

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 2021 • 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 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.



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

Announcements can be found on page 7

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

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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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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 for body and soul. 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

Luke 2:13–15; Matthew 24:30–31

Leader: *And 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.”



Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

Angels We Have Heard on High

Nº 227

Welcoming of New Members

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.
If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

† **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

Micah 5:1–5a

pp. 778–779

Sermon

“Righteous Rule Restored”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (vv. 1–2)

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† **Benediction**

† **Carol**

Hymns of Grace

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v. 3)

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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

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

Christmas Party Fellowship Lunch ▶ Our annual Christmas Party will be held today following the Congregational Meeting.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ▶ Our Christmas Eve “Lessons and Carols” Candlelight service will be held Friday, December 24th, at 5:00 P.M.

Church Bookkeeper ▶ The Session is looking for interest in the position of Church Bookkeeper. This is an administrative role that includes church deposits, bills, payroll, and financial reports to the Session. If you would like to exercise your administrative and organizational skills, and believe that this is a way for you to serve your church family, please contact one of the elders.



Women’s Bible Study ▶ The Women’s Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at the church. The morning group meets at 9:30 and the evening group meets at 6:30. Contact Katie DeVries for more information.

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.

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