

# Trinity

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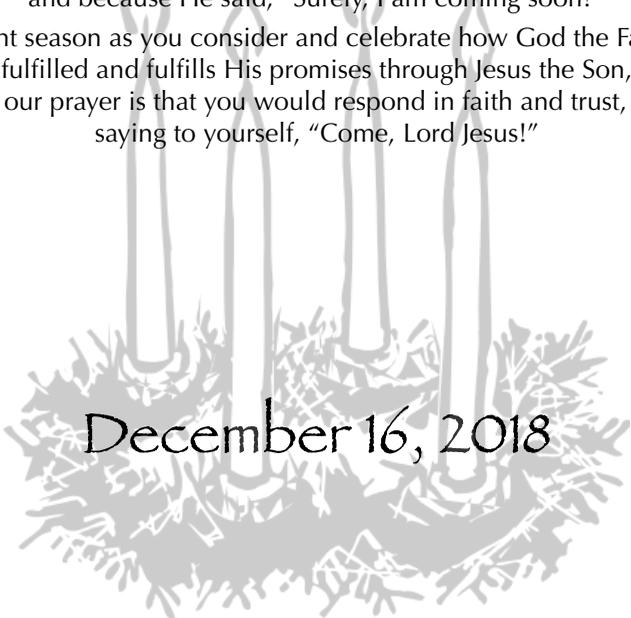
### The Season of Advent

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 to yourself, “Come, Lord Jesus!”



December 16, 2018

# Worship of the Living God

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. 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. | Psalm 98:1–3 (ESV)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude | *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Choir

\*Season of Praise

Hymn 203     *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn 200     *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin | Luke 13:31–35

*Leader: At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!*

**People:** Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

## **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.*

**\*Indicates the congregation standing**

## Silent Time of Repentance

### Assurance of Pardon

Advent Reading | *The King Promised to Isaiah and Jeremiah*  
Isaiah 9:2,6–7 and Jeremiah 23:5–6  
Quin and Hannah Pitts

*Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a 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. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

**All: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’**

\*Hymn 201

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music | *Festival Gloria*

by Craig Courtney

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, ("Glory to God in the Highest")*

*Et in terra pax, et in terra pax, hominibus bonae voluntatis, voluntatis.*

*("Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward*

*men.") Laudmus te, ("We praise you.") Bendicimus te ("We bless you")*

*Adoramus te, ("We adore you.") Glorificamus te, ("We glorify you")*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

*Long Time Ago* - By Joseph Martin

*Night Song* - By Jim Ailor

*When Brightly Shines the Evening Star* - By David Lantz  
*Soloist - Tori Bouchillon, Flutist Kara Sugg*

*Sussex Carol* - Arranged by Philip Young

Sermon

*Pastor Robert Rienstra*

### **Growing In Grace**

Luke 2:39–52

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

\*Hymn 211

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\*Choral Benediction |

*Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah*

By George Handel, arranged by Larry Pugh

*(Trumpeter - Jonathan Sugg)*

\*Benediction

### ***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.*

### ***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.*

### ***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.*

# NOTES

## Prayer Reminders

Please continue to pray for the Lord's healing and strength for **Becky Alexander** as she continues her chemo treatments, and for much grace and endurance for both Jeff and Becky.

Pray for our **Elders** that they would have much wisdom and grace to be faithful and gracious shepherds of all those the Lord has entrusted to them.

**Please pray** for our covenant children – both near and far, in various ages and stages of life – who are no longer children but are growing into greater adult independence. Even as they grow in earthly maturity and independence, please pray for the Lord to draw them into deeper dependence on Him as their Lord and Savior. James and Caroline Denard, Lindsay and Zane Frost, Rachel Needham, Daniel and David Lanolos, Parker Leach, Andrew and Stewart Robertson, Heidi Shepherd, Shelley and Ethan Green, Sam and Will Mitchell, Haylee Prince and Ayden Collins.

