

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 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
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 Shepherds' Candle

*This candle reminds us of the joy the shepherds
received at hearing the news of Christ's birth,
and the joy that God brings into our lives.*

✠ The Call to Worship

Luke 2:10-11

Leader: *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

† The Advent Hymn

Joy to the World!

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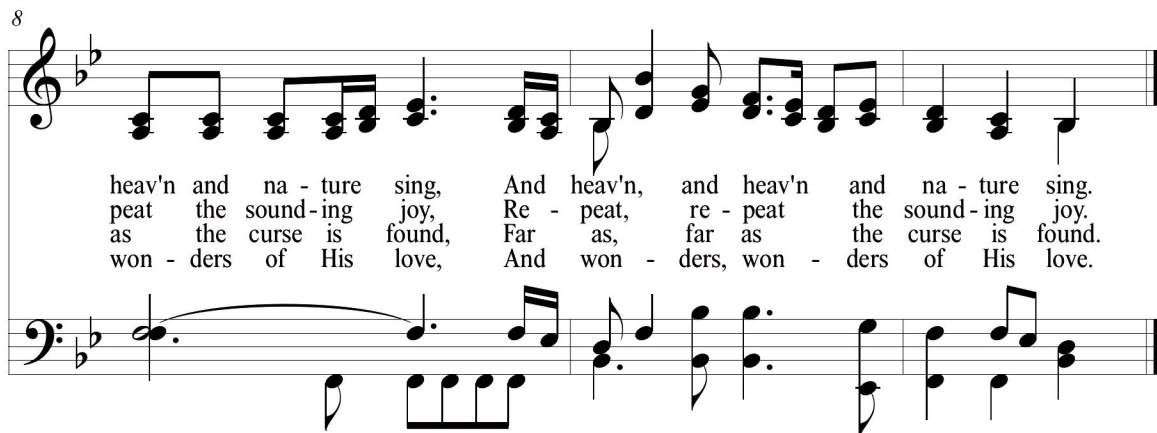
1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King; Let
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy; While
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground; He
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions prove The

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ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
 comes to make His bless - ings flow Far as the curse is found, Far
 glo - ries of His right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His love, And

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heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

† The Prayer of Invocation

The Call to Confession

Romans 13:12

Leader: *The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison: God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace and live grateful lives in return. Amen.

The Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:19–20

Leader: *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

† The Advent Hymn

Joy Has Dawned
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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 A - dam, Son of heav'n, Giv - en as a ran - som;



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 - pion!



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 my - st'ry!



But a hum - ble gift of love - Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
Cling now to a moth - er's breast, Vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
Myrrh - His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - t'ry.

† 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 Partnership in God's Mission

Bradford Green
Reformed University Fellowship at Hendrix College
Conway, AR

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

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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*

✠ **The Reading of Scripture**

Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 1:18-2:12

English Standard Version

Luke 2:8-20 ESV Pew Bible, page 857

Matthew 1:18-2:12 ESV Pew Bible, page 807

The Sermon

“Journey to Bethlehem: People”

Rev. Brad DeVries

Discussion and Application

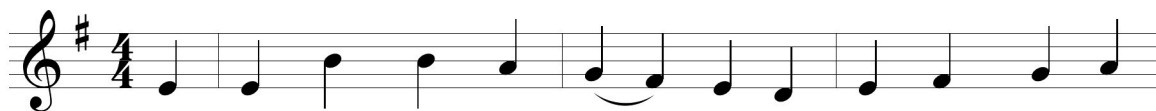
Consider the people(s) that were mentioned in the sermon. How does God show his love and care for each of these people(s)? What can we learn from their actions and God's intended role for them?

1. Mary
2. Joseph
3. Shepherds
4. Wise Men
5. Herod

† The Advent Hymn

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

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1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis -
 2. From God, our Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, A bless - ed an - gel
 3. The shep - herds at these ti - dings Re - joic - ed much in
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this



may. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas
 came, And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the
 mind, And left their flocks a feed - ing In tem - pest, storm and
 place, And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em -



Day: To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a -
 same: How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by
 wind, And went to time of Christ straight - way, The Bless - ed Babe to
 brace; This ho - ly doth de -



stray: O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and
 name: O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and
 find: O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and
 face. O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.
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✠ 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 half note A, and a quarter note B. 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 staves.

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 half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is' are written below the staves.

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 half note F, a quarter note G, and a half note A. The bass staff concludes with a half note C and a half note D. The lyrics 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.' are written below the staves.

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.

Men's Breakfast ▶ The men of TFC are invited to a breakfast this Thursday, December 21st, beginning at 6:00 am at the Plate home.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ▶ Our annual Candlelight Service will be held next 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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