



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

the
Light
we long to see

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

— C.S. Lewis

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 100 AND JOHN 1:14

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Let us worship the Lord who has come to dwell with us, and let us rejoice in His steadfast love, now and forevermore!

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath | ANGEL'S 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.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the fourth candle, the "Angel's Candle" to mark the final week of prayer and reflection as we wait for the birth of our Savior. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

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.

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.

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.

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child

And she will bear a son, And shall name him Immanuel (God with us).

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

We Listen to God's Word | EPHESIANS 2:13-18

[13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (ESV)

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,
for though Jesus came so that we might be Your sons and daughters,
we have been wayward children,
lacking in our love for You and for one another.*

*This year, would You lift the veil from our eyes,
so that we might behold Jesus for who He really is,
the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Great I Am!*

*We wait upon You with ready hearts, O merciful God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | JEREMIAH 33:15-16

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

Thanks be to God!

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.

Prayer of Intercession

We Confess our Faith | HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q. 35

What does it mean that He "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might also become David's true descendant, like His brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

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: Kids will remain with their parents this week.

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 PEACE WE RECEIVE" | REV. DR. BLAKE ALTMAN

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL), Arr. Patti Drennan

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: 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

(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 | WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION*

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*

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Text and Music: Joshua Moore, Sandra McCracken, 2015

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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 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!

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.

Welcome to Trinity!

We are so glad you're here!

Connect with us: tpcok.cc/connect

Learn more about how we connect kids during worship time: tpcok.cc/kidsandworship

TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Resumes in January

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

TRINITY YOUTH | 6th Grade - Sr. High

Sundays | 9AM & 10AM

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.*

*Resumes in January

WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Note Trinity's new address:

7660 N Memorial Drive, Owasso, OK 74055

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



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Candlelight

DECEMBER 24, 2024

BE OUR
Guest
THIS
Christmas

Join us at our Christmas Eve Candlelight services on Tuesday, December 24 at 6PM OR 10PM at our new building:
7660 N Memorial Dr
Owasso, OK 74055



Trinity Women

Spring Bible Study
Registration is
NOW OPEN!



SAVE THE DATE

Trinity Youth

REST RETREAT

FEBRUARY 16-17, 2025
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

[TRINITYOWASSO.COM](https://trinityowasso.com) |   



All copyright songs used by permission.

CCLI License #1112314

Trinity Presbyterian Church *New Address
7660 N Memorial Drive, Owasso, OK 74055

The Grove/Trinity Offices:

7301 N Owasso Expressway;

Building M; Suite 120 Owasso OK 74055

Monday - Thursday 9am-5pm • 918-516-1221