



ADVENT 2017

SONGS FOR THE
SAVIOR

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Order of Worship – Sunday, December 24, 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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French Carol, arrangement by Future of Forestry

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Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria in excelsis Deo...

Explanation of Advent Theme: Kingdom – Dan Anthony

Your redemption is drawing near. The King is coming! Be ready; forsake all other loyalties; lay down every other plan and desire and wait with great expectation. How can we, 21st century people, live in anticipation of the day that will come with delight for all who belong to the King and with utter dread for those who fail to look for His coming? Except for the shepherds, the streets of Bethlehem were empty that night. On this last Sunday of Advent, we hail the King and pledge allegiance to His Kingdom. The King's invasion started with the cry of a baby in a manger. He musters an army of those who know they cannot fight without Him, whose banner of loyalty is the white flag of surrender and repentance. With this light, we burn with one desire: come Lord Jesus!

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 Nichols Family – Psalm 37:1-9 (ESV)

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

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.

John 5:37a, 39, 46 (ESV)

[Jesus said] And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me...You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me...For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

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.

The Earth Stood Still

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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

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.

Rest

*By Matt Maher & Thad Cockrell
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Oh my Lord You are my Shepherd and I shall not want
Oh my Lord beside still waters You repair my heart
I trust in You oh I trust in You

*Even though I walk through the valley of death
You restore my soul and You give me rest
Oh the memories of Your faithfulness
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You give me rest*

Oh my Lord You've prepared a table for You and me
Oh my Lord in the middle of the fire with my enemies
I trust in You oh I trust in You

Even though I walk through the valley of death...

I will fear no evil for You're here with me
Your goodness and Your love

They will never leave

Just a closer walk with Thee just a closer walk
Just a closer walk with Thee just a closer walk

Even though I walk through the valley of death...

You give me rest

A Baby Will Come

By Bill Wolf

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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

Kids' Worship & Community Kids Dismissal

Infants - Fifth Grade 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 – 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.

Song of Response

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

God With Us

By Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

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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 everything 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...*

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 2:21-35 (ESV)

Title: The Joy of Having God's Word

Teacher: Tim Rice

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Intro: Do you know anyone who consistently keeps their word?

THE FATHER'S GOOD PLAN

How does God's Word work in the ordinary?

THE SPIRIT'S LEADING

What has God said that is *extraordinary*?

THE SON'S EXECUTION

But all along, God's Word was meant for our hearts...

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD for His trustworthiness and the gift of His Word. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for revealing Himself in Scripture and also His good design for how we live.
2. How have you lived antagonistically toward what God has revealed in His will? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for your defiance and work into you *His* true and loyal heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His execution - in being put to death for our guilt, and for succeeding in obeying where we have utterly failed. Thank Him for accomplishing what we never could.
4. Who do you know that does not think of God as their Lord or themselves as His servant? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them come to see how worthy He is and how sinful they are.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of faithfulness. Pray that He would give you a greater and greater sense of just how good God is, and how good it is for you to live in keeping with His design.

Communications

2018 CBR Journals – Community Bible Reading (CBR) journals will be available Sunday, December 31. We will have them at both entrances for members and regular attenders of Trinity. If you would like to give a journal to a friend or family member or would like to sponsor the giving of journals they can be purchased for \$10. Questions? Contact the church office at trinity@trinitylakeland.org or 863-603-7777.

Renew Polk Worship Service – Save the date! Sunday, January 28, 5p, Branscomb Auditorium at Florida Southern College, Trinity and our Renew Polk Network will host a worship service for all our daughter churches and core groups. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact the office at 863-603-7777.

College Group – Starting back January 7! Join us Sundays at 6p for dinner and discussion. For location and details contact Shayne Bass, 863-670-1580.

POJ & Potluck – Starting back January 18! Thursdays at 7p, ladies ages 20-25 will meet for dinner and the Person of Jesus study. Join us in a time to build community through looking at Jesus. For the location or any questions contact Christin Strawbridge, 863-430-1003.

New Member Class – Friday, January 19, 6-9p and Saturday, September 20, 8:30-11:30a. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about Trinity. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP so that materials may be prepared. RSVP or Questions? Contact Molly Murphy at molly@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 pick up/drop off when the office is closed at 863-286-5007.

	Progress Report	
	Goal:	\$957,000
	Committed:	\$1,007,991.09
	Given:	\$619,522.57
	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.

Welcome to Trinity!

We're so glad you are here.

* Childcare provided

SUNDAY (December 24)

8:00 am Prayer

* 10:15 am Worship Service

* 5:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

MONDAY-FRIDAY (December 25-29)

Office Closed

SUNDAY (December 31)

9:00 am Prayer

* 10:15 am Worship Service
Mercy Offering

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

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday from 8:30a to 5:00p

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Community Bible Reading

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December 25 - 30, 2017

Monday	Matthew 25 1 Samuel 20	Ecclesiastes 7 Malachi 2
Tuesday	Matthew 26 1 Samuel 21	Ecclesiastes 8 Malachi 3
Wednesday	Matthew 27 1 Samuel 22	Ecclesiastes 9 Malachi 4
Thursday	Matthew 28 1 Samuel 23	Ecclesiastes 10
Friday	Revelation 21 1 Samuel 24	Ecclesiastes 11-12
Saturday	Psalms 150	Psalms 52

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

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Luke 2:29-32 (ESV)

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

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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- Shayne Bass, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT & COLLEGE MINISTRIES
- JoAnn Johnson, DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY
- Dwight Smith, MISSIONS TEAM DIRECTOR

RULING ELDERS

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

Deacons

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Braxton Bone | Bruce Gaynair |
| David Boulware | Jeff Sandman |
| Robbie Davis | Adam Spafford, <small>CHAIR</small> |
| Andrew Eisner | James Spence |