

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 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

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
Josh Childress <i>and</i> Leo Jones	12/29	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, 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 Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Nº 231

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

† The Advent Reading

Micah 5:2–5

Readers: *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 to the ends of the
earth.*

And He will be their peace.

† Please stand, as able

† The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Once in Royal David's City

Nº 247

† The Prayer of Invocation

The Call to Confession

Psalm 18:2–3

Leader: *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *Celebrate God's Presence*

Unison: Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

The Individual Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18–20

Leader: *Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.*

† The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Nº 242

† 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 1:67–79

pp. 856–857

The Sermon

“Song of Advent: Benedictus”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Nº 220

† **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.*

NOTES

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

- ❖ How are the two birth narratives in Luke 1-3 woven together? What role will each of these sons play in the unfolding story of redemption?
- ❖ God has come for his people, and he has covenanted with his people. How do you see this in Zechariah's Benedictus? What response does this invoke in you? Why can you sing these words?
- ❖ Where the spirit of Christ is present, there is robust worship. Do you believe this? Is this evident in you and in the life of the church?
- ❖ How should we view the role of the prophet and the gift of prophecy today?

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