your light
'Cause your glory is so beautiful / 'Cause your glory is so beautiful
(repeat)

Glory, glory hallelujah / Jesus you are good
(repeat 3x)

What can wash away my sin? / Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? / Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh, precious is the flow / That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know / Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Glory, glory hallelujah / Jesus you are good
(repeat)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Josh Floyd

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 – Pre-K, are dismissed for Kid's Worship.)

Proclamation of God's Word – Tim Rice, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting

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.

Flesh and Blood

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Flesh and blood, born a baby
Flesh and blood You lived and breathed
Amazing love You came and gave Your flesh and blood
To set me free

*So hallelujah for the bread it is His body
And the wine it is the blood that binds us now
And the living bread remains the communion of the saints
Sing the mystery of faith, flesh and blood*

Flesh and blood, you are my children
Flesh and blood, if you believe
So take this cup and when you taste my flesh and blood
Remember me

So hallelujah for the bread it is His body...

We remember blessed Jesus we remember
God help us all if ever we forget
That the author of the story cast off His crown of glory
For a crown of thorns and flesh and blood

So hallelujah for the bread it is His body...

We remember blessed Jesus we remember
God help us all if ever we forget
And the living bread remains the communion of the saints
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Worship Through Giving - Mercy Fund Offering

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.

Song of Response

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

Beautiful Things

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All this pain / I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change / At all

All this earth / Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground / At all

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

All around / Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found / In You

*You make beautiful things...
(repeat)*

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new

*You make beautiful things...
(repeat)*

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: The colors of the various seasons of the Christian year express the mood or feeling of that season. The deep blue of Advent represents the penitent nature of the season with somberness and sobriety the primary aim. Blue is the symbolic color of the dawn; the color of ardor, passion and longing – and, in great contrast, of coldness, of frostbite and of midnight. Think of the deep midnight as you look to the cross in anticipation of his arrival and listen to the minor keys and mournful tones accompanying our waiting.

Scripture Passage and Sermon Outline

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Revelation 20:1-6, 11-15 (ESV)

Title: All Accounts Settled

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. ⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Intro: Imagine walking through an art gallery...

GOD IS SOVEREIGN

Why does it matter that God is all-knowing *and* all-powerful?

SATAN IS REAL

While evil may seem to never end, *what if evil were never opposed nor stopped?*

JESUS IS VICTORIOUS

Why does it matter that God is just AND merciful in Christ?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty for His sovereignty. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is infinite and ultimate – that He is all-knowing and all-powerful and that no one can conquer Him.
2. How have you lived selfishly, trying to preserve your own independence and evade accountability? Confess your prideful rebellion to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart to truly be loyal.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His victory over all evil – both in defeating Satan and in conquering the evil in all who turn to Him in faith. Thank Him for being able to remove your sin and put within you His own loving Spirit.
4. Who do you know that doubts God's judgment of all people? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their peril and that He would give you words in how to help them.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you hope in the face of final judgment, because of Jesus' work to atone for us. Pray for assurance in how He covers the guilty by His death in contrast to trying to cover yourself by your own efforts.

Communications

Budget Meetings – TODAY, 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. Questions? Contact Luke Wolfe at luke@trinitylakeland.org.

Church Planting Vision Meeting – Want to hear more about Trinity’s work to plant gospel-centered churches in Polk County? You’re invited to a vision meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 5p in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as Stan McMahan shares his call to plant a new daughter church from Trinity! Light refreshments and child-care (infant to kindergarten) will be provided. Questions? Contact Stan McMahan at stan@trinitylakeland.org. RSVP to Molly at molly@trinitylakeland.org if you will attend or need childcare.

Connect & Serve

Bridal Shower for Ashley Lopez – Join us TODAY 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.

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 for questions or to sign up.

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 (Last Name: Trinity, Password: Christmas) or call the church office at 863-603-7777.



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Calendar

For more information and additional calendar items,
visit our website at www.trinitylakeland.org or
call the office: 863-603-7777

* Childcare provided

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

MONDAY

- 6:00 pm LAMP Seminary Class

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 pm Person of Jesus Lunch Study
- 6:00 pm Advent Craft Night
- 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting

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- 5:00 pm Vision Meeting

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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
- _____

