

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 23<sup>rd</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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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
Kevin Breedlove <i>and</i> John Thomas Breedlove	01/13	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

### Revelation 7:9–12

Leader: *The fourth Sunday readings remind us of the angels. Angels proclaimed the first coming of Christ to the shepherds on the hillside. One day they will proclaim His second coming. At that time, the whole universe will hear it.*

*After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:*

Unison: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Leader: *All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:*

Unison: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

### † The Advent Hymn

### Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymns of Grace

Nº 222

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† Please stand, as able

## † The Prayer of Invocation

### The Call to Confession

**John 15:9–11**

Leader: *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

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 Individual Prayers of Confession

#### The Assurance of Pardon

**Romans 5:8–11**

Leader: *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

## † The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

**Joy Has Dawned**

Nº 237

## † 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

**Luke 2:22–38**

PP. 857–858

**The Sermon**

Rev. Brad DeVries

**“Joy”**

† **The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Joy to the World!**

Nº 224

† **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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- ❖ **J** \_\_\_\_\_. What brings you the greatest joy in this season? Are you waiting on someone or something in particular to satisfy your joy? Can you really say that Jesus is the source of your joy? Why or why not?
- ❖ **O** \_\_\_\_\_. What is a necessary consequence of our joy in Jesus? Why is the joy of Christ's coming ignored or suppressed by the unbeliever?
- ❖ **Y** \_\_\_\_\_. What can we learn from the patience of Simeon and Anna? How often do you consider that God the Father rejoices over you?

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