

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2019 • 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

Boyd Irby <i>and</i> Christopher Irby	12/01	Joy Denley
David Lukas <i>and</i> Ben Lukas	12/08	Volunteer Needed
Micah Schmidt <i>and</i> Andrew Schmidt	12/15	Volunteer Needed
Glenn VanEnk <i>and</i> Lane VanEnk	12/22	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 hope, expectation, 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 Candle

† The Advent Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

Readers: *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 shall be upon 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

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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† The Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

The Call to Confession

Isaiah 59:20

Leader: *“A Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.*

The Individual Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:20–23

Leader: *An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).*

† The Advent Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymns of Grace

N^o 218

† 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 1:45–55

p. 856

The Sermon

“Song of Advent: Magnificat”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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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 found on page 6.*

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 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.

A special offering will be collected today to support the Deacons' Benevolence Fund. This fund provides our deacons with the means to show our loving care and support to those in our church family and surrounding community who may be in need of assistance while facing a hardship. A plate is available in the narthex for all gifts of benevolence.

NOTES

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

- ❖ The songs of advent and the nativity do little to move the story forward. What purpose do they serve? What effect does this have on us?
- ❖ If you would like a better idea of how and where God is working, where might you look? What are the dangers of spiritual entitlement? Idols that feed this?
- ❖ How can we see and rejoice in the unfolding plan of God through Mary's song?

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Michelle Hill CRU/FamilyLife; Little Rock
Mike Fennema Spring Hill Presbyterian Church; Spring Hill
Mike and Eli Sabin MTW; Guam
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Tom and Karen Mirabella MTW; Chiba, Japan
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