
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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

In Quiet Joy

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

#347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Tom Farmer

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we prepare again for the birth of Jesus, we confess that we are ill-prepared to receive your grace. We are distracted and flustered, focused on things that do not bear grace. We are enveloped by the weary world; we feel weighed down. We can hardly believe that good news of great joy is coming for us. Forgive us for misplacing our priorities. Forgive our skepticism. Forgive us our failure to trust in your promises. In your great patience, tell us again that light shines in the darkness. Tell us again that a Savior is born. Tell us again that your grace is for us.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear and believe this Good News: the grace of the Lord is offered to us. Now and always.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 JOY CANDLE

Frank Fruest & Adrienne Trainor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

(pew Bible, OT p. 641-642)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Matthew 1:18-25

(pew Bible, NT p. 1)

Luke 2:1-6

(pew Bible, NT p. 58)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

The Family of God:

Joseph

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*) Emily Beaver

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

+AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

TRURO

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and truth in me reveal.

(may be found as stanza 3 of Hymn #93)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

Paul Manz

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from him, who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come; sing Holy. Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light, nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

+DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDT

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN

#105 People, Look East

BESANCON

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Grand Chouer

G. F. Handel

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

Senior Pastor

Rev. Tom Farmer

Parish Associate for Pastoral

Care & Senior Adult Ministries

Rev. Emily Beaver

Associate Pastor for

Family Ministries

Brooks & Zach Diamond

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 by Allison and Hank Hall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allison's parents, Ike and Marilyn Straughn, and Hank's father, Harry Hall.

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 sdcc@hpslaw.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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