



Advent 2023

Hope
Peace

Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a
son, and shall name him Immanuel.

-Isaiah 7:14

9:30 am

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Special Greetings

James Mureithi & Beatrice Wangai

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Gathering Around the Advent Wreath

Dave Large and Trudie Levins, Emily and Jeff Johnson, Alex and Sophia Carter

God's Prophetic Word

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Litany for the Advent Candles (responsive)

We light this candle to remember that Christ has come to us.

We light this candle to remember that Christ will come again.

Advent means coming.

Our God is approaching even now.

Lord, make us ready to receive you.

Lord, make us ready to greet you with open hearts.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Prayer (unison)

O Shepherd of our lives, you open our lips and we sing your praise. You come with mercy and compassion and you also come with righteousness and purity. Let your light shine in our lives; dispel the darkness that we might walk in the light of your holiness. Hear us, God of Advent, for we ask it in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Hymn 9 (verse 2 only)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Processional Hymn 12**

People, Look East

Call to Confession

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

**God of grace and truth,
long ago your prophets told of your promises –
a promise of restoration and salvation.
We confess that we have not believed your promise,
that we have preferred brokenness to restoration,
and have lingered with dis-ease rather than welcome salvation.
We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo,
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change.
Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength,
so that we may receive the fullness of your promise,
and live into that joy. 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.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE FATHER'S MESSAGE OF LOVE

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 3:1-6

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

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

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Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Anthem

We Wait for Thee

Johnson

Adult Choir with Owen Speas, cello

Dark is the night and empty the sky as the ground lies still and cold.
We pause in solemn anticipation as we wait for the promise of old.
Come, thou Prince of Peace; come, great Lord of Lords; come, set Your people free.
Come, Desire of the nations, come.
With joy and hope we wait for Thee.
Revive our hearts and renew our minds, come, and bring us peace to endure.
Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Emmanuel, God with us!

Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Anthem

Come, Messiah, Come

Mayo and Bailey

Adult Choir with Julia James, flute

O Promised One, O Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come.

Lord, reveal your mercy, Guide us Lord, we pray.

May we see your Light and walk your way.

Alleluia, Lord, we pray.

Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Hymn 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Sung Antiphonally. Pulpit side sing Watchmen. Lectern side sing Traveler.

WE REJOICE AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord

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Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Offertory

You Are the Light

Helgen

There's a voice that's calling out in the desert,

“Get ready for the coming of the Lord!”

God will come to earth in pow'r, no one knows the day nor hour.

Peace and justice will be restored.

Ev'ry valley will be lifted higher,

the mountains and the hills be brought down low

and the glory of the Lord will be seen in all the world.

God has said that it will be so. You are light, the light for our darkness.

You are peace, peace in our hearts. You are love, the love for all people.

You are the light, Yes, you are the light! You bring peace, you bring love and joy!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE LEAVE READY TO SERVE

***Sending Hymn 16**

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

***Pastoral Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Silent Prayer

Postlude

*Those who are able may stand.

Adult Choir

Soprano

Julie Atkinson
Elizabeth Bean
Carol D'Eustachio
Margaret Gammie
Willemijn Don-Goetz
Lauren McGrath
Sue Nork
Kris Parsons
Lauren Parsons-Lam
Kristi Paulson
Amelia Paulson
Karen Simon
Debby Talbott

Alto

Emily Carter Johnson
Pam Dougherty
Jen Dukelow
Linda Flanary
Roseann Frielink
Erica Heyer
Karen Kain
Nancy Parks
Judy Spotto
Sue Staaf
Donna Wasik

Tenor

Bill Kain
Steve Talbott
Bruce VanDyke

Bass

Patrick Bean
Joe Bechtel
Donovan Dunoff
Jay Goetz
Kurt Goetz
Dave Large
Brad Thayer
Jim Wasik

*Thank you to Julia James and Owen Speas
for participating in the service today*

Please join us after worship in the Ante Room to learn more about the impactful work of *YouthPromise Kenya* and *Girls' Raising Hands*.

