

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th, 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.

◀ PARAMETERS ▶

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
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>
Nick Sartain <i>and</i> Aiden Sartain	12/31	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

Celebration of Worship

The Greeting and Announcements

Announcements can be found on page 13.

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 Bethlehem Candle

*This candle reminds us of how Christ came in humility—
to an ordinary place, in an ordinary stable of animals, among an ordinary people.
This is a time to remember how Christ fully identifies with humanity in the incarnation.*

✠ The Call to Worship

Micah 5:2-5

Leader: *But you, O Bethlehem, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.*

✠ Please stand, as able

† The Advent Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

4
 O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 O sing all ye cit - i - zens to heav'n a - bove;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

9
 Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

12
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

16
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord.

† The Prayer of Invocation

The Call to Confession

1 John 4:9-11

Leader: *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison: Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 85:9-13

Leader: *Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.*

† The Advent Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice Public Domain



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!

5



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day!
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

9



Man and beast be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is blest for - ev - er more.
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

13



Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

† 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 Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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*

[1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



[2] But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

The Sermon

“Journey to Bethlehem: Place”

Rev. Brad DeVries

Discussion and Application

1. What place do you call home? Why? In what ways has the place of your birth or where you have been raised shaped your worldview and practices?
2. Why is every place important to God? If we value what God values, what does that tell us about our responsibilities in this place?
3. Can you describe the tension that Christians *should feel* in any specific place? Do you have an appreciation and purpose for the places God has you (home, work, school, etc.)? If not, consider how this may reflect on your view of God and of yourself.

† The Advent Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love,
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - las - ting Light;
 O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his co - ming, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prai - ses sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

✠ The Benediction

✠ The Gloria Patri

First system of the musical score for 'The Gloria Patri'. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody in the treble staff 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 staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the' are written below the treble staff.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Second system of the musical score, starting at measure 5. The treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is' are written below the treble staff.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

Third system of the musical score, starting at measure 9. The treble staff concludes the phrase with a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The lyrics 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff.

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 by supporting the Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center through our annual giving tree. A few suggested items include diapers, baby bottles, baby wipes, and baby clothes. A complete list of items can be found by the tree in the narthex. 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.

Congregational Meeting ▶ There will be a Congregational Meeting today 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 this Wednesday, December 13th, beginning at 6:30 pm at the church.

Parents' Day Out ▶ A special Parents' Day Out will be held this 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 next Sunday, December 17th, during the Sunday School hour. All Sunday School classes will meet in the sanctuary. The final rehearsal will be held during the Parents' Day Out this Saturday, December 16th.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ▶ Our annual Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, December 24th beginning at 5:00 pm.

Newsletter Deadline ▶ The deadline to submit articles for the January Newsletter is Sunday, December 24th.

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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