

Service of Worship

December 22, 2024



Assemble in God's Name

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

setting by Joel Raney

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8 am) Janet, Brooke, Rachel, and Will Roberson

(10 am) Vaughn, Claire Marie, Sara Nell and Thomas Maceina

Call to Worship

One: In Advent, we light candles to symbolize God's light growing in the darkness.

All: We wait with active hope for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

One: The prophet tells us, the Lord will give you a sign,

All: Look, the young woman is with child.

One: She shall bear a son,

All: And name him, Emmanuel "God with us."

Wreath Lighting

During the wreath lighting, sing together

O come, thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and deaths dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer

*Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Chorus: O come, let us adore him; O come let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! Chorus

3. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Chorus

Welcome of the Children (10 a.m.)

*Children in grade school will remain in worship today with their family.
Children's Church is provided for preschoolers.*

A Service of Lessons and Carols

After each lesson the reader will say: "The Word of the Lord,"
To which the people answer: "Thanks be to God!"

Bidding Prayer

*We ask God to guide our hearts and minds as
we prepare for the coming of Jesus*

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Verse 1: Solo

Verses 2-3: Sung by all

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.
2. **He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**
3. **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head*

Advent Alleluia
Keith Christopher
Trinity Chancel Choir

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed
shall the nations of the earth be blessed*

Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come
Sung by all

NUN KOMM, DER
HEIDEN HEILAND

- 1. Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.**
- 2. From God's heart the Savior speeds; back to God his pathway leads; out to vanquish death's command, back to reign at God's right hand.**
- 3. Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.**
- 4. Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word! To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.**

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom foretold by Isaiah

A Great Light
Lloyd Larson
Trinity Chancel Choir

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains
John Carter
Trinity Chancel Choir

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary

Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Sung by all



1. The an - gel Gab - bri - el from heav - en came,
2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be,
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,



His wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
All gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly,
"To me be as it pleas - es God," she said,



"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told."
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Silent Night

Dan Forrest
Trinity Women's Chorus

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds go to the manger

The Huron Carol

Robin John King
Trinity Chancel Choir

Eighth Lesson: Mathew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Sing We Now of Christmas

Lloyd Larson
Trinity Chancel Choir

Ninth Lesson: John 1:6-14

John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation

Sussex Carol

Lloyd Larson
Trinity Chancel Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts
Trinity Chancel Choir

Camille St-Saëns

*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**
- 2. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Postlude

Sinfonia from Solomon

G.F. Handel

Lay readers:
Shannon Finch
Jonathan McCardle

Guest musicians:
Enen Yu, violin I
Silvia Rath, violin II
Jim Lichtenberger, viola
Guo-Sheng Huang, cello
Bob Pritchard, flute

Voice:
Sally Alkema
Abigail Anderson
Ataya Griffin
Jonah Nelson
Jonah Aikens

WORSHIP NOTES

* Those who are able, please stand.

The sanctuary is equipped with a **hearing loop** for those who have a compatible hearing aid. Portable compatible devices are available from an usher.



AEDs are located in the back of the sanctuary (small north room), Trinity Hall (entryway), Office wing (hallway), and CE Bldg (first floor hallway).

Overflow parking is available at Gambino's Restaurant.

If you are visiting us for the first time, we are so glad that you are here! Be sure to pick up a **First-Time Visitor** bag located at each exit.

You are invited to join us after the 10:00 a.m. service for **fellowship and refreshments** in Trinity Hall.

New members are received on the first Sunday of the month.

A **nursery** is available for ages 2 and under, in the CE Building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM

Adults:	"Gospel of John" – Trinity Hall, Rm 201 (Bill Quinn, Toby Gurley) "How Should We Then Live?" – Trinity Hall, Rm 206 (Margaret Davis)
Young Adults:	"Faith Weavers" – CE Bldg, Bay Room (Carrys and Scott Sasser)
Children:	Pre-K – CE Bldg, Rm 103 (Danielle Ready) Grades 1-4 – CE Bldg, Rm 106 (Andrea Lytle, Rebecca Moes)
Youth:	Grades 5-12 – CE Bldg, Rm 204 (Megg Edgar, Lizl Kok, Ginna Inge)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assisting today: Ushers (8am) Rick Kingrea, Mike Vaughn (10am) Bryant MacKellar, Nancy McLeod, Brant Richerson, Fred Schoen; PW Greeter Dottie Hill; Fellowship Hosts Billy Blaylock, Marijo Dennison

There is no potluck lunch today but join us for a **special time of fellowship and refreshments** in Trinity Hall after the 10am service.

Women's Prayer Group: You are invited to an introductory meeting to hear more details and to share your input for this upcoming prayer group. Please join DuAnne Seeley on Monday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. at her home (8528 Lake View Dr., Fairhope). More information will be included in the January Newsletter. Questions? Please Call DuAnne, 251-979-6227.

Year End Giving 2024: This is a reminder that all gifts given or postmarked by December 31st will be reflected on your 2024 giving statement.

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Matt McCollum, Pastor
Bill Quinn, Associate Pastor
Carrys Sasser, Youth Director
Danielle Ready, Children's Director
Alexandra Trosper, Music Director
Joe Rambo, Organist
Jennifer Smith, Finance Administrator
Ana Waller, Administrative Assistant

The Session

Cynthia Nelson, Clerk

Elders Class of 2025

Donna Calhoun
Tommy Henry
Carol Kirby
Virginia McCrory
Brant Richerson
Janie Stone
Jim Young

Elders Class of 2026

Joe Bullard
Dahlia Davis
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Scott Mayes
Nancy McLeod
Laura Osborn
Burton Prewitt

Elders Class of 2027

Julian "Buddy" Brackin
Stephen Davis
Mitch Kidd
Rebecca Moes
Rhoda Passmore
Harry Toothaker
Joanne Vicich

John Ward, Elder Emeritus

Trustees

Ferd Zundel (2025)
Ron Allen (2026)
Linda Glaze (2027)

December 22 - 29

Elder on Call: Rebecca Moes

Today, December 22

8:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols
11:00 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

*The Church Office will be closed
Tuesday & Wednesday for Christmas holidays.*

Next Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

