

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

December 3rd, 2017 • 10:45 am

Trinity Fellowship Church exists to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.

◀ **PARAMENTS** ▶

Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history.

These colored hangings, called paraments, are seen on the pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font.

Purple represents hope, expectation, confidence, and anticipation. It is displayed during Advent.

Greeters and Ushers	Date	Nursery Volunteer
Howard Gorter <i>and</i> Lucas Gorter	12/03	Joy Denley
John Hensley <i>and</i> Gabe Hensley	12/10	Aaliyah Sartain <i>and</i> Kylie Sartain
Boyd Irby <i>and</i> Christopher Irby	12/17	Rae Belle Sartain
David Lukas <i>and</i> Ben Lukas	12/24	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

Celebration of Worship

The Greeting and Announcements

Announcements can be found on page 14.

The Prelude

*During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation
for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.
(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

The Lighting of the Prophecy Candle

*We light this candle in remembrance of the prophets
of the Old Testament who foretold the coming of the Messiah.*

† The Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:1-2

Leader: *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.*

† The Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
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1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to a
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born to a

6
 set child, Thy and yet a free; From our fears and in
 11
 King, Born to reign in

16
 sins us re - lease us; Let us find our rest in
 us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom

21
 Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

25
 Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

29
 Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,

Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

† The Prayer of Invocation

The Call to Confession

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: *Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."*

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison: O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 35:1-2

Leader: *The wilderness and the dry land will be glad; the desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose. It will blossom abundantly and will also rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.*

† The Hymn of Assurance

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
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1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have
3. This Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills

5



hath sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As
in mind; With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The
the air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The

9



men of old have sung. It came, a flow - er bright,
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right
dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God,

13



A - mid the cold of win - ter When half - gone was the night.
She bore to men a Sav - ior When half - gone was the night.
From sin and death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

† The Affirmation of Faith

The Word Made Flesh

Leader: *O Christian, what do you confess?*

Unison: We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*God calls us to be a praying people.
Let us join in prayer, offering our praise,
thanksgiving, and intercession to God.*

The Offertory

*Our offering is an act of worship in which we express our gratitude and reliance on God.
For those of you who are guests with us today, giving is not obligatory.
We are eager to share with you more about our church and its ministry
and to invite you to participate with us as you are called by God.
If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

✠ The Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

6 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

12 host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

✠ The Prayer of Dedication

*This prayer acknowledges that God is the giver of all good gifts
and that money itself cannot accomplish good in the world without God's blessing*

Isaiah 9:6 ESV Pew Bible, page 573
Isaiah 11:1-10 ESV Pew Bible, page 575
Luke 1:26-38 ESV Pew Bible, page 855

The Sermon

“Journey to Bethlehem: Prophecy”

Rev. Brad DeVries

Discussion and Application

1. It could be argued that this is the goal of all prophecy, but what was the main purpose of the prophetic word to Ahaz through the prophet Isaiah?
2. What language do you find in Luke 1 that links the child Mary would carry to the words of the prophet in Isaiah 11?
3. God provides assurance to his people in dark times. What assurance and hope does the fulfillment of prophecy hold out to us?
4. In what ways have we lost the awe and amazement of the incarnation? How is this recovered in the church and in our homes?

† The Hymn of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry,
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en
 4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph;

4
 And with fear old and trem earth - bling stand;
 As on of van - guard on He stood;
 Cher - u - bim, with sleep - less way, eye,

7
 Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 As the Light of fac - es light to de - scend - eth
 Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

10
 For with bless - ing in His hand,
 In the bod - y and the less blood,
 From the realms of cry,
 As with cease - less voice they cry,

13
 Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 He will give to all the faith - ful
 That the pow'rs of hell may van - ish
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

17
 Our full hom - age to de - mand.
 His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 As the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lord Most High.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We welcome all baptized Christians who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

We serve gluten-free bread and your choice of
grape juice (colored cups, outer ring) or wine (clear cups, inner rings).

As the communion elements are distributed, please wait until all are served so that we may partake together.

† The Hymn of Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Em - man u - el,
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer
 3. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, and se, free
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

3
 And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Our spir - its by Thine ad - vent here;
 Thine own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny;
 All peo - ples in one heart and mind.

6
 That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Dis - perse in the gloom - y clouds of night,
 From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save,
 Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease;

9
 Un - til death's dark Son of God ap - pear.
 And death's dark Son of God ap - pear.
 And give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

12
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

16
 Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

✠ The Benediction

✠ The Gloria Patri

First system of the Gloria Patri. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bass line (bass clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The lyrics are: Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Second system of the Gloria Patri. The music continues in G major and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bass line (bass clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The lyrics are: Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

Third system of the Gloria Patri. The music continues in G major and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The bass line (bass clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The lyrics are: now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The Postlude

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Please help us love our community by recycling your unneeded bulletins as you leave.

A recycling bin is located by the door in the foyer.

Announcements

Christmas Giving Tree ▶ In this season of expectation and celebration of the great gift God has given to us in his Son, we have opportunity to give special gifts and needed items to families and children in our community. This year we would like to support the *Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center* through our annual giving tree. A helpful list of items can be found by the tree in the entry way. Unwrapped items can be purchased or donated and placed in the box by the tree. If you have any questions, or would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please talk to Rae Belle Sartain.

December Newsletter ▶ The December Newsletter is now available. Hardcopies of the newsletter can be found in the narthex.

Christmas Party ▶ The annual church Christmas Party begins tonight at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Meeting ▶ There will be an informal Congregational Meeting next Sunday, December 10th, immediately following the worship service. During the meeting, the Session will give an end-of-the-year update and present the budget for 2018.

Women's Christmas Event ▶ The ladies of TFC are invited to a special Christmas Event on Wednesday, December 13th, beginning at 6:30 pm. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Parents' Day Out ▶ A special Parents' Day Out will be held on Saturday, December 16th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please sign up using the sheet located in the narthex.

Christmas Program ▶ The annual Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 17th, during the Sunday School hour. Rehearsals continue Sunday, December 10th, at 9:30 am. All children's Sunday School classes will meet in the sanctuary. The final rehearsal will be held during the Parents' Day Out on December 16th.

Nursery Volunteers ▶ We are in need of volunteers to serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings in 2018. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

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