



The Family of God

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

4:00, 6:00, 9:00 & 11:00 PM

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

— Luke 2:1-7 —

Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here to share the joy of this holy night.

Our prayer is that you leave inspired to shine the light of Christ's love in the world.

We all participate in worship at Trinity. You are invited to speak or sing in unison with the congregation where type is boldface; a cross is an invitation to stand.

Please let us know you are here by signing the Friendship Register found in your pew.

Children

Children are always welcome in worship; however, if you need childcare, it is available in room D106 in the D Building during the 4:00, 6:00, and 9:00 PM services for children five and younger.

Join Us on Sundays

We hope you will join us on Sunday, December 29 to celebrate the first Sunday of Christmas with one service at 11:00 AM in Dobbs Chapel. We will not have church school or childcare that day, but children are always welcome in worship.

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Informal Worship in The Loft: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Education for all ages: Sundays at 10:00 AM

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary: Sundays at 11:00 AM

Life Together

Get involved in small groups, mission activities, classes, children and youth events beyond Sunday morning. Please contact Rev. Lucy Strong, Associate Pastor, at lstrong@trinityatlanta.org or visit us online at www.trinityatlanta.org.

Worship with Children & Families

4:00 PM | Sanctuary

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PREPARATION *Fantasy on Christmas Carols* Traditional

WELCOME Rev. Emily Beaver

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Lechleiter Family

+PROCESSIONAL CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

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!

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (*Refrain*)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given: Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (*Refrain*)

NATIVITY STORY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

Luke 1:26-35, 38 Davis Owens & Betts Kraft

CAROL *Come, Come Emmanuel* Bailey & Mayo
Primary Choir

Come, come Messiah, come. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel.

We are your children, you are our Savior.
Lovingly guide us, guide us, we pray.
Help us to follow, help us to listen.
Come, Emmanuel.

Come, come Messiah, come. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel.

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:1-5

Evelyn Heberton

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:6-7

Evelyn Heberton

CAROL

Dance And Sing!
Primary Choir

adapt. Nancy Gifford

Sang the rooster on that morn',
"Hey! The Prince of Peace is born.
Lift your head, get out of bed, singin' a song of joy!"

Refrain: Dance and sing, dance and sing praises to the newborn King.
Dance and sing, dance and sing to the holy boy.

Sang the chickadee on that morn',
"Hey! The Prince of Peace is born.
Lift your head, get out of bed, singin' a song of joy!" (*Refrain*)

Each and ev'ry Christmas morn',
Christ the Prince of Peace is born!
Lift your head, get out of bed, singin' a song of joy! (*Refrain*)

THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-12

Emma Frances Hutchison

CAROL

How Will We Know Him?
Junior Choir

Charlotte Algozin

How will we know him when he comes? How will we know Emmanuel?
Will he be a mighty king, a crown upon his head?
Or will he be a tiny child, sleeping beside his mother mild;
Angels and shepherds kneeling at his manger bed?

Where will we find him when he comes? Where will we find Emmanuel?
Will he be in a palace sitting on a throne of gold?
Or will the wise men from afar find him beneath a shining star;
Cattle and sheep around him in a stable cold?

Will he rule with a mighty hand; nations and armies at his command?
Or will this child of humble birth teach us to live in peace on earth?

What can we give him when he comes? What can we give Emmanuel?
How can we ever show him that we want to do our part?
He has no need for earthly things; Silver and gold and jeweled rings.
All he would have us give him is a loving heart.

THE ANGELS

Luke 2:13-20

Owen Ross

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son 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.**

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1-12

Juliette Baker & Betts Kraft

CAROL

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain
Junior Choir

Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news:
Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will love the little children,
He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a child,
Behold, your Lord comes to you.

PRAYER

Samuel Ross

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain)**

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Emma Scott

OFFERTORY

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Junior Choir

arr. Elizabeth Campell

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *(Refrain)*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced in heart and mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethle'm straight away the blessed babe to find. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER

Emma Scott

John 1:1-14

Ella O'Donnell & Barrett Scott

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

(During the final verse of Silent Night, please turn on your candle and lift it when invited to do so.)

