

Hear God's promise of hope - from Isaiah 2:2-4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Let us pray: Faithful God, out of war's chaos, You bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.
Come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Invocation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

(Following the Children's message, child care is provided for children of pre-school age up through first grade. Older children remaining in worship may get a Children's Worship Bag from the Ushers.)

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer

(O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/Once in Royal David's City)

First Lesson and Carols

(The Holly and the Ivy/Fairest Lord Jesus/Sans Day Carol)

Second Lesson and Carols

(Angels We Have Heard on High/Angels from the Realms of Glory)

Third Lesson and Carols

(For Unto Us a Son Is Born/See, Amid the Winter's Snow)

Fourth Lesson and Carols

(Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light/Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)

Fifth Lesson and Carols

(The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came/Good People All, This Christmastime/What Child Is This?/O Little Town of Bethlehem)

Sixth Lesson and Carols

(I Saw Three Ships/Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine/Good Christians All, Rejoice!)

Seventh Lesson and Carols

(Sheep May Safely Graze/Sing We Now of Christmas/The First Noel)

Eighth Lesson and Carols with Closing Blessing

(What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright/O Come, All Ye Faithful/Silent Night, Holy Night/Joy to the World)

THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

have been given to the glory of God
by Bob and Candy Wakefield in celebration
of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Assisting In Worship Today

Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Minister
Richard Hart.....Minister
John-Alan GourdineDirector of Music
Edward Neeman..... Pianist
Stephanie Neeman.....Guest Pianist
Ruth Stonestreet.....Lay Reader
Bill Wicks.....Usher Team
Leta Cone, Nita Cross
Benjamin Dudley, David Roe
Debbie Radabaugh.....Greeters
Bob Radabaugh, Kent Frey
Rachel Frey
Eric Micklon.....Acolyte

Trinity Chancel Ringers

Paul Guilbeau - Director

Kendra Beasley Jan Hobson
Martha Bennett Zackary Serrott
Winnie Dooly Brandon Vigil
Denise Dupras Brooke Webb
John-Alan Gourdine Kelly Wicks
Bryan Wright

TRINITY ELDERS

Class of 2017 Class of 2018 Class of 2019

Cathy Hoover Jeff Bickers Bill Bickers
Lyle McGhin Frank Kilgard Nita Cross
Don Thieme Marcie Swank Brian Preyna
Kelly Wicks Brooke Webb Debbie Radabaugh
Bryan Wright Ruth Stonestreet

OUR TRINITY STAFF

Dr. Richard Hart.....Pastor
Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees.....Pastor
Mrs. Renae Preyna.....Director of Christian Education
Mr. John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
Dr. Edward Neeman.....Pianist
Mr. Paul Guilbeau.....Director of Chancel Handbells
Mr. Bryan Wright.....Administrative Assistant
Miss Kendra Beasley, Miss Makinsey Rosser.....Choir Interns
Mr. Zackary Serrott

Greetings from the Olivers!

All of our Trinity family are invited to Guy and Charlie's Annual Holiday Reception! The big day is today, **3 December**...we are opening our doors from 3 to 6 PM. Our address is 112 Sunnymead Drive. It is a casual affair and all you need to bring is yourselves. Happy Holidays and God bless! (If you need directions or sending regrets, call us at 229-247-1893.)

It's Time To Ring The Bells

The time is here for us to help the Salvation Army. Trinity is signed up to ring the bell at the Food Court Entrance of the Valdosta Mall for the four Tuesdays before Christmas. Three Tuesdays remain, **December 5, 12, and 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The sign-up sheets are posted on the office windows. Please help us fill these one-hour slots as soon as possible!

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **December 6, 2017**

5:30 p.m. – KOW

5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Adult Bible Study – *The Protestant Reformation*
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Debbie Hart's cooking team. The menu will include chicken spaghetti. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

The charge for the meal will be as follows:

\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$15.00 Maximum per family.

Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.

Tour of Tables, December 6, 2017

Help the SMASH youth celebrate the Christmas Season by decorating a table in the Fellowship Hall. We have 12 round tables and 1 long table ready for your festive trimmings. The youth will award prize ribbons to their favorite tables. You don't have to attend Wednesday Supper to decorate a table.

You may begin decorating your table anytime after December 3rd.

Please sign up with Anghaarad or on the sign-up sheet in the atrium by November 26th if you plan to decorate a table.

Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree

The angels have arrived and need "adopting" to help provide the families at Pines Family Center a wonderful Christmas. The display is in the atrium and everyone is encouraged to pick up one or more "angels" to shop for. Be sure to sign the angel registry on the board when you have made your selection. A limit of \$30 is suggested for each "angel" as a way to keep it fair amongst all the children. The deadline for returning wrapped gifts is **December 17**, and if you need more information please contact Cathy Hoover.

Poinsettias for Sale

This holiday season Trinity Youth and Children will be offering the opportunity to place poinsettias in the church to honor or remember loved ones and to spread Christmas cheer. Three color options are available - red, white, and red/white variegated. This is a fund-raiser for youth ministry. Flowers may be taken home on Christmas Eve.

Plants are \$15.00 each. The plants have been ordered but you may purchase one as long as we have some available. Please make your purchase by **December 13**, to be included in the bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked "poinsettia project." For more information please ask Annalee Bickers, Linda Brown, or Pastor Dees.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith for the Advent Season (Unison)

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed. Even so, we are not a naive people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

Prayers of the People and 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 Offering

Offertory Beneath the Cross of Jesus Jason W. Krug
Chancel Ringers

*Doxology No. 593 Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Dismissal Come Lord Jesus Anna Laura Page

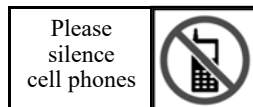
*Recessional Hymn No. 40 Joy to the World! Antioch

*Benediction

*Passing The Peace of Christ

*Postlude Nutcracker March Arr. Edward Neeman
Piano Duet by Edward Neeman and Stephanie Neeman

*All who are able may stand.



FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.

Members & Regular Participants

Mary Beckett
Marie Hill
Beverly Peters
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, brother & sister-in-law of David Armond
Barbara Chisham, cousin of Marcie Swank
Juanita Devine, sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh
Dennis & Heather Dibble & Family, cousins of Leonard Mittelstadt
Ruth Duss, mother of Sherry Stranahan
Scott Ferguson, brother-in-law of Kathy Roe
Leon Fox, father of Debbie Hart
Muriel Hart, aunt of Richard Hart
George Larimore, brother of Janet Wright
Bobby Miller, nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh
Robert Earl Pennington, relative of Beverly Peters
Steve Pierson, brother-in-law of Guy Oliver
Russell Popham, uncle of Nita Cross
John Radabaugh, brother of Bob Radabaugh
David & Susan Reid, brother & sister-in-law of Beth Reid
Liz Ferguson Ross, daughter of Mark & Karen Ferguson
Alex Schwiesow, son of Karen Whelihan
Tom Speck, brother of Beverly Peters
Vicky Thomas, niece of Jane Gore
Gino Vecchio, nephew of Melissa Johnson
Dorothy Whelihan, aunt of Karen Whelihan

Friends (contact person)

Susan Butenschon (Nita Cross)
Kathy Butterbaugh (Debbie Radabaugh)
Michael Capece (Jeff Bickers)
Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)
Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Dawn Curtis (Debbie Hart)

Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)
Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)
Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Becky Mantz (Debbie Hart)
Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)
Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Jack Oliver (Zane Dees)
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
Bitsy Paige (Catherine Loveday)
Debbie Pippin (Catherine Loveday)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Easton Rains (Matthew Hart)
Catherine Raynor (Beverly Peters)
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)
Sarah Singletary (Catherine Loveday)
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Dan White (David Armond)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
Markeida Williams (Richard Hart)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Lorrie Wicks
Bryan and Jackie Wright
Melanie George
Our Military Personnel
Missionaries
All Refugees
Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to Don Vollenweider and family on the recent death of his sister Vera Nell Vollenweider.

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Mission Statement

As Believers, we will worship God by. . . Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.

As Disciples, we will follow God by. . . Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.

As Stewards, we will honor God by. . . Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The acolyte in today's worship brings the light of Christ into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. At the end of worship, as we are called into service in our church, across our city, and beyond, the light of Christ leads us out into the world.

Silent Meditation:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

~Isaiah 2:3

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Ringers

The Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel

*Processional Hymn No. 20 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Aberystwyth

During the weeks of Advent and Christmas a lantern will be processed into the Sanctuary to help us be mindful of pieces of the story that connect us to the Christ child. This morning, the lantern will be placed near the piano as a reminder of the music of the season. . . how beloved carols and tunes bring the Christmas story to life, remind us of Christmases past and that the song of the angels still ring.

Lighting of the Advent Candles Bill, Libby, Annalee, and Woodson Bickers

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope.