



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



KINGDOM COME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP | ISAIAH 35:5-6; 9:6

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.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Charles Wesley & George Whitefield 1739

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born 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 Diety

Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun 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 new born King

Lighting of the Advent Wreath | SHEPHERD'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.

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 third candle is called the "Shepherd's Candle." The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

We Listen to His Word | MICAH 5:2

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1862 unknown French origin

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King

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!

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Charles Wesley & Rowland Pritchard

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 to those who long to see Thee
Dayspring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth
Go to him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

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

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4. Offering basket during worship
5. Mail your gift to the church office
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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.***

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.**

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

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!

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

TRINITYKIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

TRINITY YOUTH | 6th Grade - Sr. High

No youth this week. Youth gatherings will resume on January 10th.

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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