

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 • 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	12/15	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Glenn VanEnk <i>and</i> Lane VanEnk	12/22	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Josh Childress <i>and</i> Leo Jones	12/29	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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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 hope, expectation, 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 Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Joy to the World!

Nº 224

## The Lighting of the Advent Candles

### † The Advent Reading

**Luke 2:17–20**

Readers: *When they had seen Him, they spread the 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 had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

### † The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### The First Noel

Nº 223

### † The Prayer of Invocation

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† Please stand, as able

## **The Call to Confession**

**John 8:12**

Leader: *Jesus spoke to [the Pharisees], saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

## **The Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Unison: God of grace and truth, Christ, You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess we have not welcomed Your great light, we have failed to be Your agents of peace in the world, and we have been reluctant to praise You for becoming God with us. We have closed our eyes to Your glory, expecting little and hoping for less. In this Advent season, forgive our faithlessness and renew our hope. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, transform us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

## **The Individual Prayers of Confession**

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

**1 John 4:9–10**

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.*

### **† The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

### **Exult in the Savior’s Birth**

*N*º 245

## † 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 2:8–14**

*p. 857*

**The Sermon**

**“Song of Nativity: Gloria in Excelsis Deo”**

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

*Nº 227*

† **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.*

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## NOTES

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## DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

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- ❖ Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “*Only when we have felt the frightfulness of the matter, can we know the incomparable favor.*” Do you agree? How might an appropriate fear be conveyed during this Advent/Christmas season?
- ❖ What is your heart response to this gospel, this good news, pronounced by the angel? To whom is the peace of Christ’s coming extended?
- ❖ What are some of the ways you could show the favor of God and his love to those around you this season?
- ❖ Why is singing such an appropriate response to this news? What precedent do we find for this in the passage? In the Bible as a whole?

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