

He Fulfills His Promises



ADVENT



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | December 14, 2025

CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2025

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing. It is a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons 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, born in the flesh to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!

SONG OF GATHERING & 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.

What Child Is This

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME | Law

CALL TO WORSHIP | Hebrews 10:19-25

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

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

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 | Galatians 4:4-5

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

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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 His church and the kingdom of God.

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

PRAISE & 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.

A Baby Will Come

Lord I Need You | 10:30a Service

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 Catechism:

Q.120. Why did Christ command us to call God “our Father”?

A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer— a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and that just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

Q. 121. Why the words “in heaven”?

A. These words teach us not to think of God’s heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything needed for body and soul from God’s almighty power.

KIDS’ WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS’ DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

Please see your child’s check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We 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 | Brown Peterson, *Discipleship Pastor*

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.

We Will Dwell

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.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:12-14; Luke 21:25-28 (ESV)

Title: He Fulfills His Promises

Teacher: Brown Peterson

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ... **Micah 5:2** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. 5 And he shall be their peace. ... **Hebrews 10:12** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ... **Luke 21:25** "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

FAITHFUL TO SEND

FAITHFUL TO SAVE & SANCTIFY

FAITHFUL TO RETURN

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Praise the LORD as the God who faithfully keeps His Word. Worship Him as the LORD who fulfills His holy, beautiful, and righteous Will all throughout history.
2. Worship the LORD and confess your sins where you doubt His plan and goodness in your life. Ponder the many ways you live blind, arrogant, and foolish, thinking you know better than Him and don't trust Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus, who voluntarily took on the assignment to put on flesh, enter into our world to be our savior and redeemer, and who conquered all of evil's greatest weapons.
4. Who is someone in your life who drowns themselves in worry and anxiety because they are mindful of the things of man rather than the things of God? Pray that they would look up and behold their faithful God and rest in His goodness.
5. If the LORD is faithful to His Promises, then your greatest joy is a life of denying yourself and submitting to Him. Where is the Holy Spirit prompting you to love and good deeds?

Upcoming *events*



Congregational Budget Vote

December 14, 12p

in the Sanctuary

Contact the church office for details.



Middle School Girls' Spa Night

December 19, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

Scan the code to register.



Men's Prayer Gathering

December 20, 7:30a

Contact Tony Myers for details.

tony@trinitylakeland.org



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24, 4:00p & 5:30p

Livestream at 5:30p

Contact the church office for details.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

January 8, 12p

Contact John Tucker at

jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.

Upcoming *events*



Middle School Winter Retreat

January 9-11

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

February 5, 12p

Contact John Tucker at

jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.



The Weekender

February 6 & 7

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

Scan the code to register.



High School Winter Retreat

February 20-22

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



We're officially back to ONE SERVICE starting NEXT Sunday!

December 21 & 28 at 10:30a.

We will return to two services on January 4 at 9:00 & 10:45a.

Contact the church office for details.

Interested in Serving?

Scan the code below to be added to our database, weekly announcement emails and for information on areas where you can serve at Trinity.

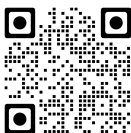


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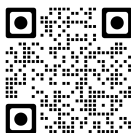


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

December 15-20, 2025

(3-year plan: read [blue](#) passages | 1-year plan: read [all](#))

Monday	Matthew 17 Proverbs 31	1 Samuel 13 Zechariah 9
Tuesday	Matthew 18 Ecclesiastes 1	1 Samuel 14 Zechariah 10
Wednesday	Matthew 19 Ecclesiastes 2	1 Samuel 15 Zechariah 11
Thursday	Matthew 20 Ecclesiastes 3	1 Samuel 16 Zechariah 12
Friday	Matthew 21 Ecclesiastes 4	1 Samuel 17 Zechariah 13
Saturday	Psalm 103	Psalm 51 Psalm 145

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday | 8:30a - 5:00p & **Friday** | 8:30a-12:00p

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 10:30a

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Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.