ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preparation for Worship

Thanks be to God,
He is a Savior who seeks the lost,
who with eyes supernaturally farsighted
discerns us a long way off,
and draws our interest to Himself
by the sweet constraint of His grace,
till we are face to face with Him
and our soul is saved.
As once, in the incarnation,
He came down from heaven to seek mankind,
so He still comes down silently from heaven
in the case of each sinner,
and pursues His search for that individual soul
following it through all the mazes of its waywardness
and the devious paths of its folly,
sometimes unto the very brink of destruction,
till at last His grace overtakes it
and says, "I must lodge at your house."
For, besides the divine omniscience here manifested,
we are made witnesses of the Lord's sovereign and almighty power.

- Geerhardus Vos

God Calls Us to Worship | Isaiah 40:1-4

Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Bethlehem Candle

The Ruttman Family

Matthew 2:6
[6] "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Micah 5:4–5a
[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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

We Confess Our Faith | from the Scots Confession (1560), Ch. 6

When the fullness of time came
God sent His Son,
His eternal wisdom,
the substance of His own glory, into this world,
who took the nature of humanity
from the substance of a woman, a virgin,
by means of the Holy Ghost.
And so was born the "just Seed of David,"
the "Angel of the great counsel of God,"
the very Messiah promised,
whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel,
true God and true man,
two perfect natures united and joined in one Person.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid
at the cross

We Confess Our Sins

Our God, we praise You
that we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness
into Your marvelous light.
May Your Spirit's perfect light
penetrate into every crevice of our beings,
making us more and more into the likeness
of our Savior Jesus,
in whom there is no darkness.
Lord, we lament how the shadows of darkness
linger in us causing us to sin,
keeping us from loving You
and one another as we ought.
We have often been fooled into thinking
that we have overcome a specific sin,
only to find that the roots remain deep and strong.
Our relationships are filled with stress:
grievances are not easily forgotten,
love for others does not always come
from a joyful and willing heart.
We long for purity of heart and mind,
of affection and will.
We long for Your Spirit to bear in us
the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Please grant this to us for Your glory
and for the good of Your Church and the world.

SILENT CONFESSION *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | Zephaniah 3.14-15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

We Ask for God's Help

We Greet Others with Peace | John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you!

> ***TrinityKids:*** *During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.*

The Ordination to the Holy Ministry and Installation

Nathan Jeffrey Duke
Assistant Pastor

Explanation of Ordination & Installation.	Rev. Dr. Blake Altman Teaching Elder, Lead Pastor, Trinity
Ordination Vows	Rev. Jonathan Dorst Teaching Elder, Associate Pastor, RiverOaks Presbyterian Church
Vows to the Session	Rev. Jonathan Dorst
Installation Questions as Assistant Pastor	Dr. Altman
Prayer of Ordination and Installation and the Laying on of Hands of the Hills and Plains Presbytery	Mr. James Zion Ruling Elder, Trinity
Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation	Dr. Altman
Charge to the Assistant Pastor	Rev. Mark Kuiper Teaching Elder, Associate Pastor, Trinity
Charge to the Session	Mr. Nathan Keltner Ruling Elder, Trinity

We Are Changed By God's Word | Luke 2:22–35

[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." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"The Wait" | Dr. Altman

Notes:

I. Hurry up and _____.

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II. Behold Jesus

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III. Speak hard truth

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We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

"The First Noel," arr. Lloyd Larson

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> *Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.*
> ***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lo How A Rose 305

Traditional German hymn, ca. 15th cent.

Lo how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came a flower bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The Virgin Mother kind
To show God's love aright
She bore to us a Saviour
When half-spent was the night

O Flower whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispel in glorious splendour
The darkness everywhere
True man yet very God
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 300

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744 | Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1830

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee
Day-spring from on high, appear.
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | 1 Thess. 5:23–24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

Thanks be to God!

Community Group and Family Questions:

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Remember, these questions are just a starting point. Feel free to adapt them to the specific needs and interests of your family worship times and/or community group.

1. What stood out to you most about Nathan's ordination and installation service? Why is ordination to holy ministry important?

2. Where might God be inviting you to wait in dependence on Him right now? How could the Holy Spirit use this season not to expose your failure but to form your heart in deeper trust, reminding you that Jesus is enough even when life feels on hold?

3. In the ordinary rhythms of your week, what helps you "behold Jesus"? What competes for your attention or affection and keeps you from seeing Him as the truest source of life and joy?

4. The gospel frees us to speak truth in love because we're no longer trying to prove ourselves, but to point one another to Jesus. When have you found it hard to offer or receive that kind of honest, grace-filled truth? What might the Spirit be inviting you to believe about Jesus that would give you courage to speak and love more freely—in your friendships, family, or within our Trinity community?

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Sundays | 10:30AM
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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
Sundays 10:30AM: Exodus, From Bondage to Worship: God Redeems and Dwells with His People with Rev. Mark Kuiper

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Grow in Community:

Christmas Eve Services:
5:30-Christmas Ensemble
6:00-Lessons & Carols Service
10:00-Lessons & Carols Service

Trinity Women:
January 19: Coffee & Conversations: Stump the Pastor Edition at the Grove

Trinity Men:
January 17: Men's Breakfast at The Grove

Trinity Kids:
December 14: Discipleship Hour Christmas Party

Trinity Youth:
December 17: Christmas Party

Deacon on Duty this Sunday: Dan Agosto

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