



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**TRINITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the  
**Light**  
we long to see

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is."

- Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 296-373)

"The incarnation is the hinge of history."

- Eugene Peterson (1932-2018)

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP | FROM EPHESIANS 5

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

***Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.***

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

***Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,***

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

# IS HE WORTHY

Text and Music: Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive, 2018

Do you feel the world is broken (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light from getting through (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new  
(We do)

Is all creation groaning (It is)  
Is a new creation coming (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord  
To be the light within our midst (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this (It is)

**Is anyone worthy  
Is anyone whole  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave**

**Is He worthy  
Is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy of this  
He is**

Does the Father truly love us (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us (He does)  
And does Jesus our Messiah  
Hold forever those He loves (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us  
(He does)

**From ev'ry people and tribe  
every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests  
To God to reign with the Son**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath | BETHLEHEM CANDLE

*Advent is a word that means "coming" or "arrival." It is a four-week period in which the church remembers the promises of Jesus' first coming, and looks forward to his promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to "prepare" for the Lord's coming, we need to encourage each other to be ready for his coming again.*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations 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 any more.  
- Isaiah 2:4

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat.

The calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.  
- Isaiah 11:6

***Let us walk in the light of the Lord.***

*The second candle is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.*

## We Listen to God's Word | ISAIAH 11:1-9

- [1] There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
[2] And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
[3] And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
[4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
[5] Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

[6] The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
 and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
 and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
 and a little child shall lead them.

[7] The cow and the bear shall graze;  
 their young shall lie down together;  
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

[8] The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
 and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

[9] They shall not hurt or destroy  
 in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
 as the waters cover the sea. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **We Confess our Sins**

***Almighty God, we acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit we have not discerned Your presence with us. Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word. We have not trusted in His redeeming power, and have been overcome of evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of His victory over death, and have not known the things that belong to our peace. Mercifully restore unto us the joy of Your salvation, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.***

**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!***

## **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 Grace and Ask for His Help

### We Confess our Faith | FROM THE NICENE CREED (325)

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His 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 and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*

### 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### "THE STRENGTH WE TRUST" | REV MARK KUIPER

### We Give Regularly, Joyfully and Sacrificially | GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM

Joy to the World (ANTIOCH), 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](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 Trinity Connect Card or tithe in a connect-card box in the lobby.)

## We Celebrate Holy Communion | SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME\*

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,

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

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.**

## SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

Text: Ambrose of Milan 4th cent.; tr. Martin Luther, 1524; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860, Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, Martin Luther, 1524

Savior of the nations, come,  
virgin's Son, make here thy home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not of flesh and blood the Son,  
offspring of the Holy One;  
born of Mary ever blest,  
God in flesh is manifest.

From the Father forth he came  
and returneth to the same,

captive leading death and hell,  
high the song of triumph swell!

Thou, the Father's only Son,  
hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.  
Boundless shall thy kingdom be;  
when shall we its glories see?

Praise to God the Father sing.  
Praise to God the Son, our King.  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
ever and eternally.

## JOY TO THE WORLD

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1719, Music: ANTIOCH; George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## 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 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!**

# Welcome to Trinity!

## We are so glad you're here!

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Learn more about how we connect kids

during worship time: [tpkoc.cc/kidsandworship](http://tpkoc.cc/kidsandworship)

## TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

## TRINITY YOUTH | 6<sup>th</sup> 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

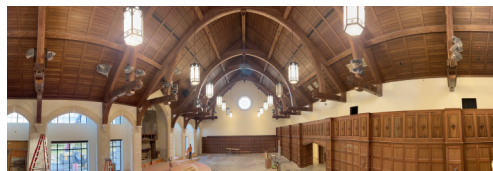
Barnes Elementary | 7809 East 76<sup>th</sup> St N Owasso  
Sunday 9AM & 10AM

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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