

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Preparation for Worship

Open wide your door to the One who comes.  
Open your soul,  
    throw open the depths of your heart  
        to see the riches of simplicity,  
    the treasures of peace,  
    the sweetness of grace.  
Open your heart and run to meet the  
    Sun of Eternal Light  
        that illuminates all men.

- Ambrose (339-397)

## God Calls Us to Worship | Isaiah 35:5-6; 9:6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

***For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;***

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.***

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 bright Hosts of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all  
Glory in the highest.

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.

**For you alone are worthy,  
For you alone are worthy,  
For you alone are worthy,  
For you alone are worthy,  
Christ the Lord.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath — The Shepherd's Candle

Romans 5:6-11 | Sharlyn Gates

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. [11] More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## We Confess Our Faith | Nicene Creed (325 AD)

***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.***

***And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.***

***I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.***

***Amen.***

*\* The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. and this expanded form was adopted at Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D.*

## **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

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Words: Liturgy of St. James, 5<sup>th</sup> c., adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864 | Music: PICARDY, French melody, 17<sup>th</sup> c., Arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the Body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful,  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its wings on the way,  
As the Light of light descended  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to His Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most High!”  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most High!”  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, For Most High!”

## **We Confess Our Sins**

***O God, in the beginning You spoke,  
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.  
In the fullness of time You spoke,  
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.  
We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.  
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,  
empty of hope, lacking in love.  
We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

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

## **We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | John 1:4-5**

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.

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

Let's close praying the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

## Membership

### *Membership Vows*

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save [except] in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## Baptisms

Elisabeth Shirley Keilbarth  
James Dennis Keilbarth  
Leonard Robert Keilbarth

Grayson Taylor McAlister  
Graham Owen McAlister  
Georgia Kate McAlister  
Charlotte Grace McAlister

## We Greet Others with Peace | John 20:19

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

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.

## We Are Changed By God's Word | Luke 2:8-20

[8] And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. [10] And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

[14] "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

[15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. [17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## "Angels' Song" | Rev. Nathan Duke

Sermon in a sentence: We can run to Christ knowing that his life, death, and resurrection have brought us peace with God.

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II. \_\_\_\_\_ with God

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III. God with \_\_\_\_\_

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## We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

"Jazz Christmas Carol," Nathan Weber, John Dellevedova, and Erik Reed

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: [give.trinityowasso.com](http://give.trinityowasso.com)
2. Church Center app
3. Text "trinityowasso" to 77977
4. Offering basket during worship

5. Mail your gift to the church office
6. Stock and cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, [pcafoundation.com](http://pcafoundation.com)

*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.***

## Who Is This So Weak And Helpless

Words: William Walshaw How, 1827-1897 | Music: Christopher Miner, © 1997 Christopher Miner Music, CCLI#11123140

Who is this, so weak and helpless,  
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,  
Rudely in a stable sheltered,  
Coldly in a manger laid?  
'Tis the Lord of all creation,  
Who this wondrous path has trod;  
He is Lord from everlasting,  
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,  
Walking sadly life's hard way,  
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping  
Over sin and Satan's sway?  
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,  
Who above the starry sky  
Is for us a place preparing,  
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding  
Drops of blood upon the ground!  
Who is this, despised, rejected,  
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces  
On His church is pouring down;  
Who shall smite in holy vengeance  
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying  
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
Numbered with the malefactors,  
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
'Tis our God Who lives forever  
Mid the shining ones on high,  
In the glorious golden city,  
Reigning everlastingly.

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

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## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

## 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. Why do you believe we love to celebrate the idea of "peace" during the Christmas season? What does this kind of peace mean to you?
2. The angels told the shepherds that Jesus would bring peace between God and man. How exactly did Jesus do this?
3. Do you believe there is peace between you and God? If not, what causes you to not believe it?
4. The shepherds went and saw Jesus with their own eyes. How do we as Christians see Jesus today and how do we show Jesus to others?



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Sundays 10:30AM & Special Events  
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Wed | 6-8PM Youth Group @The Grove

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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

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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**Assistive Listening Systems available at the sound booth**

## Grow in Community:

### Christmas Eve Services:

5:30PM: Christmas Ensemble  
6:00PM: Lessons & Carols Service  
10:00PM: 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:

TODAY, December 14: Discipleship Hour Christmas Party

### Trinity Youth:

December 17: Christmas Party

### ROOTED New Members' Class:

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00PM-4:00PM  
Signups available in Church Center

**Deacon on Duty this Sunday:** John Nowakowski



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