



Advent 2022

Hope  
Peace  
Joy

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.  
—Isaiah 35:10

9:30 am

Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

**AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WE COME BEFORE THE LORD**

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD**

**Gathering Around the Advent Wreath**

*Andrew, Meagan, Noah and Benjamin Mackerer*

**God's Prophetic Word**      Isaiah 35:1-6

**Litany for the Advent Candles**

In the night of our lives,  
God is shining the light of his compassion.

**We light this candle to remember  
that God's Light is coming close.**

Advent means coming.

**We are full of expectation!**

Lord, make us ready to receive your glory with obedience.

**Lord, make us ready to greet you with child-like wonder!**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Advent Prayer (unison)**

**Prepare the way, O God, for your Son to enter our hearts.**

**By the power of his mercy, love and grace,  
may we be changed and made anew.**

**With the help of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate,  
may we answer your invitation to abide with you.**

**In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

**Hymn 9 (verse 3 only)**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS**

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**Steadfast God,  
with faith, we acknowledge your care and love for us.  
with joy, we acknowledge that our help is in you,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
With hope, we acknowledge you also as our Re-Maker  
through the life and death of the One born in Bethlehem.  
We ask your mercy in those places  
where we do not live as your forgiven and remade people.  
In those ways that we have not given witness to your great glory,  
forgive us, good and gracious Lord.  
Renew us in your love and grant us solid joy  
that lasts long beyond the Christmas season;  
a joy that equips us to face the adversities of life  
with the blessing of your saving work in the Lord Jesus,  
for this we ask in his holy Name. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Mercy  
Thanks be to God!**

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 579

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 1:5-25

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

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**Anthem**

*People, Look East*

arr. Christopher

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look, east and sing today: Lord, the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Lord, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People look east, and sing today: Love, the Lord is on the way.

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 1:57-80

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This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**\*Profession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

The Rev. Barry Gruver

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S VOICE**

**Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord**

The Rev. Barry Gruver

**Prayer of Dedication**

The Rev. Barry Gruver

**Offertory***Blessed Is the Lord*

Forrest

Lisa Armstrong, violin, Owen Speas, cello, Adam Crognale, percussion

Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.

Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.

Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,

Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.

“Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation’s horn.

God Incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.”

Christ brings light to sin’s dark night: Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,

Saints and angels sing God’s praise.

All the earth and Heav’ns reply: Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE****\*Sending Hymn 16***The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came***\*Pastoral Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**Silent Prayer****Postlude***The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

\*Those who are able may stand.

**TRINITY AT WORK AND WORSHIP**  
*An Inviting Community Serving Christ For Life*  
*Loving God, Welcoming All, Helping Many*

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Mr. Barry Gruver, Parish Associate

The Rev. Dr. James D. O'Dell, Pastor Emeritus

Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Brian Kain, Music Associate

**Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family:** Jade Sedeyn, Jenny Stark, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Heather Kern, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty and George Flynn, Elissa Goss, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Ruth Kain-Palmer, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

**Friends and Family:** Marie Pinolini (Trudie Levins' sister), Michael and Tom Carter (Trudie Levins' sons), Stephen Theroulde (friend of Bill and Karen Kain), Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), Jeff Mailahn (Cindy and Al Mailahn's son), Eileen McSparran (Kathy Eddleman's sister-in-law), Linda and Brian Kent (Gail Van Dyke's sister-in-law), Laurie Duffin (Gail and Bruce Van Dyke's friend), Al Tremoglie (Veronica Oster's father), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Anna Sharp (friend of Melanie Faulkner), Susan F. Heilshorn (Janet Cohen's sister-in-law), Derrick Maruski (Jenny Leitinger's brother), Norma Oram (Nancy Applegate's mother), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Mel Haines (Marguerite Houck's friend), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), Kathy Nahill (Jillian Watson's friend), David Behrens & Kelly Behrens (Ed Behrens' son & daughter), Ilene Kreadle (Wilson family friend), Jan (George Sanders' friend), Terri Skill (Steve Skill's wife), Richard D'Eustachio (Carol D'Eustachio's husband).

**Let us pray for all those of our Trinity family who are serving in the United States Military:** Cory Allen, Connor Barnes, Aaron Bill, Tyler Parsons and Connor Strobel. We thank them all for their service to our country.

**Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the Narthex. Along with Bulletins!**

**Pastoral Care** – Dr. Faulkner is available to you for prayer, counsel and comfort in times of need. If there is an urgent need, contact Dr. Faulkner at 609-273-8110.

**Please silence** all electronic equipment during the worship service.

**Please remember to sign the Fellowship Register.** Maintaining connections with our membership is critical to the health of our community, so thank you for helping us with this important outreach by signing in every time you attend worship!

**Visit our website** at [www.trinpres.org](http://www.trinpres.org) for all of the current news, information and updates about everything that's going on at Trinity!

**PLEASE notify the church office if your address, email or phone number changes.** You can email Pam Dougherty at [pam.dougherty@trinpres.org](mailto:pam.dougherty@trinpres.org) **OR** you can indicate any changes on the Fellowship Register sheets. Thank you!

