

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of peace; Prince of Peace; Spirit of Peace;

Your names are to be kept holy.

Forgive us if we fail to give due honor to Your name in our families, and in our social life.

In our society, the name of Santa Claus often obscures the name of the Christ child.

The hammering of elves drowns out the song of angels.

The mission of reindeer competes with the adoration of the shepherds.

Pardon us if we have let such things get out of hand.

Help us to restore Your name to its rightful place, in our hearts, in our speech, and in our society.

Congregational Response No. 572 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*
(Silence for personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response to Grace No. 577** *Gloria Patri*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Gospel Lesson – Mark 1:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Noisy Offering

(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 and Children’s Bulletin from the Ushers.)

Anthem Amazing Grace Arr. Jack Schrader

New Testament Lesson – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Prepare the Way of the Lord Pastor Hart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 11** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? *Valet will ich dir geben*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostle’s Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal p.14

Call to Offering

Offertory Adagio from Piano Concerto No. 1 Johannes Brahms

***Doxology No. 593** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Jesus said, “Behold I stand at the door and knock;

If those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.”

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are all who find refuge in God!

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE
have been given to the glory of God
by Jackie Wright
in celebration of the birthday of her beloved husband,
Bryan Wright.

Assisting In Worship Today
Richard Hart.....Minister
John-Alan Gourdine.....Director of Music
Edward Neeman.....Pianist
Makinsey Rosser.....Children’s Choir Director
Bill Wicks.....Lay Reader
Eddie Webb.....Usher Team
Noelle Collins, Brian Preyna
Chris Roan
Brooke Webb.....Greeters
Jane Gore, Brian Greene
David Preyna.....Acolyte
Woodson Bickers, Emma Micklon.....Junior Communion Guild
Eric Micklon, J. T. Webb

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. Angharad 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

Stated Session Meeting
The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, **Sunday, December 10**, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Dees, Pastor Hart, or Bryan Wright if you cannot attend.

Our Wednesday Schedule:
For Wednesday, **December 13, 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. – KOW Christmas Program
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Supper for December 13 will be catered. The menu will include BBQ pork and chicken with mac & cheese, green beans, and broccoli salad. 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.

KOW Christmas Program
December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

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, and 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.

Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree
Thanks to all who are helping with this worthy ministry. Please remember a limit of \$30 is suggested for each “angel” as a way to keep it fair amongst all the children. Also be reminded the deadline for returning wrapped gifts is **December 17**. If you need more information please contact Cathy Hoover.

You're Invited to the Harts'
Debbie and Richard Hart invite the congregation to their home for their Annual Christmas Open House on Saturday evening, **December 16, 2017**, anytime from 5:00 til 8:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bring only yourselves, your appetite, and desire for a fun evening. No reservations required. The address is 4046 Liska Circle (off Skipper Bridge Road about 3.5 miles north of Trinity.)

A Message from the Finance Committee
~ Year-end contributions need to be deposited in the church's account by December 31, 2017 to be credited for this year's tax returns. Please make sure your gifts for this year are received no later than Sunday, December 31, 2017 to be properly credited.
~ Extra gifts to your church help insure we complete our year in the black and provide additional tax benefit to the donor. Please keep Trinity in mind as you complete your charitable giving for 2017.

O holy God, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, with joy and gladness we offer our praise and thanks on this Advent Sunday. With careful intent You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to preach repentance and to prepare the way of the Lord Christ. Then by a bold and resolute plan in love You gave the world Your only Son, the Christ Child, in Bethlehem's manger. Thus the day of our deliverance has dawned. You are making all things new and will consummate Your plan when He comes again in power and great glory to claim His kingdom and hand it over to You. Thus we sing Your praise:

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most High.**

In sending us Your Son, the Lord Jesus, to be born of Mary, Your Word became flesh and we have seen a new and radiant vision of Your glory. His name is above every name. He is light in our darkness, the Prince of Peace and Savior for all, for in Him we are delivered from the power of sin and are given the power to become Your children. We rejoice this day in the gift of Your salvation, singing:

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Therefore, in remembrance of Your grace and love in Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give You praise and thanksgiving, and proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

O Lord our God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us in the sharing of this bread and cup, that we, and all who join in this feast may be one with Christ and He with us. Renew us in eternal life that with joy we may be His faithful people today and every day until we feast with Him in glory. We pray, O God, not only for ourselves, but for all who need help and healing and hope this day. Lift up the downtrodden and befriend the lonely; heal the sick and comfort those who mourn; forgive sinners; grant freedom to the oppressed and justice to all who are victims of crime, hate, bullying, and prejudice. Guide our leaders in the ways of righteousness and peace. Bless the ministries of this and all churches as messengers of Your grace. All glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most High. Amen.**

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(You are invited to eat the bread as soon as you are served as a sign of your individual communion with God. Please hold the cup until all have been served that we might drink together as a sign of our communion with each other.)

Prayer after Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us,

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people,

As a people of love we will serve You with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts and minds,

Help us glorify You at all times and in all things.

Amen.

Choral Dismissal Bless Us, Father Anna Laura Page

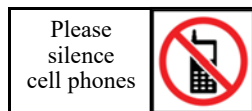
***Recessional Hymn No. 29** Go, Tell It on the Mountain *Go Tell It*

*Benediction

*Passing The Peace of Christ

*Postlude

*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
John Roe
Bryan Singer
Valerie Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*
Red Cross, *father of Mike Cross*
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*
Michele Giddens, *daughter of Lee & Barbara Bradley*

Bill & Melissa Guzman & Family, *cousins of Beth Reid*

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)
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Becky Mantz (Debbie Hart)
Diana Gardner McConnell (Jan Hobson)
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)
Kim Stokes (Winnie Dooly)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Dan White (David Armond)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
Markeida Williams (Richard Hart)

Long Term Prayer List

Members
Mae Baker
Marvin & Margaret Bruch
Dorothy Parker
Barbara Sanders

Relatives

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*
Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*
J. W. & Delores Oorlog, *parents of Linda Reinhard*
Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*
Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*
John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*
Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*
Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

Friends

Rachele Davis (Charlie Oliver)
Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)
Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Grant and Janet Wright
Barbara Aiken

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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
All Refugees  
Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

#### We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family and friends of  
Alex McFadden,  
who died recently.

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
**Communion Sunday**  
**10 December 2017**

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The lantern is placed near the lectern as a reminder of the gift of God's Holy Word... the promise of the prophets was fulfilled in the birth of the Christ Child and the Gospels proclaim the Good News for all the people.

#### Silent Meditation:

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God." ~ Matthew 5:9

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Étude pour les arpèges composés Claude Debussy

#### The Lighting of the Candles

**Choral Introit** Blessed Fred Hammond  
*Children's Choir*

**\*Processional Hymn No. 9** O Come, O Come Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

#### \*Call to Worship - from Psalm 85

Lord, You were favorable to Your land;

**You restored the fortunes of Your people.**

You forgave their iniquity;

**You pardoned their sin.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

**And put away Your indignation toward us.**

Will You be angry with us forever?

**Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?

**Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.**

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

**That God's glory may dwell in our land.**

Let us worship God!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Denise Dupras, Bryan Wright, Grant Wright

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.

**We light this candle in peace.**

Old Testament Prophecy - Isaiah 40:1-11

Let us pray: God of peace, ...make us aware of Your presence and fill us with Your peace.

**God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.**

Come, let us walk

**in the light of the LORD!**