

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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The Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22nd, 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

Glenn VanEnk <i>and</i> Lane VanEnk	12/22	Volunteer Needed
Josh Childress <i>and</i> Leo Jones	12/29	Volunteer Needed
Ed Sartain <i>and</i> Phillip Troutte	01/05	Volunteer Needed
Ron Plate <i>and</i> Nathanael DeVries	01/12	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 Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Nº 222

† The Lighting of the Advent Candles

† The Advent Reading

Revelation 7:9–12

Readers: *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 with a loud voice:*

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

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

“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

Hymns of Grace

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Nº 238

† Please stand, as able

† The Prayer of Invocation

The Call to Confession

Malachi 4:1–3

Leader: *“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.”*

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Sun of Righteousness, we praise you. We give you thanks for this holy time of preparing for your birth, of renewing our calling as your people. And yet as we get closer and closer to the stable, we acknowledge that we have fallen short of following your way. We have allowed the allure of other gods in this season to draw us in. In this Advent season, help us to turn from our idols and receive your kingdom as a child. Continue your patient work in us, as we long for the day when we will dwell in heaven with you. Amen.

The Individual Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Mark 10:13–16

Leader: *The people were bringing children to [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.*

† The Advent Hymn

Hymns of Grace

Away in a Manger

Nº 232

† 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 2:22–35

pp. 857–858

The Sermon

“Song of Consecration: Nunc Dimittis”
Rev. Brad DeVries

† **The Advent Hymn**

Hymns of Grace

Joy Has Dawned

N^o 237

† **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

- ❖ What confidence do you have that you are walking in accordance with God's will? What have you observed from those who seem to have this confidence?
- ❖ How would you summarize the message of Simeon's song?
- ❖ Why is the coming of Jesus a "sign that is opposed"? What kind of tension or conflict is created with the arrival of this child?
- ❖ How could Simeon face death with such peace? How does this message shape our own preparation for death?

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