



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



KINGDOM COME

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 (1932-1998)

CALL 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.

THE FIRST NOEL Traditional English Christmas Carol (1823)

Nowell is an Early Modern English synonym of "Christmas" from French Noel, "the Christmas season"

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a bright star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

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 His 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!

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Edmund Sears 1849

It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
"Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets bards foretold
When with the ever circling years
Come round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

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.

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

John Mason Neale (origins over 1,200 years ago in monastic life in the 8th or 9th century)

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear

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

O come, o come, thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes

On Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty, and awe

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

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!

We Thank God for His Blessings & Ask for His Help

Advent Testimony | MR. NATHAN KELTNER, RULING ELDER

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 | MATTHEW 13:1-2, 24-30

[1] That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. [2] And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach...

[24] He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25] but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27] And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' [28] He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29] But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."' (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"KINGDOM PARABLES" | REV. BLAKE ALTMAN

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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.***

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Author: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); Translator from Latin to English: Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created;

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

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 our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Welcome to Trinity!

We are so glad you're here!

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TRINITYKIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

TRINITY YOUTH | 6th 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 76th St N Owasso]
Sunday 9AM & 10AM

Trinity House: 9210 N Garnett, Owasso

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

**No AM Discipleship
on Dec 24 & 31**

**Join us for
10am worship!**



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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