

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6th, 2020 • 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.”

– 1 John 4:9

Today we continue our celebration of Advent.
On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas,
we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ.

To help us celebrate, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath.
The candles signify that Jesus is the light of the world.
The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us.
All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.



On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle,
which represents love and reminds us of Bethlehem
and how Christ came in humility—to an ordinary place,
in a stable of animals, among an ordinary people.

This is a time to remember how Christ
fully identifies with humanity in the incarnation.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!

A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
All men will know that you are my disciples
if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)



Prayer: Blessed Lord, who has caused all the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebration of Worship

Greeting and Announcements

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.)*

Lighting of the Advent Candles

† Advent Reading

Matthew 2:1–6

Leader: *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

The Birthday of a King

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† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

John 3:19–21

Leader: *“This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16–18

Leader: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”*

† Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymns of Grace

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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.*

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.*

*Tithes and offerings may be placed in the plates in the narthex,
or you may give online at trinityfellowshipppca.org/give,
or by texting GIVE to 501-456-4896.*

† Doxology

Hymns of Grace

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication

Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

Isaiah 9:2–7

p. 573

Sermon

“Prince of Peace”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1–3)

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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 below.

We serve gluten-free bread and your choice of
grape juice (colored cups, outer ring) or wine (clear cups, inner rings)‡

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

Once in Royal David's City (vv. 1–3)

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† Benediction

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

Once in Royal David's City (v. 4)

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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.

‡ As the elements are distributed, please wait until all are served so that we may partake together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter ▶ The December Newsletter is now available. Hardcopies of the newsletter can be found in the narthex.

Congregational Meeting ▶ There will be a Congregational Meeting today following the worship service.

Christmas Party ▶ Our annual Christmas Party will be next Sunday, December 13th, following the worship service. The Fellowship Team will be providing a catered Tex-Mex meal. All are invited!

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet next Sunday following the Christmas Party.

Candlelight Service ▶ Our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Thursday, December 24th, at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday School Schedule ▶ Sunday School classes will not meet December 27th and January 3rd.

Thank You Card ▶ A card for our custodian, Reggie Robinson, is on the narthex table. We encourage you to write a note of thanks to Reggie, who has worked tirelessly to keep our facilities clean and sanitized this year.



Men's Prayer Group ▶ The Men's Prayer Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 A.M. at the church. Contact Ron Plate for more information.

Men's Zoom Group ▶ The Men's Zoom Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 12:00 P.M. via Zoom. Contact Brad DeVries for more information.

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