



# TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# KINGDOM COME

## 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, four candles 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; the second is the Bethlehem candle; the third is the angels candle; the fourth is the shepherd candle; and the center white candle is the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Eve.

## Advent Call to Worship | COME LORD JESUS

We look to You, we look to You,  
come and save us.  
Come Lord Jesus, Come Emmanuel,  
Shine Your light among us.

*Prayers for Trinity in this Advent Season:*

Mr. Barry Blades, Ruling Elder  
Mr. Chuck Simmons, Ruling Elder  
Mr. Jon Nadig, Ruling Elder

## COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Charles Wesley 1745 / Arrangement- Meredith Andrews

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 every nation  
Joy of every longing heart  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
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

You draw the hearts of shepherds  
You draw the hearts of kings  
Even as a baby, You were changing everything  
You called me to Your Kingdom  
Before Your lips could speak  
And even as a baby, You were reaching out for me  
And now we are awaiting  
The day of Your return  
When every eye will see You  
As heaven comes to earth  
Until the sky is opened  
Until the trumpet sounds  
The bride is getting ready  
The church is singing out

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  
Come, thou long expected King

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath | PROPHECY 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

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

*The "Prophecy Candle" is lit in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.*



## We Listen to His 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!**

## O COME O COME EMMANUEL

English Translation: John Mason Neale - 1851 (Originally written in Latin over 1,200 years ago from monastic life in the 8th- or 9th-century)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the son of God appears

**Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel**

Oh come thou dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by thy advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight

O come desire of nations bind  
All people in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife, and sadness cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

## 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** | MARK 1:14-15

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **"KINGDOM PRESENCE"** | REV. BLAKE ALTMAN

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## **ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY WHEN THE KING WAS IN DISTRESS (IRBY)**

Cecil Francis Alexander 1848 / Arrangement: Rend Collective 2021

Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

## We Give Regularly, Joyfully and Sacrificially | [GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM](http://GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM)

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

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

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.***

## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Words & Music: Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn Jonny (1739)

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail incarnate Deity,  
Phased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"**

## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | [ISAIAH 60:1](http://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 our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Thanks be to God! Amen!***



# 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 to during worship time: [tpkoc.cc/kidsandworship](https://tpkoc.cc/kidsandworship)

## TRINITYKIDS | 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

Youth gatherings on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. See GroupMe for location.

Contact - Text Nathan:

314-662-6488

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

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

SUN. 9AM | Classes Rotate Seasonally

Current Classes:

- **Westminster Larger Catechism** with Trinity Elders
- **Covenant Theology** with Pastor Blake

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year.

Join Women's GroupMe!

For more information, text Caity at 918-812-0247



**MEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Study & Events

WED. 6:15AM at Panera in Owasso

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

Contact - Jon Nadig: 719-576-8956

## WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Barnes Elementary [7809 East 76<sup>th</sup> St N Owasso]

Sunday 9AM & 10AM

Trinity House: 9210 N Garnett, Owasso

- Houses our Staff Offices & Meeting Space
- Various Ministries Throughout the Week

WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
**Christmas Party**  
TUESDAY,  
DEC 5 @ 7PM  
Bailey Education  
Foundation  
Scan to register

**Christmas Eve Service**  
BARNES  
ELEMENTARY  
7809 E 76th St N  
Owasso OK 74055  
6:00 pm

## How to Respond to Today's Service?

### 1. SEEK STILLNESS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**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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