



**TRINITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

the  
**Light**  
we long to see

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell Thy people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

- *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (8th c. Latin origin)

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP | ISAIAH 35:5-6; 9:6; 40:4

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 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.***

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.***

# 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.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath | BETHLEHEM CANDLE

The third candle is called the "Shepherd's Candle." The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday which comes from the Latin word meaning rejoice, and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

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

***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.***

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." - Isaiah 40:4-5

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

## We Listen to God's Word | MICAH 5:2

[2] But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

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

## 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!**

## O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU?

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1653, Music: ST. THEODULPH; Melchior Teschner, 1615

O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord, Most Holy,  
your lamp within my breast  
to do in spirit lowly  
all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation,  
love brought you down to me;  
your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace,  
in love all love excelling,  
our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn o'er joys departed  
and tremble at your doom.  
Despair not, he is near you,  
yea, standing at the door,  
who best can help and cheer you  
and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
let not your soul distress;  
your guilt the Lord will pardon  
and cover by his grace.  
He comes, for men procuring  
the peace of sin forgiv'n,  
for all God's sons securing  
their heritage in heav'n.

## We Ask for God's Help

### New Member Vows

Casey Palmateer  
Brittany & Lance Coffman, and Jennie Coffman  
Anastasia Small

Zoe and Quinton Nolan  
Dana & Eric Woller, and Jayden Woller  
Sean Kellough

## Trinity Vision Moment | PRAYER FOR RUF STUDENTS TO MEXICO FOR MISSION TRIP

Reese Bryan  
Carson Royse  
Daniel Hatton

Emma Gipperich  
Norah Hager  
Mary Grace Wilson

## We Confess our Faith | FROM THE SCOTS CONFESSION (1560), CHAPTER 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.***

## 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 LOVE WE CRAVE" | REV. DR. BLAKE ALTMAN

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

O Lord How Shall I Meet You, arr. Mark Hayes

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1. Online: [give.trinityowasso.com](http://give.trinityowasso.com)
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, [pcfoundation.com](http://pcfoundation.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 | HE WILL HOLD ME FAST\*

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

## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Words and Music: Ada Ruth Habershon, Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last,  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

## O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Text: Latin antiphons, 12th cent.; Latin hymn, 1710;  
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851, Music: VENI EMMANUEL; plainsong, 13th cent.; arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

## 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!

Connect with us: [tpcok.cc/connect](https://tpcok.cc/connect)

Learn more about how we connect kids

during worship time: [tpkpkok.cc/kidsandworship](https://tpkpkok.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



## 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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