**Please sign the cards in Fellowship Hall every Sunday—the goal is to get as many signatures as possible!** All you need to do is sign your name! The cards mean so much to those who are in need of a cheery hello, get well wishes, or words of sympathy. Thank you for participating in this important outreach to members of our Trinity family!

### Sunday Church School Schedule

#### **Community Room (Family Church TODAY)**

Pre-School—6th Grade

Childcare in Nursery, Room 1

***Please take note....there will be no nursery, preschool or church school on Sundays, December 25 and January 1. Enjoy your holidays with family and friends!***

Our **Mitten Tree** is making a return again this year! Please look for it in Fellowship Hall. New hats and mittens for any age group are welcome and will be sent to those that are in need to keep warm in the cold weather.



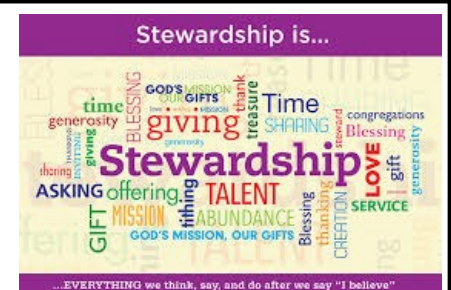
#### **Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign- *Forward in Faith***

**Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues.**

The theme of this year's campaign is "**Forward in Faith**". This theme encourages us to have faith in God's promises to us. We need your support to follow the path God has provided. We are excited about the opportunities we have at Trinity if the resources are available.

All Church members should have received their stewardship letter and 2023 pledge card in the mail. If you have submitted your pledge, thank you! If you have not returned your pledge card, please promptly mail the completed card to the Church office. You may also submit your pledge through your online EasyTithe account. A return of your pledge card by December 11 is required to help us develop the 2023 church budget.

We hope that you carefully consider the needs of your church during these extraordinary and challenging times. Please answer God's call by offering your generous financial support to secure Trinity's future.



**EasyTithe**, our online giving option, allows you to make your offering electronically. This option makes giving more convenient for you (no more checks to write) and ensures consistency in your giving which helps the church manage its cash flow requirements better. EasyTithe can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. The setup process is very straightforward and can be accomplished in just a couple of minutes. To sign up, go to Trinity's home page and click on "Online Giving" or go directly to [www.easytithe.com/trinpres](http://www.easytithe.com/trinpres).



An *EasyTithe* app is also available for download to your tablet or cell phone. Once you're set up, you can also text a gift in one simple step! Our phone number for text giving is 856-238-5444.

We encourage all members to establish automatic recurring gifts using *EasyTithe*.

**2023 Pledge Boxes** are now available for pick up. Please visit the tables outside of the Church Office where you can find your box alphabetically by last name. Due to high postage fees, they will not be mailed out. Please help conserve costs and materials by picking up your box and consider delivering one to a friend who might not be able to make it to church to pick theirs up! If you don't need envelope boxes in the future please sign the sheet next to the boxes. If you have already let me know you don't need boxes, you don't need to sign again. Thank you, Debby Talbott

**Trinity Planned Giving Seminar, Sunday, January 8, 2023, 11:00 am in the Community Room**

Please join Trinity member, Andrew Mackerer, for a seminar on ways to ensure your legacy and intentions are followed. Andrew is an attorney with a focus on Estate Law.



The seminar will focus on planned giving for Trinity as set forth in a will, living trust, or through beneficiary designations. In addition, various lifetime giving techniques will be discussed that can minimize your taxes and the effect on you while maximizing the benefit to Trinity. Andrew will discuss techniques and ways to arrange your Estate plans to ensure Trinity receives support, to ensure your wishes are carried out, and to simplify matters for your family. This can be accomplished through sound advice from financial advisors, attorneys and tax practitioners.

**Please join PW TODAY during Coffee Hour** as we shower the soon to be born precious baby Craven! Come celebrate and view unwrapped gifts and have refreshments as we honor Pastor Sarah.





**NAMETAGS...** Have you been wearing your nametag? Since COVID, in-person attendance patterns have changed and we've also fallen out of the habit of wearing our nametags. We'd like to remove the nametag holder from the Narthex where it takes up A LOT of space. But we still like the idea of wearing name tags, especially for the benefit of our newest members. The Membership Committee is requesting that members take their nametags home with them; keep them in your car and wear them on Sunday mornings when you come in to church. This would be particularly helpful during Advent. You'll find the nametag holder in the social hall. Thanks for your consideration!



