

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9th, 2018 • 10:45 A.M.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters and Ushers

Nursery

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
Josh Childress <i>and</i> Leo Jones	12/30	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

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

CELEBRATION *of* WORSHIP

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 Candles

† The Advent Reading

Micah 3:2–5

Leader: *But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for Me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are
from of old, from ancient times.*

*Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives
birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.*

*He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty
of the name of the Lord His God.*

And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach the ends of the earth.

Unison: And He will be their peace.

† The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Nº 231

† The Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

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 Prayer of Confession

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 Individual Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 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

Hymns of Grace

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Nº 226

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 Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Hymns of Grace

Doxology

Nº 440

† **The Prayer of Dedication**

The Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

Psalm 22:1–10

P. 457

The Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“Love”

† **The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Nº 242

† **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.*

NOTES

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

- ❖ Why are the Psalms so important? How should the Psalms be used both privately and in corporate worship?
- ❖ How can feelings of guilt, confusion, despair, or helplessness change the way we think about ourselves? About God? What does a Psalm like this do with those emotions?
- ❖ Where does the Psalmist turn in his despair? What does he appeal to? Where is our appeal at such times? _____ is what brings Jesus to the manger and sees him lifted on the cross.

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