**Pray** that we all might be faithful stewards of all the Lord has entrusted to us, especially His good news, but also of our time, and abilities, and finances, that in all things we might glorify Him and be a blessing to our community.

**Believers in Mauritania (#47 on Open Doors list) compose only 2/10% of the population face extreme opposition from radical Islamic government. Pray for the Lord's protection, for His provision of Scriptures and the opportunity to grow in faith.**

**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 Valerie Smith's brother. 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 our **Reformed University Fellowship pastors:** Ben Coppedge at UGA, Michael Phillips at GA Tech, Stephen Maginas at Emory and Tracey West with RUF GA Tech. Pray that the Lord will help and sustain them as they seek to build a community on the college campus that reaches students of divergent beliefs and doubts with the message of the Gospel and equips them to love and serve Jesus and his Church.

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## Trinity Missionaries

**RICK AND BETTY ASCHMANN**  
MTW Ecuador

**NEWTON PREGNANCY RESOURCE  
CENTER**

**BOBBIE JO**  
MTW, Europe

**MICHAEL PHILLIPS**  
RUF-GA Tech

**BILL AND MARGARET FRISBEE**  
PEF

**OCTAVIUS DELFILS**  
RPC, Haiti

**STEPHEN MAGINAS**  
RUF-Emory

**CROSSPOINT ENCUESTRO  
CHURCH** SMYRNA, GA

**THE CHALMERS CENTER FOR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**JUSTIN CLEMENT**  
RUF, UGA

**SCOTT AND RUTH HILL**  
MTW, Cherokee, NC

**WILLING HELPERS FOOD BANK  
AND MEDICAL CLINIC**

**TRACEY WEST**  
RUF International-GA Tech

**DAVID AND LYNN BRADFORD**  
Find Hope Counseling

**MNA DISASTER RESPONSE**

## Announcements

**Pastor Rob** will be on vacation this week, having minor surgery and visiting with Anneka in Illinois. Please pray for rest, healing, a good visit and traveling mercies. If you have specific needs please contact one of the elders or Pastor Matt.

**Pathfinders** will meet for the White Elephant Party from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Abel's home.

The **Christmas Eve Service** is on Monday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m. here at the church.

**Wednesday Bible Study** will be held this Wednesday (Dec. 12), and then be off for the 19th & 26th, but will resume January 2 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in the annex, with babysitting provided.

**Sunday School** will be off December 23 & 30 for the holidays, but will resume Jan. 6. The adult Sunday School class will meet in the Choir Room on Dec. 16 so the Choir can finish rehearsing for the program that Sunday morning.

Please join us on December 31 at 6 p.m. for our **Annual Talent/No Talent Show and Chili Dinner**. It is a great time of fun and fellowship, and seeing another side of the giftedness of many of our people. The dinner and show are free, but we will gladly accept donations toward the Cherokee Missions Trip. Please be sure to sign up if you want to be in the show on the table in the hallway.

### Pathfinders December

**16 White Elephant 5:30-7:30pm at the Abels**

**21 Caroling at the Abels, time TBD**

**24 Christmas Eve Service**

**31 Talent/No-Talent**

## Serving on Sunday

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	Bill Abel	Paul Green
<b>Greeter</b>	Ingram	Kurz
<b>Sound System</b>	Andrew Leach	Zane Frost
<b>Children's</b>	Norris Little	Matt Abel
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	<b>Sunday School/Worship</b> Anne St. Clair and Gina Stevenson	<b>Sunday School/Worship</b> Sherie Myers and Susie Kawa
<b>Toddler Nursery</b>	Lisa and Liane Bouchillon	Beth Mitchell and Rachel Park

# **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.

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### **Church Officers**

#### **Elders**

Jeff Alexander, Norris Little, Henry Little,  
Tim Park, Henry Patton, Paul Stevenson

#### **Deacons**

Bill Abel, Paul Green

#### **Women's Ministry Officers**

Dana Little, Sara Chini, Janinne Abel, Mary Lake Abel,  
Stacey Denard, Jill Needham, Hannah Pitts

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