



Christ
THE
LIGHT

Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2019

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS LIGHT

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Scripture Reader: Tom Schmidt

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“The life of God given to men in Jesus — in his life, death, resurrection, and in the coming of the Spirit — is at the same time an understanding of how things truly are, and it is a participation in the truth...for the life of God is also the light of truth” — Lesslie Newbigin

“Every year, Advent begins in the dark.” — Fleming Rutledge

“No pit is so deep that He is not deeper still; with Jesus, even in our darkest moments, the best remains and the very best is yet to be.” — Corrie Ten Boom

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

— Isaiah 60:1-3

Song of Preparation

Come Light Our Hearts

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken

CHORUS

F B \flat

For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. For

5 F B \flat F

You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. Tru - ly our hope is in You,

3rd time to Coda \oplus

VERSE

10 C F

tru - ly our hope is in You.

1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we

15 B \flat C

shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em - man - u - el
find more than e - nough. We come as we are; O heal and re -

18 F D.C. al Coda

come, come light our hearts. For
- store, come light our hearts.

\oplus Coda

21 F

You.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 146 (selected)**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

Come and Worship

Music by Bebo Norman and Jason Ingram

An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er the earth;
Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro -
claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and Wor - ship Come and
wor - ship, Come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the new - born King.
Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing watch - ing
Saints be fore the al - tar ben - ding watch - ing
o'er your flocks by night God with man is now re - sid - ing
long in hope and fear Sud - den - ly - the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Yon - der shines the In - fant light Come and Wor - ship
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear
Come and wor - ship; Come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ the new - born
King

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 11:1-10

God's word to all who trust him is that everlasting joy is coming

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—James 5:7-8

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 1:52

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for exalting salvation!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Song of Rejoicing

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Trinity Hymnal #196

Children's Sermon

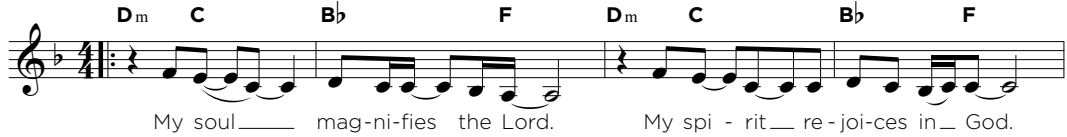
Song of Response

Magnificat

Music by Flo Paris Oakes

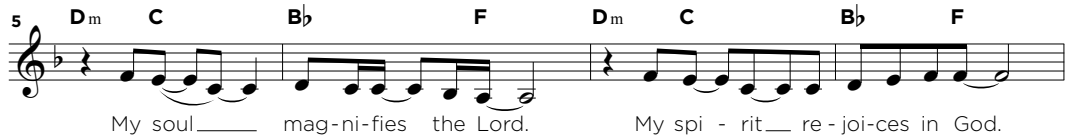
♩ = 78 **CHORUS**

D_m C B_b F D_m C B_b F



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spi - rit re - joi-ces in God.

5 D_m C B_b F D_m C B_b F



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spi - rit re - joi-ces in God.

VERSE

9 D_m C B_b F D_m C B_b F



For He who is mighty has done great things for me.

13 D_m C B_b F D_m C B_b F



Ho-ly ho - ly Ho-ly ho - ly ho-ly ho - ly is His name.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Wendell Kimbrough and Bruce Benedict

Sermon

"Christ the Light"

John 1:4-9

Rev. Nate Polski

*Song of Response

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Written by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleeker. Arr. by Dan Kreider



1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by



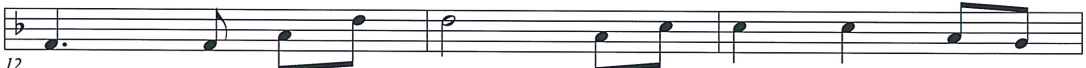
4 dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea -vens
per - fect Son of Man. In His li - ving, in His
Lord death the - pon the of tree. But no grave could e'er re -



7 prai - ses, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace lamb nor in stain of sin. See the
sin - ners, Him. Praise hangs the the Lord; He vic - tor a - y. See the
strain Him. Praise the the Lord; He vic - tor a - y. What a



10 long - ing in our dark - ness, Now the
true and of bet - ter A - dam come to
price of our re - dem - ption see the
fore - taste of de - li - vèrence. How the un -



12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save the hell - bound man. Christ the great and sure ful -
Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to -
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill ment of the law; in Him we stand.
glo - ry grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
rec - ted as we will be when he comes.

*Benediction

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Worship and General Church Information

- **No Sunday school today.** Classes for all ages will resume in the new year.
- **Join us tonight for our annual Christmas Concert.** This will be a beautiful concert telling the story of God's plan for humanity through narration, song, and art. Come early for seats!
Doors open at 6pm. Concert is at 6:30.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Moen, Sippel, Johler, Roberts, Younger. Ushers: Roberts, O'Neal, Lackey, Maglione.
- Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- **No Men's Bible Study this Friday.** Studies will resume on Jan. 10.
- **No Women's Bible Study** this week. The Wed. morning group will begin on Jan. 15th. Sign up and pick up the Galatians study on the hall table.
- **Ladies, you are all invited to a baby shower** for Addie Akin (and baby girl Akin) on Sat., Jan. 11th at the Polski's home from 10am to noon. Please RSVP to Amy Mitchell.
- **Prayer gathering this Friday** at 7:45am.
- **Nursery workers are needed** for our **second Christmas Eve service at 5:30pm.** Please see Hallie Van Duren if you are able to help.
- **Do you like to sing?** Join us for a **special choral ensemble.** Rehearsal will be THIS Wed., Dec. 18 from 6-7:15pm. We will sing on Sun., Dec. 22nd. Please let Katie Polski know if you plan to participate.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office if you need help setting it up.
- This year we will offer **two services on Christmas Eve: 4pm and 5:30pm.** Both services will be the same with the exception that the 4pm service will include a children's sermon.
- Our annual **giving tree** is in the entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to donate to one of the ministries on the tree, you may drop off your contribution in the basket near the tree or donate on the Church Center app. Thank you for your generosity. More information regarding the ministries can be found on the flyer on the table in the hallway.
- **No Ladies Connect** in December.



Year End Giving

As you prayerfully consider your year-end giving to Trinity, you might want to explore a donation of marketable stock. With the prolonged rise in the stock markets, a gift of appreciated stock might not only benefit Trinity but also give you a favorable tax treatment. Stock gifts can be directed to the Capital Campaign, the General Fund or both.

If you have any questions about this type of giving or are ready to start the process of gifting stock, please contact Bill Kling or Duncan Highmark. They will be happy to assist you in this simple process. May God richly bless you as contribute your tithes and offerings to His church.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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