

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 16<sup>th</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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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
Ed Sartain <i>and</i> Phillip Troutte	01/06	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 Candles

### † The Advent Reading

**Luke 2:17–20**

Leader: *The third Sunday readings remind us of the shepherds, the first witnesses to Jesus. They also model for us how we should respond to Christ. The shepherds both told others about Christ and offered praise and thanksgiving to God for Christ. So should we.*

*When they had seen Him, they spread word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*

*But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

### † The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Nº 238

### † The Prayer of Invocation

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† Please stand, as able

## **The Call to Confession**

**Ephesians 2:13–14**

Leader: *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.*

## **The Corporate Prayer of Confession**

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 Individual Prayers of Confession**

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

**Luke 2:8–14**

Leader: *In the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "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. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

### **† The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

### **The First Noel**

Nº 223

## † 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.

## Our Worship in the World for the World

*Salvation and life in union with Christ frees us to worship and work  
for the glory of God and the fulfillment of our created purpose.  
In obedience to His commission, we support the work of the church in all places  
and faithfully serve in the many vocations to which we have been called.*

## 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

**Jeremiah 6:13–16 (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14)**

P. 634 (573; 857)

**The Sermon**

Rev. Brad DeVries

**“Peace”**

† **The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

Nº 249

† **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.*

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## NOTES

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## DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

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- ❖ What does peace really mean to you? Where do you look for peace? Is there anything you equate with peace that may be elevated to a place only Christ can occupy in your life?
- ❖ When we consider true peace as the *shalom* of God, what are we talking about? How did this shalom characterize the ministry of Jesus?
- ❖ In what ways might the gospel challenge temporary tranquility and peace? Are you willing to live in such a way and speak with such grace and truth that it could result in disturbing this temporary and counterfeit peace for that which endures in Jesus?

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