
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, Wake, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship, seeking light in the darkness.

All: Holy Spirit, come into our waiting.

One: We who have much to do come to seek calm.

All: Providing God, come into our waiting.

One: We who are worried come to seek comfort.

All: Merciful one, come into our waiting.

One: We who have heavy hearts come to seek peace.

All: Prince of Peace, come into our waiting.

One: We who wonder whether we are of any use come to seek purpose.

All: Calling Lord, come into our waiting.

One: Let us worship together, praying

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

+OPENING HYMN

#88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Beaver

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are lost but too ashamed to admit it, tired but too proud to ask for help. We have let contempt into our hearts and cast our neighbors as enemies. We have forgotten your purpose of reconciling the whole world to yourself. We overlook your goodness in others; we even struggle to see how you are working in us. Forgive our pride, our arrogance, our willful ignorance. Forgive us for separating ourselves from you and each other. Open our hearts to the love you are bringing into the world.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear and believe this Good News: our Lord Jesus Christ is coming to the world not to condemn, but to save. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WAITING

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come; Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

(may be found as stanza 1 of Hymn #92)

THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

Ben & Stefanie Curran
Nathan, Rebecca & Margaret

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lucy Strong

(pew Bible, OT p. 694-695)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

(pew Bible, NT p. 56-58)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

*The Family of God:
Elizabeth and Zechariah*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Book of Common Worship*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

& THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and take a cup from the tray. Cups of grape juice are located on the outer edge, and wine is located on the inner section of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available on the Communion table. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

Healey Willan

Rejoice, O Jerusalem

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with him; and in that day light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!

+DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN

#109 Song of Zechariah

MERLE'S TUNE

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Rejoice, Rejoice

Veni Emmanuel

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Look Up, My Soul, to Christ, Thy Joy

Robert Elmore

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily Beaver
Associate Pastor for Family Ministries

Rev. Lucy Strong
Associate Pastor for Mission & Engagement

Harriet & Quincy Wall
Acolytes

MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church
Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and Director of Music and Arts*

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John L. Westney, Jr. by his family.

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) D106

Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling: Morgan DiOrio, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families (678-935-6472), Christi Bartolomucci, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (770-293-1950 ext. 210), Elizabeth Earhart, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults(404-631-7934). Contact a pastor for more information and referral assistance.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are laity, trained and committed to providing fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian caregiving and support to those experiencing difficult times. To make an inquiry for, or about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors or email us at: stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sdc@hpsslaw.com.

Livestream

We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also take videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). With your presence, you grant Trinity Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

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