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar;
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
"Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Emma Scott & Samuel Ross

Please turn off your battery powered candles before leaving and place in the baskets as you exit.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Joseph is Kind to Mary

Claude Balbastre

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Worship Leaders

Today's young liturgists and worship leaders are members of the 2nd grade class who have been studying Advent and practicing worship leadership skills in Sunday school.

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Lechleiter Family

Acolytes: Hynson Owens & Hank Oliver

2nd Grade Worship Leaders:

Evelyn Heberton	Emma Frances Hutchison
Betts Kraft	Ella O'Donnell
Davis Owens	Julian Ross
Owen Ross	Barrett Scott

5th Grade Worship Leaders:

Juliette Baker
Samuel Ross
Emma Scott

Rev. Emily Beaver, *Associate Pastor for Family Ministries*

Elizabeth Davis, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Musicians

Organist, Primary and Junior Choir Director: Scott Morris

Children's Choir Volunteer: Nelda Greene

Primary Choir

Corinne Belisle	Asa DeMichina
Abby Vance Hutchison	Emma Frances Hutchison
Charles Kalen	William Kalen
Amelia Lechleiter	Elise Maxwell
Julian Ross	Owen Ross
Maggie Slaughter	Andrew Thompson

Junior Choir

Sarah Bain	Maddie Beamer
Ben Boyer	Ryan Boyer
Julia Cleaveland	Gemma DeMichina
Brooks Diamond	Caroline Diamond
Alton Farr	Mary Louise Hutchison
Hodge Kraft	Cole Mathews
Samuel Ross	Mary Strachan
Robert Thompson	Harriet Wall

Worship with Youth & Families

6:00 PM | Sanctuary

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WELCOME (5:45 PM)

Rev. Emily Beaver

PREPARATION

Voluntary in D

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Toccata in D

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

Greensleeves

William Boyce

Giovanni Gabrieli

Claudio Monteverdi

Johannes Brahms

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Justice Family

One: We have walked in wilderness, listening for a voice that would cry out to us.

All: We have heard a voice telling us that there is Good News!

One: We have prepared for One who comes to bring change.

All: We light a candle in deep and abiding hope.

One: We have longed for One who calls us to peace.

All: We light a candle to welcome the Prince of Peace.

One: We yearn to replace weariness with gladness and sorrow with joy.

All: We light a candle for the One who brings glad tidings and goodwill for all.

One: We have waited for the Advent of love.

All: We light a candle to remember the gift of love taking flesh for us this very night, calling us to be the family of God.

One: The prophet's words have come to pass: the Messiah has come!

All: We light the Christ candle, for the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

One: With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord our God together.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

arr. David Willcocks

Soloists: Libby Gray Hall, Anna Speer, Maddie Stancil, and Connor Willingham

(Congregation to remain seated and join the choir for the last verse)

**All: And our eyes, at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

BIDDING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elaine Poindexter

One: In the name of our Lord, let us remember:

All: those who walk in wilderness of all kinds;

One: the cold and the hungry;

All: the abused and exploited;

One: the mournful and lonely;

All: the helpless and vulnerable;

One: the sick and afraid; as well as

All: all who rejoice this day, clinging to God, whose hope for us is made flesh.

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.

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (*Refrain*)

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (*Refrain*)**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Connor Willingham

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Immanuel
Youth Choir

Natalie Sleeth
arr. Jane Marshall

O come, O come, Immanuel, come now to earth and with your people dwell. The world awaits from heav'n a holy sign, O come and show to us the light divine. O come, O come, Immanuel, as age to age the prophets did foretell. Redeemer, come to save us one and all, be born again in Bethl'hem's manger stall. For your coming we prepare, wisdom from on high, gracious spirit, Lord most fair: to us draw nigh. O come, O come, Immanuel, and free your children, Israel, be now our hope, our comfort from above, and bless us all with everlasting love.

