



For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:37 (ESV)

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship – Sunday, December 11, 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.

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Music by Sandra McCracken, Words by James Montgomery (alt. McCracken)

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Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun, his reign on earth begun

He comes to break oppression

To set the captive free

To take away transgression

And rule in equity

Hail to the Lord's anointed...

He comes with comfort speedy

To those who suffer wrong

To help the poor and needy

And bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing

Their darkness turn to light

Whose souls, condemned and dying

Are precious in His sight

Hail to the Lord's anointed...

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers
Spring in his path to birth
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove
His name shall stand forever
That name to us is love
Hail to the Lord's anointed...

Explanation of Advent Theme – Stan McMahan

The kingdom of God is in the midst of you. Those in Bethlehem and beyond failed to note the significance of his arrival – his advent, of the star in the east or the strange clamor of the shepherds that night – wandering and rejoicing through the streets. One who did take note wanted to kill him. Even so, God has given us clear instruction on how we ought to live and wait for his great day. On this third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to honor the law of God. In the law, the Father shows us the beauty of his Kingdom in our midst – his heart of righteousness and his holy authority to rule. The Word made flesh, God's law wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, comes that we too might live and pray “Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done.”

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 Ellerbe Family – Isaiah 65:17-19, 25 (ESV)

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress...The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession – Stan McMahan

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.

Prepare Him Room

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O behold, the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide, you ancient gates for Christ is born today

Prepare Him room

Prepare Him room

Let the King of Glory enter in

God with us, the promise has come to be
This, the One the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
to the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near for those with ears to hear

Prepare Him room (2x)

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock, don't say there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle, cross, and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names

Prepare him room (3x)

Let the King of Glory enter in

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.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (ESV)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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 All Ye Faithful

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O come all ye faithful / Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem / Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

*O come let us adore Him / O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him / Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels / Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God / All glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him...

Yea Lord we greet Thee / Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n / Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him...

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.

Beautiful

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I see Your face in every sunrise / The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day / I look up to the sky and say
You're beautiful

I see Your power in the moonlit night / Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright
We are amazed in the light of the stars / It's all proclaiming who You are
You're beautiful

I see You there hanging on a tree / You bled and then You died
And then You rose again for me / Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
Soon we will be coming home
You're beautiful

When we arrive at eternity's shore / Where death is just a memory and tears are no more
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring / Your bride will come together and we'll sing
You're beautiful

I see Your face You're beautiful
You're beautiful
You're beautiful
(repeat)

Messiah

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Look the road is narrow and hard to find / With secret battles inside our minds
Who can last / God we need Your strength to fight
Your light to guide us through the night / You're our only chance

Messiah, Messiah, Messiah save us

Run I want to run to Your open hand / But Father I can barely stand
On my own / Now like the children of Abraham
We're reaching out for the promised land / For our home

Messiah, Messiah, Messiah save us

Messiah, Messiah, Messiah save us

You are our only hope / You are our only hope
You are our only hope

Messiah, Messiah, Messiah save us (4x)

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 Heidelberg Shorter Catechism:

Q. 71. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Stan McMahan

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 – Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting

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.

The Lion And The Lamb

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He's coming on the clouds / Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break / As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

*Our God is the Lion / The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power / And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him / Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain / For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains / And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates / Make way before the King of Kings
Our God who comes to save / Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty
Our God is the Lion...

Who can stop the Lord Almighty (repeat 7x)
Our God is the Lion...

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 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 21:1-8, 16, 22-23 (ESV)

Title: Dwelling With God

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Intro: When have you seen a long-awaited reunion?

DESIGNED FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

We were always meant to enjoy God's Presence...

SINFUL & SEPARATED

How does every aspect of the curse trace back to separation from God?

RESTORED & RECONCILED

How does Jesus make it possible for us to be in God's holy presence and to be unharmed?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD that He is loving and eager to be with His people. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His Presence and His grace to prepare a place for all who trust in Him that where He is we could be also.
2. How have you lived as if your sins are not that harmful, as if you haven't caused any tears, pain or (spiritual) death? Confess your pride and numbness to Jesus asking Him to forgive you and to restore you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for atoning for your sin by His death in your place. Thank Him for making it possible for the curtain of separation to be torn away so that you could be reconciled to God and welcomed into His Presence.
4. Who do you know that you would love to see reconciled to God? Ask the Lord to help them to see their need for Jesus, and to help you share your faith in a clear and helpful way.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of patience while you wait for Jesus to return. Pray that the Spirit would help you to live securely – by His Presence in you – until you get to see Jesus face-to-face.

Communications

Budget Meetings – Join us, **TODAY**, in the sanctuary for our annual congregational meeting to approve our 2017 church budget.

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 **TODAY**, 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.

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-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.

No Education Hour – There will be no Education Hour on either Sunday, December 25 or January 1. Please join us for Corporate Worship at 9a on Christmas Day and 10:15a on New Year’s Day.

Christmas Services – Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5p, Saturday, December 24 (childcare for infants to 23 months) and Christmas Day at 9a (childcare for infants to Kindergarten).

Officer Nominations – Officer candidate nominations will begin in January.

Connect & Serve

Parker Street Ministries: Christmas Store – It’s not too late! Parker Street Ministries is still collecting new, unwrapped toys (ages 0-18). Consider donating to benefit families in the Parker Street Neighborhood. Wrapping supplies (especially gift bags) and Holiday Decor are needed too. Toys can be dropped off at Parker Street Ministries (719 N Massachusetts Ave) through Thursday, December 15. Email volunteer@psmlakeland.org for questions or to coordinate a drop off time.



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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 11)

- 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
- 12:00 pm Budget Congregational
Meeting
- * 5:00 pm Vision Meeting

MONDAY

6:00 pm LAMP Seminary Class

WEDNESDAY

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

SUNDAY (December 18)

- 7:30 am Prayer
- 8:45 am Church-Wide
Christmas Breakfast
- * 10:15 am Worship Service

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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 12 - December 17, 2016

Monday	Revelation 9 1 Samuel 17	Jonah 2 Nehemiah 4
Tuesday	Revelation 10 1 Samuel 18	Jonah 3 Nehemiah 5
Wednesday	Revelation 11 1 Samuel 19	Jonah 4 Nehemiah 6
Thursday	Revelation 12 1 Samuel 20	2 Kings 15 Nehemiah 7
Friday	Revelation 13 Psalm 11	2 Chronicles 26 Nehemiah 8
Saturday	Psalm 59	Isaiah 1

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

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Revelation 21:2-3 (ESV)

² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Prayer

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

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