

Trinity

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Season of Advent

Advent (from the Latin word for “coming”) is a season during which we choose to celebrate and meditate upon both the first and the final coming of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

This Advent, we remember the promise to Abraham & Sarah (December 2). Those promises are followed by the promise to King David (December 9). We celebrate the promise to the prophets, specifically Isaiah and Jeremiah (December 16). Finally, we celebrate the promise to Mary and Joseph and the arrival of Jesus Christ, our Prophet, Priest and King! (December 23).

Advent is our hopeful expectation and longing for the perfect peace and love of God that will arrive at Jesus’ second, final coming. We celebrate this now and every year because Jesus has come and because He said, “Surely, I am coming soon!”

This Advent season as you consider and celebrate how God the Father both fulfilled and fulfills His promises through Jesus the Son, our prayer is that you would respond in faith and trust, saying yourself, “Come, Lord Jesus!”



December 2, 2018

Worship of the Living God

For my eyes have seen your salvation that you prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. | Luke 2:30-32

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Season of Praise

Hymn 194 *O Come, O Come, Emanuel*

Hymn 229 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin | Genesis 15:1-5

Leader: After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

People: And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Silent Time of Repentance

Assurance of Pardon

Reminder

Please silence cell phones and devices during the Worship Service.

Call to Worship

As those created to know and enjoy Him, God (Father, Son and Spirit) invites us to worship Him together.

Songs of Praise

As God calls us into His presence, we respond with praise and thanksgiving for who He is, and what He has done for us.

Confession of Sin

We worship God as the merciful and faithful One. We confess and repent of our sins corporately because we all sin, and individually because we each sin in our own unique way.

Assurance of Pardon

Together we affirm God's gracious mercy and our freedom to draw near with joy and confidence in Christ.

***Indicates the congregation standing**

Advent Reading | The Promise of a King to Abraham and Sarah
Genesis 17:15–16, 19; 25:19-21, 24-26, Numbers 24:17, Galatians
3:16 | *David & Lynn Bradford*

Leader: And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her... Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.” These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob.

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.

All: Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

Responsive Reading

We respond to God’s grace by reminding one another of our standing and high calling in Christ through the reading of His word, or through a historic profession of our faith.

Prayer

Together we celebrate God’s character and promises, looking to Him for all that He would have us be and do as we bring our requests before him.

Tithes & Offerings

With thanks, we give back to God trusting in His provision, knowing that all good gifts are from Him.

*Hymn 193

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Sing We Now of Christmas

That it May Go Well with You

Ephesians 6:1-4

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

*The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bible
Children up to age 5 are dismissed to Children’s Church.*

Proclaiming the Word

The Bible, as God’s living and active word through the Spirit’s power, guides us in worship, renews our minds in truth, and strengthens us to abide in Jesus.

*Hymn 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Hymn 725

The Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction

Benediction

Having brought us together, God now sends us out as His ambassadors with the call to continue our worship in the places He has sown us.

The Lord’s Supper

Jesus invites all who follow Him to partake in this meal by faith, thereby proclaiming his death and receiving strength and grace as together we commune with Him.

NOTES

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who prayed, packed shoeboxes, donated & participated in sharing Jesus Love One Shoebox at a Time with children around the world. Every box was filled with love and will be used to spread the Gospel. **If you are 13 or older and would like to volunteer at the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Atlanta on SAT. DECEMBER 8TH., please sign up in the lobby or contact Susie Kawa 843-991-1934 for more information.**

Update - Special thanks to all who gave to Project Nehemiah (Rebuilding houses for believers in war-torn countries), through your generosity we were able to help rebuild 4 homes. Please continue to pray for the Lord's presence and provision for the many around the world facing fierce opposition to their faith in Him.

Please continue to pray for Becky Alexander as she has started her chemo treatments, and for Jeff as he cares for her.

Choir will practice at 4:00 PM.

Pathfinders will meet to hear Sara Chini's testimony this evening at 6PM at Trinity. All are invited!

Trinity Missionaries

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DAVID AND LYNN BRADFORD
Find Hope Counseling

MNA DISASTER RESPONSE

Prayer Reminders

Please pray that the Lord would give much wisdom and encouragement to our **parents** not to exasperate their children but to rear them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Pray for special blessings and strength for our widows and divorced.

Number 45 on Open Doors Watch List is Azerbaijan, where the state monitors all religious activity, regularly sending informers into churches to try and catch them in unapproved witnessing, which makes it hard to trust anyone. Please pray for a deepening trust in the Lord, and greater freedom to serve Him by loving others.

Pray that the Lord would help us to see the needs of others in our daily lives, and grow us in His grace that we might serve and bless those in need.

Continue to pray for God's strength and mercy for healing for Margaret Frisbee, Dana Little's mom, Loretta Moon and family, Willie Taft, Beth Milikin, and Ginny Elliott. Please lift up others in our church family, and their extended families, who are struggling with ongoing health issues, particularly that God would sustain all of them with his rest, protection and strength.

Mission Prayer

Please pray for **The Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College**. The Chalmers Center provides training for churches and individuals to guide impoverished people to help themselves. Pray for their financial needs as they initiate global training programs, and for wisdom and direction for the staff. Please pray for their expanding network of Faith & Finances facilitators who are preparing and training volunteers for upcoming Faith & Finances classes in their communities.

Serving on Sunday

	This Week	Next Week
Deacon	Robert Chini	Greg Myers
Greeter	Harris	Hughes
Sound System	Justin Sugg	Taylor Bouchillon
Children's Church	Hannah Pitts	Lynne Rienstra
Infant Nursery	Sunday School/Worship Melody Hughes and Francie Little	Sunday School/Worship DeAnna and Sarah Harris
Toddler Nursery	Missy Morgan and Paula McKinney	Dara Lynn Rieger and Bekah Harris

Trinity Presbyterian Church, PCA

Welcome

Sunday Services

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Our Mission is to grow in the knowledge of God, that we may become mature witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Worship, Word, and Deed.

We welcome our visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Please fill out a visitor card (found on the table in the hall). Our desire is that you experience the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ with us today, growing in the knowledge of God, and that you will join with us in witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus Christ in worship, word, and deed.

Children are welcome to stay in the service; however, if you would rather, there is a Parent/Child room in the back left of the sanctuary.

Church Officers

Elders

Norris Little, James Robertson, Tim Park,
Jeff Alexander, Henry Patton, Victor Vazquez

Deacons

Robert Chini, Jason Harris, Greg Myers,
Jake Rienstra, Henry Little, Paul Green

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