### **In-Person Nativity walk Returns on Sunday, December 18!**

Save the date for the return of the in-person Trinity Nativity Walk! Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Nativity Walk will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, December 18th. Bring in your favorite crèche before the service that morning and set it up in the designated location in Fellowship Hall. During Coffee Hour, members of the congregation will walk around to view the various nativity scenes. In addition to viewing the nativity scenes on display that morning, you can watch the video of the last two Virtual Nativity Walks! You'll take your crèche home with you that day! If you're interested in participating, please sign up during coffee hour today, today or December 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **Deacons Christmas Sharing**

Trinity Deacons are collecting \$30 Master Card and Visa gift cards for Acenda Health this holiday season. Please consider donating a gift card during coffee hour on Sundays or drop them off to the church office Monday - Thursday between 9am-4pm until **December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Did you know that many banks issue Visa and Mastercard bank gift cards with no added fees? Next time you are at your local bank, please consider purchasing a gift card for donation. Gift cards can also be purchased at many retailers including grocery and hardware stores. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

## Christmas Eve Service: In-Person and Live-Streaming

**4pm– Children's Service—  
In-Person and Live-Streaming**  
*All ages welcome, lively environment  
for the little ones*



**7pm– Candlelight Service—  
In-Person & Live-Streaming**

Communion, Choir & Brass *Nursery Childcare is available*

After the service, enjoy some refreshments at our  
Christmas Eve Social in Fellowship Hall.

**The 4pm & 7pm service** will also be available to view on  
YouTube anytime after the services conclude.

## Lenten Devotional

Trinity will publish a Lenten Devotional with reflections from our own congregation. You may remember from devotionals of the last few years that we are seeking submissions much in the style of These Days, Daily Guideposts, or another devotional with which you may be familiar. Submission to the devotional should include:

1. A verse or verses of scripture that comforts, challenges and/or teaches you.
2. A short discussion of how this scripture has been important to you (about 250 words).
3. A short prayer (2 or 3 sentences are fine).
4. Your name.

Since the devotionals need to be printed to be ready for distribution beginning the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the date due for submission has been established as **Sunday, January 29th.**

Please send all submissions to Susan Bastnagel at [sbastnagel@gmail.com](mailto:sbastnagel@gmail.com) and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey [alysia.sieh@trinpres.org](mailto:alysia.sieh@trinpres.org) and Beth Gammie at [bammie917@gmail.com](mailto:bammie917@gmail.com). Also please put Lenten Devotional in the subject line of the email. All members of the Trinity community, both youth and adult, are invited to participate in this church wide publication. If you have any questions, please contact: Beth Gammie at [bammie917@gmail.com](mailto:bammie917@gmail.com) or Alysia Sieh Badskey at [alysia.sieh@trinpres.org](mailto:alysia.sieh@trinpres.org).

Trinity Church  
Daily  
Devotions for  
Lent



## **This Week at Trinity**

### **Sunday, December 11**

- 9:30 am           Worship Service
- 9:30 am           Childcare– Nursery, Preschool - Grade 6, Family Church in the  
Community Room w/ Rev. Craven
- 10:30 am          Join us at Coffee Hour for **Rev. Craven's Baby Shower!**
- 10:30 am          Trinity Band Rehearsal– Sanctuary
- 11:00 am          Deacons Meeting—Anteroom
- 12:00 pm          Sr. Highs– Witherspoon Center

### **Tuesday, December 13**

- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop

### **Wednesday, December 14**

- 12:00 pm          Miriam Circle– Lunch
- 6:15 pm           Commissioning– Witherspoon Center
- 7:00 pm           Cub Scouts– Community Room

### **Thursday, December 15**

- 10:00 am          Mission Thursday– Witherspoon Center
- 10:00 am          Care 'n Share Shop
- 12:00 pm          Alzheimer's Support Group—Witherspoon Center
- 8:00 pm           AA Group—Witherspoon Center

### **Friday, December 16**

- 6:30 pm           Rebekah Circle– home of Donna Bordner

### **Sunday, December 18**

- 7:45 am           Men's Fellowship– Anteroom
- 9:30 am           Worship Service
- 9:30 am           Church School– main building , lower level
- 11:00 am          Esther Circle– Brunch
- 11:30 am          Worship Reflections– Witherspoon Center
- 7:00 pm           Sr. Highs



*You are cordially invited to spend the  
Christmas Season  
with all of us at Trinity Presbyterian Church!!*

**Sunday, November 27 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Handbell and Ukulele music*

**Friday, December 2 - 7:30 pm**

*Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the  
Tri County Symphonic Band*

**Sunday, December 4 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Children's & Youth Christmas Music  
followed by Advent Festival and PW Cookie Sale*

**Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm**

*Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service*

**Sunday, December 11 - 9:30am**

*Advent Service with Adult Choir*

**Sunday, December 18 - 9:30am**

*Christmas Worship with handbell music & Trinity Band  
Nativity Walk*

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm** *Family Worship Service & Pageant*

**7:00 pm** *Candlelight Communion Service with  
Pre-service music, choir and brass*

**Sunday, December 25 - 9:30am** *Sunday Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 1 - 9:30am** *Sunday Communion Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 8 - 9:30am** **Epiphany Sunday**

*Communion, Choir & Handbells*



**FOR**

**unto us a**

*Child* <sup>is</sup>  
<sub>born</sub>

**UNTO US A** *Son*

is given; and the government  
shall be upon *His* shoulder. And

*His* name will be called  
**WONDERFUL,**

*Counselor,* <sup>THE</sup>  
<sub>MIGHTY</sub>  
<sub>GOD</sub>

**THE EVERLASTING FATHER,**

*The Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH

9:6





