



Advent 2022

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.
-Isaiah 11:1

9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

Raakesh Rajan, Blessy Vinitta and Ronel Rajan

God's Prophetic Word

Isaiah 7:10-14

Litany for the Advent Candles (responsively)

We light this candle to express our trust in God's love for us.

We light this candle to say once more: We belong to God!

The advent of the Father's only-begotten Son is near.

Our God is approaching even now!

Lord, make us ready to receive you.

Lord, make us ready to greet you with a willing spirit.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and descend to us with your abundant grace.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, abide with us and grant us to serve you with abandon and so know the joy of being your redeemed people. This we ask you, God of Advent, in the name of your only-begotten Son, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

***Processional Hymn 3**

Comfort, Comfort You My People

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.
Though we know your story,
we resist the costs of following you.
We pass by those considered lowly in this world.
We turn away from hungry people
who still wait to be filled.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to work for the justice you intend.
Make us messengers of the peace you bring.
As we wait for you,
turn our apathy into acts of love and service.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Mercy

Thanks be to God!

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***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.**

Bell Anthem

Noel, Joyous Noel
Adult Bells

arr. Stephenson

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

The Rev. Ms. Craven

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Ms. Sarah Craven

Adult Bells

Donna Allen	Erica Heyer
Kim Bui	Cate Marcelli
Janet Cohen	Leah Marcelli
Linda Craven	Sue Nork
Sean Desjardins	Lauren Parsons-
Pam Dougherty	Lam
Linda Flanary	Melissa Trent

Trinity Band list

Trumpet

Jimmy Boyle
Ryan Bui
Cate Marcelli
Marissa McGrath
Giovannina Viglietta

Clarinet

Elizabeth Bean
Brian Dougherty
Ron Willoughby

Flute

Alexis Bui
Pam Dougherty
Julia Clarke James
Leah Marcelli
Kristi Paulson

Trombone

Ben Peelman
Kevin Peelman

Alto Sax

Patrick Bean

French Horn

Ian Willoughby

Bass

Sean Desjardins

Drums

Adam Crognale

Percussion

Tyler McGrath

Timpani

Kira Mahoney

Bells

Roseann Frielink

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: 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: Billy Seifert (Henderson family friend), 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 Kreafler (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 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 **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

**Church School will now be in the main building
Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service**

Room #1	Nursery Care
Room #6	Twos and Threes (must be 2 1/2 yrs. old by Oct. 1, 2022) - through Kindergarten
Room #4	Grades 1-3
Room # 3	Grades 4-6

*****Parents, please drop off children kindergarten age and younger at their classroom *before* the service.**

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.



Forward in Faith

Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign continues.

This is a friendly reminder that we are in the midst of our Stewardship campaign and your pledge is **critical** to maintain Trinity's programs, mission and staff. To date, we have achieved 70% of our financial goal and have Received 128 pledges against our goal of 235.

Thank you if you have already submitted your pledge. If you have not pledged, we encourage you to return your 2023 pledge card this week by mailing it to the Church office. If you do not have your pledge card, a card can be obtained through the Church office or from the Church pews. Pledges can also be made online through EasyTithe.

Let's go "**Forward in Faith**" and secure the future of our Church.



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.



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



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. **TODAY** is the last day to contribute. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

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.

In-Person Nativity walk Returns TODAY!

Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Nativity Walk will take place immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to viewing the nativity scenes on display this morning, you can watch the video of the last two Virtual Nativity Walks!



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!



Cancer and Conversation Trinity's *Cancer and Conversation* is a group that offers comfort, support and camaraderie to Trinity members with that dreaded disease. Our greater goal, however, is to be a mission at Trinity, a mission that hopes to both help and educate our greater Trinity membership.

Want to turn your cancer into a worthwhile mission? Please join us **on Sunday, January 8 in the Hospitality Room at 10:40 AM.** Grab a coffee in the Fellowship Hall and join us for a time of reflection, support and mission work as we share our experiences and also work on upcoming projects.

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 and copy Alysia Sieh Badskey alysia.sieh@trinpres.org and Beth Gammie at bgammie917@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 bgammie917@gmail.com or Alysia Sieh Badskey at alysia.sieh@trinpres.org.

Trinity Church
Daily
Devotions for
Lent



This Week at Trinity

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

Monday, December 19

1:00 pm Priscilla Circle– Zoom meeting
6:30 pm Ruth Circle– at the home of Susan Bastnagel

Tuesday, December 20

5:00 pm Kid's Choir Pageant Rehearsal– Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 pm Cub Scouts– Community Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary

Thursday, December 22

11:30 am Gen Z– lunch out
12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group– Witherspoon center
8:00 pm AA– Witherspoon Center

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm Family Worship Service & Pageant
7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service with Pre-service music, choir and brass
Both services will be available on livestream and available to view on YouTube anytime after the services conclude.

Sunday, December 25– *Merry Christmas! Christ is born!*

9:30 am Worship Service (this service will not be livestreamed)



*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