

Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty.

Isaiah 33:17



Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

O Come All Ye Faithful

V.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.

V.2 God of God, Light of Light; Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God begotten, not created;

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

V.4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

Welcome

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 3

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell thy people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Call to Worship:

God himself gathers and calls worshipers worldwide not to go to church, but to be the Church. The Call to Worship protests the dividing lines of social or economic status, success, power, piety, or lack thereof and proclaims to the world the call to worship the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Call to Worship & Lighting of Advent Candle - Isaiah 35:3-4

Candle Lighters: Hoving Household

Behold! A King will reign in righteousness.

Our eyes will behold the King in his beauty.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart:

"Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the retribution of God. He will come and save you."

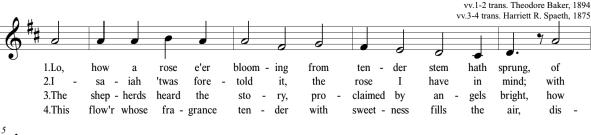
We light this candle as a sign of faith. Though this world is wracked with conflict and violence, our God has sent his Son into the world to conquer our enemies. As we wait for our King, we trust in God's promise that the day is coming when under the reign of Jesus all warfare will cease.

Our King is coming.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Music: German Melody, 15th Cent. arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609 Text: German Hymn, 15th Cent.







Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31,32

Christian, why is Jesus called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be:

Our chief prophet and teacher

who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance.

Our only high priest

who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father.

And our eternal king

who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

But why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Amen.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** More information can be found in our Life at Trinity e-newsletter.

Community Life and Prayer

We pray as our Lord has taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Worship through Giving

Please take a moment to sign our "Friendship Folder" and pass it to those worshiping near you. Thank you.

Children 3 years old through 1st grade will be dismissed for our Children's Church program before the Scripture Reading. If this will be your child's first week in Children's Church, please accompany your child to the room so you can see where we have Children's Church and meet this week's teachers. All parents please pick up your children after the service. Thank you.

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 30:1-26

¹"Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin;
² who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh

- and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

 Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation.
- ⁴ For though his officials are at Zoan and his envoys reach Hanes,
- ⁵ everyone comes to shame through a people that cannot profit them, that brings neither help nor profit, but shame and disgrace."
- $^{\rm 6}$ An oracle on the beasts of the Negeb.

Through a land of trouble and anguish, from where come the lioness and the lion, the adder and the flying fiery serpent, they carry their riches on the backs of donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people that cannot profit them.

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<sup>7</sup> Egypt's help is worthless and empty:
  therefore I have called her
  "Rahab who sits still."
8 And now, go, write it before them on a tablet
  and inscribe it in a book.
that it may be for the time to come
  as a witness forever.
<sup>9</sup> For they are a rebellious people,
  lving children.
children unwilling to hear
  the instruction of the LORD:
10 who say to the seers, "Do not see,"
  and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things.
  prophesy illusions,
<sup>11</sup> leave the way, turn aside from the path.
  let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."
<sup>12</sup> Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
"Because you despise this word
  and trust in oppression and perverseness
  and rely on them,
<sup>13</sup> therefore this iniquity shall be to you
  like a breach in a high wall, bulging out and about to collapse,
  whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant:
<sup>14</sup> and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel
  that is smashed so ruthlessly
that among its fragments not a shard is found
  with which to take fire from the hearth.
  or to dip up water out of the cistern."
<sup>15</sup> For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel.
"In returning and rest you shall be saved;
  in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
But you were unwilling. 16 and you said.
"No! We will flee upon horses";
  therefore you shall flee away:
and, "We will ride upon swift steeds";
  therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
<sup>17</sup> A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
  at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left
  like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
  like a signal on a hill.
<sup>18</sup> Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,
  and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice:
  blessed are all those who wait for him.
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¹⁹ For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. ²⁰ And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left. ²² Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"

²³ And he will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your livestock will graze in large pastures, ²⁴ and the oxen and the donkeys that work the ground will eat seasoned fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork. ²⁵ And on every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. ²⁶ Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the LORD binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Geoff Ziegler

Sermon - "The Lord Waits"

Confession of Sin:

Our loving Father welcomes us into his presence to confess how we have sinned against him and our neighbors. This allows us to speak about our sin truthfully, both publicly and privately.