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-6

Hal Beardsley

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, for Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

*Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name: *(Refrain)*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace: this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface: *(Refrain)*

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Betsy Avant

CAROL

Rise Up, Shepherd
Youth Choir

Taylor Davis

There is a star on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow! Its light will show where Christ is born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

Refrain: Follow the star to Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow! You'll find a manger behind an inn, rise up, shepherd, and follow!

You need to heed the angel's word, rise up, shepherd, and follow! Forget your flocks, forget your herds, rise up, shepherd and follow! *(Refrain)*

You'll leave your sheep and leave your lambs, rise up, shepherd, and follow! You'll leave your ewes and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd and follow! *(Refrain)*

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Henry Weaver

CAROL

Hodie Christus Natus Est
Youth Choir

Michael Bedford

Refrain: Hodie Christus natus est! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
(Christ is born this day! Glory to God in the Highest!)

The angels sang to the shepherd three, as they knelt on bended knee, "Christ is born this holy morn! Hurry to Bethlehem and see!" The shepherds left the hillside bare, traveled over the meadows fair, 'til in awe the child they saw, lying in the manger there. *(Refrain)*

May we, like those three shepherds poor, come, the Christ child to adore; May we here ev'ry year, worship within the church's door. Then may we, with joyful call, carry the news outside this hall; thus we'll share, ev'rywhere, God's great gift to one and all. *(Refrain)*

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. David Willcocks

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 the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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.”

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Charlotte Moseley

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (*Refrain*)

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Josh Karasick

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Birds
Grace Sommer, cello

arr. Pablo Casals

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Josh Karasick

CAROL

Dona Nobis Pacem
Youth Choir

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Dona nobis pacem.

Give us peace.

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

As lights dim, ushers will come forward to light candles from the Christ candle on the Advent wreath. They will light the candle of the person seated on each aisle and worshipers are invited to pass the light of Christ down each pew until all candles are lit. Please tip your unlit candle toward the lit candle next to you. During the final verse of Silent Night, all are invited to raise their lit candles.

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar;
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
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+CHARGE & BENECTION

Cannon Adams & Henry Edmunds

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CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata from Fifth Symphony
Organ and Brass*

Charles-Marie Widor

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Worship Leaders

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Justice Family

Acolytes: James Sale & Forbes Stancil

Cannon Adams
Betsy Avant
Hal Bearsley
Henry Edmunds
Josh Karasick
Caroline LeMon
Charlotte Moseley
Henry Weaver
Connor Willingham

Rev. Emily Beaver, *Associate Pastor for Family Ministries*

Jean Shults, *Director of Middle School Ministries*

Tanner Short, *Trinity Fellow*

Musicians

Grace Sommer, *cello*
Michael Tiscione, *trumpet*
Mark Maliniak, *trumpet*
Ryan Little, *horn*
Nathan Zgonc, *trombone*

The Youth & Youth Alumni Choir of Trinity Church

Music Director and Conductor: Norman Mackenzie

Noel Baskin	Caroline LeMon	Owen Speer
Lanier Beckham	James LeMon	Maddie Stancil
Zach Diamond	Kinsley Powers	Heidi von Kleydorff
Louie Gump	Max Powers	Quincy Wall
Libby Gray Hall	Ella Bleu Mathews	Zach Wall
Ellen Holladay	Catherine Quillian	Connor Willingham
Julia Holladay	Margaret Quillian	Knox Willingham
Julia Jamieson	Anna Speer	

Service of Lessons and Carols

9:00 PM | Sanctuary

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CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Stancil & Reaves Families

One: We have walked in wilderness, listening for a voice that would cry out to us.

All: We have heard a voice telling us that there is Good News!

One: We have prepared for One who comes to bring change.

All: We light a candle in deep and abiding hope.

One: We have longed for One who calls us to peace.

All: We light a candle to welcome the Prince of Peace.

One: We yearn to replace weariness with gladness and sorrow with joy.

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All: We light a candle to remember the gift of love taking flesh for us this very night, calling us to be the family of God.

One: The prophet's words have come to pass: the Messiah has come!

