

# Trinity

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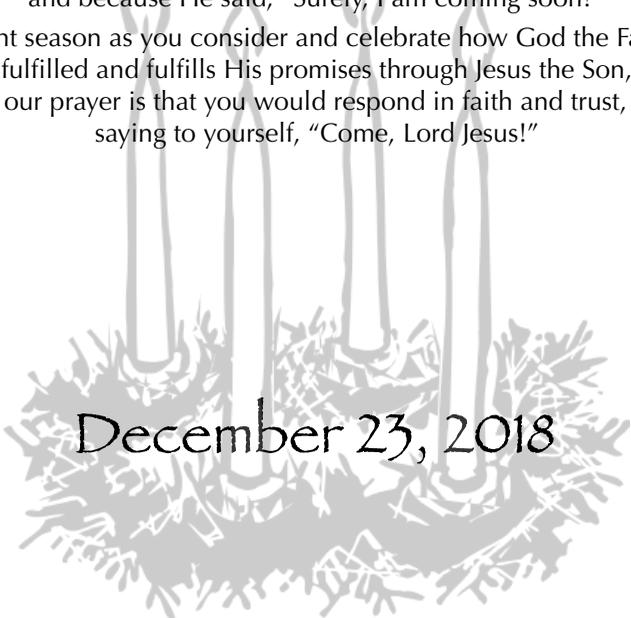
### The Season of Advent

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 23, 2018

# Worship of the Living God

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 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. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. | John 1:1–5, 9, 14**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Season of Praise

Hymn 195      *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin | Galatians 1:6–10

*Leader: I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

**People: For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

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 Mary and Joseph*  
Luke 1:26–33, 2:10-11,13-14; Revelation 21:3 | *Beth Severance*

*Leader: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

**All:** **And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."**

**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 198

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

*Lullaby*

## No Longer Children, but Heirs

Galatians 4:1–9

1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. 8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

*The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bible*

*Children up to age 5 are dismissed to Children’s Church*

\*Hymn 208

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn 733

*Doxology*

\*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.

Please pray for those who help lead us in Worship that the Lord would bless them to see more of His glory so as to help all of us to worship in Spirit and Truth: Mike Sugg, Josh Harms, Heather Hauser, the praise team, and the Choir.

**Pray for Missions:** Each of us individually where the Lord sends us each day; corporately living as a community of Jesus before the world; Margaret Frisbee, RUF – Tracey West, Michael Phillips, Stephen Maginas, Ben Coppedge; the Hills, Octavius Defils, Bobbi Jo, the Aschmanns, the Bradfords, Rachael Long, Crosspoint Encuentro Church, and the Crandalls.

**Pray** that the Lord would help us to be aware of the many struggling with loss and loneliness during this season, and that He would use us to be His messengers of hope, inviting many to join with us as His family.

**Please pray for believers in Columbia (#49 on Open Doors Watchlist) where the main sources of persecution are from drug cartels and dissident guerrillas, and a growing secularism attempting to eliminate Christian involvement in all areas of life. Pray for the Lord to guard His people with His peace in the face of opposition, and to strengthen them by His Word to bring a message of freedom and hope in Christ.**

**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 Beth Severance's sister. 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 **Margaret Frisbee working with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship** ministering to cancer patients here in the Atlanta area. Pray that the Lord would continue to open doors for her to minister His grace to those in need, both to receive the gospel and to grow in grace; and for strength and endurance for her as she cares for so many people.

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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** is away finishing up vacation today, but will be back in the office tomorrow.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** is off this week, but will resume with our study of Genesis on January 2.

**Sunday School** is off today and next week, but will resume January 6th.

**Bobbi Jo, serving in Germany**, will be with us on Sunday, January 6 at 6 p.m. for a dessert fellowship to share all the ways the Lord has been and is at work. Please join us as we continue to support her in her work.

**Our Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday January 27, beginning with a luncheon right after the morning worship service. We will be electing new officers, reviewing the budget, holding a brief corporation meeting, and hearing from the Building Ministry Team. Please make plans to join us.

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

**24 Christmas Eve Service**

**31 Talent/No-Talent**

## Serving on Sunday

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	Paul Green	Jason Harris
<b>Greeter</b>	Kurz	Lanclos
<b>Sound System</b>	Zane Frost	Levi Green
<b>Children's</b>	Matt Abel	Margaret Mitchell
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	<b>Sunday School/Worship</b> Sherie Myers and Susie Kawa	<b>Sunday School/Worship</b> Sara Chini and Teresa Robertson
<b>Toddler Nursery</b>	Beth Mitchell and Rachel Park	Pearlie Love-Yearby and Mary Lake Abel

# **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,  
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