The first UrbanPromise site in Kenya is led by James Mureithi, a graduate of the UrbanPromise School of Leadership. YouthPromise Kenya is using the UrbanPromise model of afterschool programs and summer camps with a focus on digital literacy to serve children and youth. They have been at the forefront to influence computer learning within Kenyan schools and providing mentoring through Christian Faith and personal development of the young generation.

Girls' Raising Hands is a program under YouthPromise Centre Kenya with the mission to raise a generation of healthy and empowered girls. This ministry's focus is to keep girls in Embu, Kenya in school because the drop-out rate before they reach 12th grade is so high. Led by its founder, Beatrice Wangai, who believes that when girls are empowered, they become better women in the society and become part of decision making, and this contributes to growth of the society. Girls' Raising Hands has several programs including: Hygiene Program, Entrepreneurship, Computer Training, and Mentorship.

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

Jenny Stark, Clerk of Session

Lisa K. Marcelli, Director of Music

Brian Kain, Music Associate

*The flowers in the Narthex were given by **Melanie and Caroline Faulkner** to the glory of God and in honor of **Greg Faulkner's birthday**.*

Let Us Pray for Members of Our Church Family: Nancy Parks, Pat Turner, Carol Plimpton, Gail Van Dyke, Camrynn Curl, Elaine Lippincott, Carol Murray, Beverly Whipple, Nancy Morton, Doris Crozier, Liz Gyswyt, Nancy Applegate, Marguerite Houck, Marty Flynn, Roberta Ritchie, Melinda Hall, Dorothy Rathje, Phyllis Johnson, Bill & Susan Greenwood, Betty Young, Erica Heyer, Dale Long, Linda Thorpe, Gloria Wolbach, Nancy Hickman.

Friends and Family: Frank Appello (Connie Groves's son-in-law), Jesse Benedict (friend of Pam Dougherty's daughter), Shirley Muni (Susan Bryfogle's Mother), Kristina Heck (Alison's Schwarz's niece), Loretta Johnson (former long-term member), Martha Delaney (Debby and Steve Talbott's niece), Nancy McIlvain (Kathy Eddleman's sister), Larry Carter (Emily Carter's uncle), Tristan Kabai-Tokes, Matt Ruggles, Myrna Roberts (Nancy Roberts' sister-in-law), Joan Malloy (Nancy Roberts' friend), Chuck Inman (Mary Jane Inman's son), Charles Porcaro (Ben Rieth's brother in law), 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), Elaine Good (Opal Stockwell's sister), Susan F. Heilshorn (Janet Cohen's sister-in-law), Kathy Kellmer and Toni Rath (Janet Cohen's friends), Michael Fisher (Carol Parsons' nephew), 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.

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!

Signing in online using the QR code? Remember, if you're a **Trinity member**, **you don't need to fill out the entire form**—just type in your first and last name.

The Flower Chart will be available in Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of every month. **It will be available on December 10th and January 7th and 14th.** Since the cost has increased, we are asking for payment of \$55 at the time of sign-up. Hopefully this will once again become a special part of our worship and giving for our shut-ins. Please text or email **Bonnie Jones** for further information: bjones34@verizon.net or 856-986-2012.

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!

***EasyTithe*, our online giving option,
allows you to make your offering electronically.**

This option makes giving more convenient for you and can be accessed through your computer, tablet and cell phone. 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.

You can now go right to the EasyTithe giving portal by using the QR code. Simply turn your camera on your phone and direct it to the code and the link to the website will come right up!

Church School Schedule

All Church School rooms located in main building.
Pick up is immediately after the conclusion of the service

Nursery care - Infants through 2 years
Preschool (ages 2 1/2—Kindergarten) - Room #6

It's the 2nd Sunday: Family Church
Please meet in the Community Room

Monthly Rotation of Worship, Learning, and Service For Grade School-Age Children

1st Sunday of Every Month: Mission Sunday

2nd Sunday of Every Month: Family Church

3rd Sunday of Every Month: Church School

4th Sunday: Let's Worship Together



Preschoolers & Kindergartners: Church School for pre-K through Kindergarten takes place in a classroom under the sanctuary. On the second Sunday of each month, these children participate with their families in Family Church.