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PROCESSIONAL CAROL

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+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Emily Beaver

CAROL

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell; the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought; I missed of all but now I see, 'tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil - here I will sit and rest awhile, under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

The fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. David Willcocks

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and brotherhood each other now embrace: this holy tide of Christmas all others doth
deface: (*Refrain*)**

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Lucy Strong

CAROL

O Magnum mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
iacentem in praesepe!
O beata virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia!

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
O blessed virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Rev. Emily Beaver

CAROL

Fanfare for Christmas

Martin Shaw

Gloris in excelsis Deo!

Glory to God in the Highest!

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

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Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *(Refrain)*

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *(Refrain)*

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Rev. Lucy Strong

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Birds
Grace Sommer, cello

arr. Pablo Casals

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Emily Beaver

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and the princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among people,
 To make music from the heart.

—Howard Thurman (1899–1981)

SIXTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

As lights dim, ushers will come forward to light candles from the Christ candle on the Advent wreath. They will light the candle of the person seated on each aisle and worshipers are invited to pass the light of Christ down each pew until all candles are lit. Please tip your unlit candle toward the lit candle next to you. During the final verse of Silent Night, all are invited to raise their lit candles.

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
 round yon virgin mother and child!
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar;
 heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
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 radiant beams from thy holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 with the angels let us sing
 "Alleluia to our King:
 Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

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CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Fifth Symphony
 Organ and Brass

Charles-Marie Widor

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Worship Leaders

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Stancil & Reaves Families

Banner Bearers: Scott Calhoun & Steven Darst

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Rev. Emily Beaver, *Associate Pastor for Family Ministries*

Musicians

Grace Sommer, *cello*

Michael Tiscione, *trumpet*

Mark Maliniak, *trumpet*

Ryan Little, *horn*

Nathan Zgonc, *trombone*

Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Music Director and Conductor: Norman Mackenzie

Assistant Organist: Scott Morris

Soprano

D'Ann Blalock

Martha Craft

Betsy Daugherty

Lindsay Doyle

Patti Heinz

Amanda Hoffman

Katie Jennison

Jean Murphey

Christine Quillian

Nell Robinson

Miranda Segrest

Patty Smitherman

Phyllis Sommer

Anne-Marie Spalinger*

Ellie Sullivan

Emily Walls

Anne White*

Alto

Elizabeth Borland

Emily Boyer

Brooke Chaplain

Carol Comstock

Janet Edwards

Judy Graham

Nelda Greene

Hanna Hope

Beverly Hueter

Jan Irvin

Caroline Knight

Ginnie Little

Katherine Murray*

Kathleen Poe Ross*

Cissy Smith

Beth Stow

MJ Thorne

Tenor

David Blalock*

Eric McGilvray

Scott Morris

Jonathan Pilkington*

Doug Powell

Steven Ruth

Scott Tinnon

Allen Upchurch

Bass

Bill Borland*

Scott Calhoun

Butch Cooper

Joel Craft

Steven Darst

Bill Hankins

Chris Halwig

Thomas Hoolihan

Dana Kling

John Ruff

Carlton Segrest

Tom Stow

*section leader

Service of Communion

11:00 PM | Dobbs Chapel

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the worship service.

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo
(Two settings)

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Quillian Family

One: We have walked in wilderness, listening for a voice that would cry out to us.

All: We have heard a voice telling us that there is Good News!

One: We have prepared for One who comes to bring change.

All: We light a candle in deep and abiding hope.

One: We have longed for One who calls us to peace.

All: We light a candle to welcome the Prince of Peace.

One: We yearn to replace weariness with gladness and sorrow with joy.

All: We light a candle for the One who brings glad tidings and goodwill for all.

One: We have waited for the Advent of love.

All: We light a candle to remember the gift of love taking flesh for us this very night, calling us to be the family of God.

One: The prophet's words have come to pass: the Messiah has come!

All: We light the Christ candle, for the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

One: With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord our God together.

