



CHRIST

THE

*Creator*

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 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 CREATED ALL THINGS

**Liturgist:** Rev. Aaron Goldstein

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Greg Boehne

**Scripture Reader:** Will Mattingly

## For Reflection

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. — Hebrews 1:1-3

“Jesus Christ is God’s everything for man’s total need.” — Richard Halverson

“If you want to know what God says to you, see what Christ was and is.”  
— Charles Spurgeon

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

The Gospel Coalition: Adam Ramsey

The Christmas season brings a heightened feeling that something wonderful is coming. Can you sense it?

Like a faint sound in the distance drawing nearer. Like the waiting at the airport to be reunited with loved ones as they emerge from the terminal. Like the moment right before the sun peeks out from below the horizon. Like a promise about to come true. Something wonderful is coming.

Frederick Buechner writes:

"For a second you catch a whiff in the air of some fragrance that reminds you of a place you've never been and a time you have no words for. You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."

Advent, it means something wonderful is coming.



## Song of Preparation

*All I Have*

Rebecca Elliot and Bobby Gilles

Creator giver of all things, all I have is yours  
Accept my humble offering, all I have is yours  
When I was chained to greed and pride  
Tight-fisted destined just to die  
You paid my debt and bought my life, all I have is yours

All I have, all I have. All I have is yours

### **\*Call to Worship—Psalm 72 (selected)**

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your  
righteousness to the royal son!

**People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and  
your poor with justice!**

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the need and crush  
the oppressor!

**People: May they fear you while the sun endures, and as  
long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

Leader: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like  
showers that water the earth!

**People: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone  
does wondrous things.**

**All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole  
earth be filled with his glory!**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

### *Joy Has Dawned (with Angels We Have Heard on High)*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/Trinity Hymnal #215

$\text{♩} = 120$  VERSE

$E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $Cm$   $Fm^7$   $E\flat/B\flat$   $B\flat$



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom-ised from cre - a - tion:  
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;  
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;  
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,

5  $E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $Cm$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.  
As the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.  
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y Cham - pi - on!

9  $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $E\flat/G$   $Fm^7$   $B\flat$   $Cm$   $Fm^7$   $E\flat/B\flat$   $B\flat$



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
Hands that set each star in \_\_\_ place, shaped the earth in dark - ness.  
Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is with \_\_\_ us;  
What a Sav - ior, what a \_\_\_ Friend, what a glo - rious mys - ter - y:

13  $E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $Cm^7$   $Fm^7$



but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of  
Cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and  
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll  
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of

16  $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$



Mar - y.  
help - less.  
win \_\_\_ us.  
his - to - ry.

(The lighting of the Advent candle)

## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

*"The bible is a window in this world through which we may look into eternity." Timothy Dwight*

### Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 11:1-10

*A branch of righteousness shall come forth*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of  
him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

**People: Amen!**

## WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

### **Call to Confession—Romans 15:1-3**

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

## WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 5:19-21**

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His abounding grace!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# Song of Rejoicing

# He Has Come to Reign

Sherdonna Denholm

D G

1. For the Lord our God He is - strong to save, from the  
 2. In the dark - est night, on the - low - est hill, though I  
 3. When tri - als come and weigh you down, you can  
 4. The true and liv - ing God we serve; His

D D/F# A

depths of sin, from the - deep - est grave. Ev - er  
 feel Him not, He is - faith - ful still. He is  
 catch a glimpse, you can - hear the sound of the  
 truth will stand, the on - ly Word. He has

D G

faith - ful - is His a - bound - ing Word: "Fear  
 com - ing in all His right - eous - ness; I will  
 an - gels sing - ing heav - en's song, say - ing  
 come to reign, God's on - ly Son, Je - sus

D A D

not my child, I've o - ver - come the world.  
 wait for Him - in this - lone - li - ness. [Chorus]  
 "Child, hold on, it won't be long." [Chorus]  
 Christ, our King, He has o - ver - come. [Chorus]

**Chorus:** G D A Bm

He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; we will - doubt and fear no more.  
 He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; all we - lost He will re - store.

"There is no greater joy than the joy of knowing that Christ has forgiven me." — Anon.

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Song of Response**

*This is My Father's World*  
Trinity Hymnal #111 (vs. 1)

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.)

### **Sermon**

"Christ the Creator"

John 1:1-3

Rev. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, and Keith Getty

## VERSE 1, 2 & 3

4 D G D

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el;
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el,
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el.

3rd time to Coda ◊

7 A G A D G D

this, the Christ, who was long fore - told.  
King who came with no crown or throne.  
Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart.

Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,  
Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.  
Lift up your heads for your King has come.

## CHORUS 1 & 2

11 A G D A G D

prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.  
Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son.

God, Most High, in a man - ger laid.  
O, what wis - dom to save us all.

15 A G D G D G D

Lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim,  
Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall.

"Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us."  
Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.

## TURNAROUND 1

19 G Bm A D

Join now with the hosts of heav - en.  
Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.

22 D/G Bm<sup>7</sup> A G

25  $\oplus$  Coda  
A G D

Sing, for the Light o - ver - whelms the dark.

29 **CHORUS 3**  
A G D A G D

Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

33 G D G D G Bm 1.  
A D

God has made a way. He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Je - sus.

37 2. **TURNAROUND 2**  
A D

Je - sus.

41 **BRIDGE**  
D G<sup>2</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

45 D A<sup>(4)</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

49 Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

53 D A<sup>(4)</sup>

Glo - ri - a. —

**\*Benediction**



## Adult Sunday School

### **Congregational Meeting**

The adults and youth will meet in the sanctuary today for our annual meeting of the congregation/corporation. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2019. This will be the last Sunday school for 2019.

## Children/Youth Sunday School

### **Classes**

**Pre K & K**

**1st-5th grade**

### **Teachers**

Meets in your normal classroom today.

Meets in the 1st/2nd grade room today.

**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

- **Congregational Meeting today.** The adults and youth will meet in the sanctuary. The Pr K/K will go to their normal classrooms. The 1st -5th grade will meet in the 1nd/2nd grade classroom.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Oehlerking, Shelton, Van Duren, Goldstein, Standerfer. Ushers: S. Mitchell, Younger, Thomason, Standerfer.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday** at 6:30am. The men are studying the Book of Revelation.
- **No Women's Bible Study** this week.
- **Nursery workers are needed** for our two **Christmas Eve services**. 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 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.
- Our annual **Christmas Concert** will take place on Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm, "From Darkness to Light." **Artists**, if you would like to submit a piece to be displayed at the concert, we are looking for pieces that will fit one of the four categories of the gospel story that will be highlighted during the concert. The categories are: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation. **Deadline for artwork is Dec. 11th.**
- 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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