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2025 THEME: IMMEASURABLY MORE!
DECEMBER THEME: CHRISTMAS BY CAROLS



WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

Rev. Arun Andrews

PRELUDE

Variations to "Adeste Fideles" (R. Taylor)

Andrew Meade, piano

NARRATION *(Please stay seated)*

Advent Leaders: Noah, Danielle, Ryan Neff

Hymn #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*O come, Desire of nations bind,
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be to us the Prince of Peace.*

PRAYER +

Leader: You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

All: Father, we embrace that prayer as a sign of our longing. Strip away all self-confidence, self-obsession, and self-seeking. Bring us to that place where we recognize how empty we are without you. In a noisy world cluttered by contrary cultural overtones, the glory of human achievements, our wealth and pomp, humble us to be still. And in the stillness, help us to recognize that you alone are God and that we will never find our peace until we abide in you. 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. In your name. Amen

Hymn #213***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.*

*Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!*

SCRIPTURE 1

Please be seated. Our first scripture reading for today is from Isaiah 9:6-7. Hear the Word of God.

Hymn #220***Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Vs. 1 & 4)***

*Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

SCRIPTURE 2

Luke 2:25-35

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DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

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ANTHEM

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (arr. A. Meade)

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Come Thou long Expected Jesus

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HOLY COMMUNION

Assisting in communion: Scott Sundy and Michelle Meckley

INVITATION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Bishop Pauline Peifer

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (ALL)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND PARDON (ALL)

Gracious and merciful God, we admit our sins and failures. We confess that we are not worthy to come to your table, but that we come by the grace we have in the Lord Jesus. We ask for your forgiveness and cleansing, according to your great love and tender mercy. Lord, create in us a clean heart and an obedient spirit. Do not cast us away or take your Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Help us to love you and our neighbors, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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PRAYER

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

PARTAKING

Communion Hymns

Andrew Meade, organ

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(TUNE: Hymn to Joy)

*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.*

*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.*

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Variations to "O Sanctissima" (B. Carr.)

Andrew Meade, organ

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father
Bishop Pauline Peifer, Coordinator, Discipleship Pathway
Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse
Andrew Meade, Director of Traditional Music Ministries
Anne Mathews, Creative Director, Communications & Publications
Nihal Andrews, Director of Media Ministry
Jamie Bream, Contemporary Worship Leader
Rev. Arun Andrews, Servant Pastor
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+ From Book 1 of Confessions by St. Augustine of Hippo. 400 AD

<u>Upcoming Events:</u>			
Dec 7	Communion Sunday	Dec 15	Grandparents in Prayer
Dec 9	Sunnier Side of Sixty	Dec 15	Pray & Go
Dec 12	New Cumberland Town Band Concert	Dec 16	Facebook Live Prayer
Dec 13 & 14	Sylvan Chorale Concert	Dec 18	Musicale
Dec 14	Starfish Ministry	Dec 20	Secret Sisters
		Dec 24- Jan 2	Office Closed



ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

December 3, 10 and 17

12:00 PM in Trinity's sanctuary and online.

Carols. Prayer. Devotions. Traditional music.



TRINITY CHURCH'S 2025 CHRISTMAS MUSICALE

A Service Of Lessons & Carols

Join Us for a Journey to the Manger through Scripture and Song

Thursday, December 18 at 7 PM

Sunday, December 21 at 9:15 AM



Christmas Eve Services

What Child Is This?

Revive Service
(Praise band led worship)
@ 4:00 PM

Traditional Service
(Choir, bells, anthems)
@ 7:00 PM

Special Christmas Kids' Corner.