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *(Refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given: Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Lucy Strong

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God with us, come to earth, we gather to celebrate your incarnate love. You have arrived to change the world and all creation rejoices. The desert blooms and rivers flow through the wilderness. Yet, we still fall short of your command to love one another as you love us. Your light shines into every part of our darkness, but we often feel afraid. On this miraculous night, forgive us a past that we cannot change and prepare us for your future, in which we are changed. Amen.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our Lord tells us that we do not have to be afraid. Hear the good news of great joy for all people: a Savior has been born this night for us. We are forgiven!

All: **Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Emily Beaver

ANTHEM

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

arr. Robert MacGimsey

Sweet little Jesus Boy, they made you be born in a manger. Sweet little Holy Child, didn't know who you was. Didn't know you come to save us, Lord; to take our sins away. Our eyes was blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who You was. Long time ago, you was born. Born in a manger low, Sweet little Jesus Boy. The world treat You mean, Lord; treat me mean, too. But that's how things is down here, we didn't know t'was you. You done showed us how, we is trying. Master, you done showed us how, even when you's dying. Just seem like we can't do right, look how we treated You. But please, sir, forgive us Lord, we didn't know 'twas You.

SECOND READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

In The Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

**In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.
Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.**

THIRD READING

Luke 2:1-7

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZŁOBIE ŁEZY

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

FOURTH READING

Luke 2:8-20

+HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

HOMILY

The Heavenly Host

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Anne-Marie Spalinger, soprano

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows, upon a winter night was born the child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced. And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth he came, that we with him might dwell.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The congregation will come forward to receive communion. Gluten-free bread is available on the communion table.

ANTHEM

O Holy Night

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

FIFTH READING

John 1:1-14

+CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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Jonathan Pilkington, *tenor*

Upcoming Events at Trinity

Please visit www.trinityatlanta.org/events/ to see what is going on at Trinity in 2025

January 2025

Discover Trinity

January 12 | 12:30 pm | Old Fellowship Hall

If you have been visiting Trinity and want to learn more, gather for lunch following worship to meet clergy and staff. This session will highlight how to connect in this community, answer your questions, and open doors for your involvement. For questions, please contact Lucy Strong at lstrong@trinityatlanta.org.

MLK March

January 20 | 1:45 pm

Join us as we walk alongside our neighbors in Atlanta as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. March. This is an opportunity to remember and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. We will meet at the corner of Peachtree and Andrew Young. After the march, we may join the Martin Luther King Jr. Rally at Auburn Avenue. For questions, please contact Lucy Strong at lstrong@trinityatlanta.org.

Record Restriction Day

January 25 | 8 am - 4 pm | Trinity Presbyterian Church

Trinity is partnering with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office and the Georgia Justice Project to hold a Record Restriction Summit on January 25. Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters and help with the Job & Resource Fair. Want to volunteer? If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lucy Strong at lstrong@trinityatlanta.org.

February 2025

Children's Sunday

February 2 | 9 & 11 am Worship Services | Sanctuary

Our children in Pre-K through 5th grade will lead worship, offering music, prayers, scripture readings, and sermons by the 5th graders. This service provides a meaningful opportunity to honor our baptismal vows and support our children's faith journey. For questions, please contact Elizabeth Davis at edavis@trinityatlanta.org.

Youth Winter Trip

February 14 - 17 | Charleston, SC

Middle and high school students are invited to a beach retreat in Charleston, SC! This weekend trip includes staying at the Sea Island Camp and Conference Center, serving the Charleston community, and growing together in faith. For more information or to sign up, contact Emily Beaver at ebeaver@trinityatlanta.org.

Cuba Mission Trip

February 18 - 24

Trinity will be traveling to Cuba to visit our Mission partners at La Playa Presbyterian Church and the Seminary in February. If you are interested in joining and want more information, please contact Lucy Strong at lstrong@trinityatlanta.org.

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

One worship service at 11:00 am | Dobbs Chapel

Come worship with us!

We will not have church school or childcare that day,
but children are welcome in worship as always.

Worship Services

January 5, 2025

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am | The Loft

Sunday mornings at 11:00 am | Sanctuary

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