

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 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

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

– John 15:11

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 third Sunday of Advent, we light the pink candle,
which represents joy and reminds us of the shepherds,
the first witnesses to Jesus.

The shepherds model for us how we should respond to Christ.

As they both told others about Christ
and offered praise and thanksgiving to God for Christ,
so should we.

Because Christ has come to us,
we can live every day in the joy of the Lord.

Praise to His name!



Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messengers to prepare Your way, grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. 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.)*

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

Joy Has Dawned

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

† Advent Reading

Luke 2:8–12

Leader: *In the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”*

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

The First Noel

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† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Luke 2:13–15

Leader: *Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

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, 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.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 2:16–20

Leader: *They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

Exult in the Savior’s Birth

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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.*

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 trinityfellowshipcca.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 11:1–10

pp. 575–576

Sermon

“The Shoot and Root of Jesse”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

Joy to the World! (vv. 1–3)

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† **Benediction**

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

Joy to the World! (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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Celebration for Valerie Plate ▶ Ron and Sharon Plate cordially invite you to join them in honoring Valerie with a drive-by Graduation Celebration on Saturday, December 19th, from 11:00–11:30 A.M. at their home (1217 Kierre Loop in North Little Rock). Due to COVID, there will be no graduation ceremony. Valerie is graduating with honors from the University of Arkansas Little Rock with a Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resource Management.

Christmas Party ▶ Our annual Christmas Party will be today following the worship service. The Fellowship Team will be providing a catered Tex-Mex meal. All are invited!

Small Groups ▶ Small Groups will meet today 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.

Newsletter Articles ▶ The final day to submit articles for the January Newsletter is Sunday, December 27th. Articles should be submitted via email to Heath.

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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