



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

the
Light
we long to see

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The season of Advent (which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day) is the Christian's New Year Celebration! Advent means coming or arrival. This first season of the Christian year is a time to focus our attention on Jesus Christ's birth and as well as on his Second Coming when he will return to redeem all of creation and rule with all power and authority. Since we can't anticipate the day or the hour of Christ's return, we are filled with both a sense of joyful expectation and humble reverence.

Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is blue, the colors of royalty, to welcome the once and future King who gave His life to save His people. This season points to the important connection between incarnation and consummation; Jesus' birth cannot be separated from His crucifixion, atonement, and imminent return.

One way that Trinity marks the time of this season is an Advent wreath at worship. The Advent wreath symbolizes the new and everlasting life brought through Jesus Christ. The wreath consists of five candles, three purple candles and one pink around the wreath, and one white candle in the center. One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent, two are lit the second Sunday, and so on. The light progressively reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope (Isa 42:6). Each of the candles usually has a special theme and color. The first candle is the prophecy candle representing hope; the second is the Bethlehem candle (peace); the third is the Shepherd candles (joy); the fourth is the Angels candle (love); and the center white candle is the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Eve.

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, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

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.

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath | PROPHECY CANDLE

The "Prophecy Candle" is lit in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents hope for the coming Messiah. Psalm 33:20,21 says,

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name."

This first Sunday of Advent we remember the hope that God the Father gives us in the birth of the promised Messiah. Before Jesus was born, the people of Israel anticipated the coming of God's chosen One, who was their hope for the future.

Biblical hope includes the confident expectation that God considered the need of His people and meets their need with His goodness and power. When our hearts are heavy and our souls are downcast, we remember that the Triune God has been our help in ages past and will be our hope for years to come.

This single purple candle solemnly reminds us that the long-expected Jesus was born to set His people free from sin and fear. We remember our need and joyfully prepare for His coming to glory. Psalm 33:22 says,

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

We Listen to God's Word | ISAIAH 2:1-5

[1] The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

[2] It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

[3] and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

[4] He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

[5] O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Confess our Sins

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | ISAIAH 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

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

COMFORT COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1671; Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, Music: GENEVAN 42, Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger
he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.

We Thank God for His Blessings & Ask for His Help

We Confess our Faith | HAGGAI 2:6-7; MALACHI 3:1

***For thus says the LORD of hosts:
Yet once more, in a little while,
I will shake the heavens and the earth
and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations,
so that the treasures of all nations shall come in,
and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. Behold, I send My messenger,
and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to His temple; and the Messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,
behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts.***

We Greet Others with Peace | LUKE 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

TrinityKids: During the Greeting of Peace, children five & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. They will be led by a teacher to return to worship with us before the Lord's Supper.

We Are Changed by God's Word | ISAIAH 9:1-7

[1] But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

[2] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

[3] You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

[4] For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

[5] For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle
tumult

and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

[6] 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.

[7] Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (PICARDY), arr. Mark Hayes

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2. Trinity Owasso App
3. Text "trinityowasso" to 77977

4. Offering basket during worship
5. Mail your gift to the church office
6. Stock or cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, 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 Trinity Connect Card or tithes in a connect-card box in the lobby.)

We Celebrate Holy Communion | LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE*

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.**

*Please feel free to join us in singing as you come forward for communion

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864, Music: PICARDY, French carol, 17th cent.

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 heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

REJOICE ALL YE BELIEVERS

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; transl. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836

Rejoice, all ye believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near:
the Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he draweth nigh;
up, pray, and watch, and wrestle:
at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;
replenish them with oil;
and wait for your salvation,
the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the Bridegroom near;
go meet him as he cometh,
with alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience
your cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever,
when sorrow is no more:
around the throne of glory
the Lamb ye shall behold,
in triumph cast before him
your diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord to see
the day of earth's redemption
that brings us unto thee.

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | ISAIAH 60:1

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth to serve our neighbors and the world as those who love Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Welcome to Trinity!

We are so glad you're here!

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Learn more about how we connect kids

during worship time: tpkok.cc/kidsandworship

TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

TRINITY YOUTH | 6th Grade - Sr. High

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Wed | Youth Group 6-8pm @ The Grove

Contact - Text Nathan: 314-662-6488

See **GroupMe** for special events throughout the week.

TRINITY WOMEN | Bible Studies,

Events, & Meetups throughout the year.

For more information, text

Jill Popp, 808-225-4424 or

Courtney Nadig 719-330-4472

TRINITY MEN | Bible Study & Events

TUES. 6:15 AM at The Grove - Trinity Office

TUES. Lunch study at the SITG Ministry Office

WED. 6:45 PM at 10517 N. Sheridan, Sperry OK

Contact - Rev. Mark Kuiper 314-960-1598

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Class for Winter/Spring: *1st Kings: A story of God's redeeming grace. With Paul Deslauriers.*



WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Barnes Elementary | 7809 East 76th St N Owasso
Sunday 9AM & 10AM

The Grove - Trinity Office: 7301 N Owasso

Expw, Building M, Suite 120 Owasso OK 74055

- Houses our Staff Offices & Meeting Space

- Various Ministries Throughout the Week



Join us for our first Sunday in the new building!

December 22 at 10am (one service)

Building Dedication - **Sunday, February 2**

How to Respond to Today's Service?

1. BE STILL. PRAY AND REFLECT TODAY. You may want to pray something like this:

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dare imagine, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dare dream. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness and making me righteous before my Heavenly

Father. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

2. READ SCRIPTURE. Read the sermon passage again and reflect on what the Holy Spirit called to mind. How might you apply it with God's help?

3. JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY GROUP or REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT. We want you to be a part of us.

4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD. Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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