

ADVENT

*The Angel's
Announcements*

Luke 1:26-38

Matthew 1:18-25



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | December 8, 2024

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CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2024

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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME | Promise

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 1:1-5 (ESV)

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

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.

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 | Psalm 23 (ESV) (read in unison!)

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

God With Us

Worthy Of Your Name

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 89. **How is the Word made effectual to salvation?**

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Q. 90. **How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?**

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

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 | Tim Rice, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DAVID SPRINGER | 10:30a Service

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

You've Already Won

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: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Title: The Angel's Announcements

Teacher: Tim Rice

Luke 1:26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. ... Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

INTRO: *What if you're offered a solution to a problem you don't think you have?*

GOD SEES, WE ARE IN NEED

What pattern is discernible in Scripture about God's promises to His people?

GOD'S GRACIOUS PROVISION

How is this Child an answer to the greatest threats we've ever faced?

A FAITHFUL RESPONSE

How do Joseph and Mary give us a pattern for true repentance and faith?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, our Maker and Redeemer. Praise the Father for sending His Son, and praise the Son for His Incarnation, and praise the Holy Spirit for His work to empower His mission.
2. How have you lived in scandalous ways, seeking to have life outside the bounds of God's design? Confess your guilt and shame to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for defacing the goodness of what He designed you for.
3. Give thanks for Jesus coming in such a way as to enter into the very nature of our disgrace to save sinners like us! Thank Him that in the place of shame, He would glorify His Name.
4. Who do you know that is disgraced or who has suffered shame? Pray for them, asking the Lord to show Himself merciful and powerful to them and to strengthen them to be faithful and joyful in Jesus' love and glory.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit for the courage to be boldly identified with Jesus, especially as this season gives us more occasions than usual to speak up for Him. Pray for such fullness in His love to risk earthly shame to be known as belonging to Jesus.

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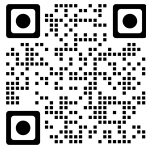


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Spotify

Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange

December 17, 7p

Contact the [JoAnn Johnson](#) for details.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24, 4p & 5:30p

Contact the Church Office for details.



The Weekender - New Members' Class

January 31 & February 1

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

December 9-14, 2024

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

Monday	Matthew 14 Proverbs 28	1 Samuel 10 Zechariah 6
Tuesday	Matthew 15 Proverbs 29	1 Samuel 11 Zechariah 7
Wednesday	Matthew 16 Proverbs 30	1 Samuel 12 Zechariah 8
Thursday	Matthew 17 Proverbs 31	1 Samuel 13 Zechariah 9
Friday	Matthew 18 Ecclesiastes 1	1 Samuel 14 Zechariah 10
Saturday	Psalms 102	Psalms 50 Psalms 144

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Luke 1:32-33 (ESV)

32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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Mission

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