Nursery (Birth - Age 2): The nursery is supervised by adult volunteers. It is equipped with its own restroom and changing table as well as age-appropriate toys.

*Find Your Place at
Our Place!*



CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH

Trinity Church

Friday, December 1 - 7:30 pm

Trinity Community Concert Series featuring the
Atlantic Brass Band

Sunday, December 3 - 9:30am

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

Tuesday, December 5 - 6:30pm

Trinity Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service

Sunday, December 10 - 9:30am

Advent Service with Adult Choir

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30am

Christmas Worship with Handbell Music, Trinity Band, & Ukeleles
10:30am - Nativity Walk
11:00am - *Blue Christmas*, Adult Ed Presentation

Sunday, December 24 - Sunday Worship & Christmas Eve

9:30am - Sunday Worship
4:00pm - Family Worship Service & Pageant
7:00 pm - Candlelight Communion Service with
Pre-service music, choir, and brass

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30am

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30am

Epiphany Sunday with
Communion, Choir & Handbells

Hands to Work, Hearts to God

Trinity's Annual
Stewardship Campaign



2024 Pledge Boxes are Here!

Please pick up your box in the **ante room next to Fellowship Hall**. If you do not see your pledge box and would like one, please email Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org and one will be provided. **If you do not need a pledge box in the future please sign the sheet by the boxes** or email Debby.



Let the favor of the Lord
our God be upon us and
establish the work of
our hands!

Psalm 90:17

Have you paid your 2023 Per Capita?

Our church is assessed \$39 per member to help pay for the Presbytery and larger church. If you haven't given your per capita for 2023 please consider doing so before 2024. If you are unsure whether you have paid your per capita please contact Debby Talbott, Treasurer at Debby.Talbott@trinpres.org



Reminder!

Please promptly mail your pledge to the Church office or make your pledge in easyTithe so we can develop our 2024 operating budget.

Please send by 12/17.



YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED AS WE GIVE
OUR HANDS TO WORK AND HEARTS TO GOD.



Trinity Nativity Walk

Sunday, December 17
after worship

Bring your favorite creche to the social hall before the service to add to the display! You'll take it home with you that day.

Christmas carols and cake will add to the festivities ... Join us!
(To help us plan for enough display space, please sign up during coffee hour if you're planning to bring a creche or email sbastnagel@gmail.com)



Blue Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, 11 am

Community Room

A time to acknowledge that we often come to this season
with sadness and regrets, as well as joy and peace.

Bring a photo (or photos) of loved ones you are missing or an object that
represents for you something that makes you blue at this time of the year.



THE MITTEN TREE HAS RETURNED!

Our Mitten Tree is back 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
who are in need. Let's help give
the gift of warmth this winter.



Deacons Christmas Gift Card Drive for Acenda Health Uber and Lyft Gift Cards!

Acenda Health (formerly Robins' Nest) works with young adults who have aged out of social support systems. Their clients often struggle with transportation to counseling sessions, work opportunities, etc. Uber or Lyft gift cards, available both online and in stores, provide a very helpful hand to these young people.

Leave gift cards with Deacons during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall, send to the church office (ATTN: Deacons) or hand them to Deacons who are ushering on Sunday morning.

Our gift card drive will run from December 3rd to December 17th.
Thank you, Trinity, for your generosity!



Trinity News and Notes

MISSION THURSDAY CONTINUES: The Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to continue Mission Thursday through the fall Cathedral Kitchen has expressed their gratitude many times for our congregation's tremendous support. **Next Mission Thursday: December 13th.**

Thank you all for helping making the first Sunday of Advent so fun and festive!





2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

WITH ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSIC
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 9:30AM



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

WITH HANDBELL MUSIC & TRINITY BAND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 9:30AM



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 9:30AM



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP FAMILY SERVICE - 4PM

A FESTIVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE AND
NATIVITY PAGEANT. OPEN TO ALL AGES!



JOY

to the World

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 7PM

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE WITH
PRESERVICE MUSIC, CHOIR, & BRASS



CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL

PLEASE STAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL
FOLLOWING THE 7PM SERVICE. ENJOY SOME
SWEET TREATS AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!