

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20th, 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

“For he himself is our peace...”

– Ephesians 2:14a

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 fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the fourth candle,
which represents peace and reminds us of the angels.
Angels proclaimed the first coming of Christ to the shepherds on the hillside.
One day they will proclaim His second coming.
At that time, the whole universe will hear it.

Jesus Christ is our peace.
He is the Prince of Peace,
and the fruit of His presence is peace.

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony
to every relationship throughout all creation.
He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation.



Prayer: O Lord, raise up, we pray, Your power, and come among us, and with great might succor us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your bountiful grace and mercy may help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of Your Son our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, 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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

† Advent Reading

Revelation 5:11–14

Leader: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

† Carol

Hymns of Grace

Angels We Have Heard on High

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† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Luke 3:3–8

Leader: *[John the Baptist] went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance.”*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Unison: O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment. We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful. May your angels sing again to us of peace. We acknowledge that we have foolishly let our desires lead us astray. May your star once more set our course firmly in your direction. We have carefully kept our gifts and have not freely given our goods and our hearts to you. May the Magi show us the spirit of giving. Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts and bring renewal in our lives. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8–11

Leader: *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Our Worship in the World for the World

*Salvation and life in union with Christ frees us to worship and work
for the glory of God and the fulfillment of our created purpose.
In obedience to His commission, we support the work of the church in all places
and faithfully serve in the many vocations to which we have been called.*

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 40:1–11

pp. 599–600

Sermon

Rev. Brad DeVries

“The Shepherd”

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (vv. 1–3)

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† **Benediction**

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (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

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.

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you will find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together today.

- ❖ Welcome packets are available in the narthex. We encourage you to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the plate located in the narthex.
- ❖ Large print ESV Bibles are available near the bulletins.
- ❖ A cry room is available for infants and small children. The cry room is located adjacent to the narthex.

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