Community Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father,
Your Son is our truest hope,
worthy of our undivided faith.
He is the source of our deepest joy,
and in him alone do we have peace.

Yet we confess that we so often look elsewhere for these things.

We place our hope in the promises of this world, and we trust the things we feel we can control.

We seek satisfaction and peace

in the pleasures and comforts of the moment.

We confess to you our sinful pride.

(Silent confession)

Unfulfilled and humbled, we ask for your forgiveness.

By your Spirit, turn our hearts toward Jesus.

Help us to look to him for all that we need,

that we might serve him faithfully, to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Good News of the Gospel – Isaiah 53:5

The prophet Isaiah declares that the "great light" that God has promised comes to take our sins away:

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

Brothers and sisters, in Christ your sins are forgiven, and you are at peace with God.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Supper

Receiving the Lord's Supper

God welcomes us to his table, promising to spiritually nourish believers in Christ through these signs of his covenant promises to his church. All baptized believers in Christ are invited to partake and have their faith strengthened. If you have not yet professed your faith in Christ or you are not a member in good-standing at a gospel-proclaiming church, we ask you instead use this period as a time of reflection.

Following the Invitation

- The elements will be passed. First the bread, then the juice and wine.
- After receiving the elements, wait for instruction for us to partake of the elements together.

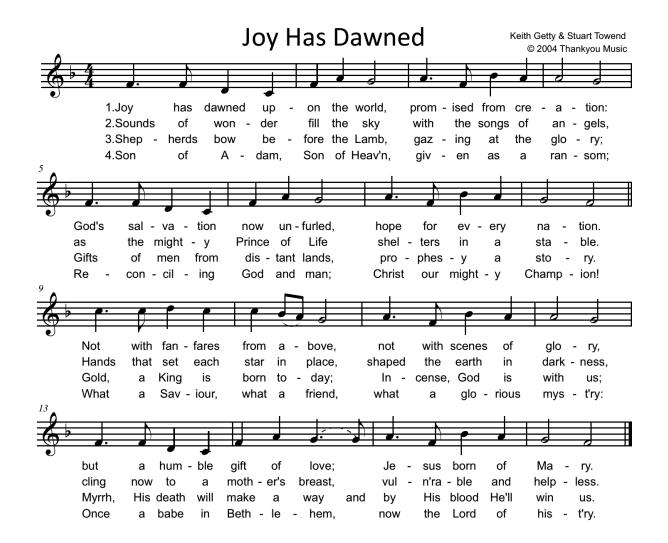
Note: The juice is white grape and the wine is red. Gluten-free wafers are available on the plate.



Gloria Patri

Text: 2nd Century Music: Henry Greatorex, 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.



Benediction

Liturgist – Tom Vander Veen Scripture Reader – Eric Anderson

Musicians:

Eric Rose – acoustic guitar
Benjie Biscoglia – electric guitar
David Barshinger – piano
Susan Dudek – flute
Sara Henreckson – vocals
Joey Biscoglia – tuba
Jared Smith – sound

Sunday School Classes 11:10 a.m. - Noon

Adult – Chapel (next to sanctuary)
High School – Board Room (3rd Floor)
6th-8th Grade – Room 6 (behind sanctuary)
3rd -5th Grade – Room 5 (downstairs)
K-2nd Grade – Room 2 (downstairs)
Preschool – Room 1 (downstairs)
Nursery – Room 4 (downstairs)



To experience & extend the life-changing love of Jesus Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

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Community Groups

Community groups are one of the chief ways we team up to care for each other and seek the good of our neighborhoods. We currently meet in the following locations:

Clarendon Hills • Elmhurst • Hinsdale East • Hinsdale West • Lisle/Woodridge Western Springs North • Western Springs South • Wheaton/Glen Ellyn

For more information about our ongoing ministries and community life, subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.trinityhinsdale.com, or you can email us with any questions at office@trinityhinsdale.com.