



**TRINITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# KINGDOM COME

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | *REV. BLAKE ALTMAN, LEAD PASTOR*

Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,

All for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

— Augustus Montague Toplady

## CALL TO WORSHIP | **PSALM 98:2-4, 6** | *PASTOR BLAKE*

The LORD has made known His salvation;

***He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.***

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

***All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.***

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

***Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!***

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

***Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!***

# 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 | ANGEL'S CANDLE | THE KUNKEE FAMILY

*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.***

*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 Listen to His Word | 2 SAMUEL 7:1-17 | THE KUNKEE FAMILY

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## WHAT CHILD IS THIS

William Chatterton Dix

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

## **We Confess our Sins** | PASTOR BLAKE

*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!***

## **Scripture Reading** | PSALM 132:8-18 | MR. NATHAN DUKE, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

### **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

## Scripture Reading | ROMANS 16:25-27 | PASTOR BLAKE

## Prayer of Intercession | PASTOR BLAKE

## We Confess our Faith | HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q/A. 35 | MR. DUKE

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 | MR. DUKE

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 | LUKE 1:26-38

[26] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. [28] And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” [29] But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30] And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

[34] And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

[35] And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [36] And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God.” [38] And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## “KINGDOM PROMISE” | PASTOR BLAKE

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1. Online: [give.trinityowasso.com](http://give.trinityowasso.com)
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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, [pcafoundation.com](http://pcafoundation.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 | PASTOR BLAKE

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 | PASTOR BLAKE

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!

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## 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

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.

**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

TUES. 6:15 AM at The Grove - Trinity Office

WED. 6:45 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

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

**No AM Discipleship  
on December 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.



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