

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 • 10:45 A.M.**

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*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.*

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## VOLUNTEERS

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### **Greeters and Ushers**

### **Nursery**

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Boyd Irby <i>and</i> Christopher Irby	12/02	Joy Denley
David Lukas <i>and</i> Ben Lukas	12/09	Katherine Schmidt
Micah Schmidt <i>and</i> Andrew Schmidt	12/16	Darby Schmidt
Glenn VanEnk <i>and</i> AJ VanEnk	12/23	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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## PARAMENTS

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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,  
adorn the pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font.

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

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# CELEBRATION *of* WORSHIP

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## The Greeting and Announcements

## 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 Advent Candle

### ✝ The Advent Reading

**Isaiah 9:2–7**

Leader: *The first Sunday readings remind us of the promise of the Savior in the writings of the Old Testament prophets:*

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.*

*And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

### ✝ The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Nº 218

### ✝ The Prayer of Invocation

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✝ *Please stand, as able*

## **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 Individual Prayers of Confession**

### **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 Advent Hymn**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Hymns of Grace

Nº 220

### **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 Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Hymns of Grace

## **Doxology**

Nº 440

## **✠ The Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Reading of Scripture**

ESV Pew Bible

## **Numbers 22–23**

PP. 130–132

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Brad DeVries

## **“Hope”**

## **✠ The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

## **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Nº 215

## 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 receive holy communion with us. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on the prayer below.*

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

### ✠ The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Nº 216

### ✠ The Benediction

### ✠ The Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Benediction (v. 1)

Nº 438

## 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 narthex.*

**A Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

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## NOTES

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## DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

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- ❖ Are there any spiritual counterfeits that you can identify in your life right now? In what ways do you grasp for control in the face of the uncertain and unexpected?
- ❖ How have you seen the Lord's faithfulness and provision in your life? Did you see and experience this in ways that you were expecting? What comfort do you take in knowing that God will see his plan for you and for his church through to the end?
- ❖ Who is the star of Jacob and what does this mean for Israel on the plains of Moab? What does this mean for God's people today? Is our hope for the future just wishful thinking? How would you describe a hope that is unshakable?

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