

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Season is the time for preparing for the coming of Christ and the celebration of the Incarnation of the Eternally-Begotten Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. The season begins with St. Andrew's Day, November 30, and is observed in worship the four Lord's Days preceding Christmas Day. Believers remember how the Hebrews longed for the coming of the Messiah, and how their prophets foretold the birth of Christ. Our anticipation of Christmas is coupled with our anticipation of the Second Advent of Christ, when He Who is Blessed Hope will come again. The beauty and symbolism of the Advent Wreath reminds Christians to "prepare the way of the Lord."

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ The Prophets' Candle, the first purple candle, which represents Christ's royalty and the sinner's repentance, is lighted. The coming of Christ was indeed foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament hundreds of years before the Incarnation of Christ.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ The Bethlehem Candle, the second candle, is lighted pointing to the Messiah being born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem as foretold by the prophet, Micah.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ The Shepherds' Candle, the third candle, is lighted to remind us that the birth of the Messiah was announced to humble shepherds, and that we, straying sheep, must go to Him, believe in Him and tell to others the Good News of salvation.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ The Angels' Candle, lighted as the Festival of the Incarnation nears, reminds us of the angelic announcement and calls us to focus on Christ's finished work on the cross and to anticipate His second coming.

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ The Christ Candle, the white one in the center of the wreath, proclaims the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, Who gives the Light of Salvation to those who walked in sin's darkness. It is lighted on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The First Sunday of Advent

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 2, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Everyone in this room still needs to embrace the sad reality of this betrayal and the glorious celebration of the hope that is ours represented by that baby in a manger who has come on this mission of rescue and deliverance. And because He came, there will be a day when there'll be a company of people whose every cell of their hearts will be controlled by love of God, and they will live inside of God's boundaries and live for His glory forever and ever and ever.

— PAUL DAVID TRIPP



The Welcome and Announcements

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We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

And the Glory

G.F. Handel; arr. Doug Warner

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1-4

Mr. Howell

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

† The Song of Ascent No. 203 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

† The Confession of Our Faith The Apostles' Creed
(Inside the front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! *Amen.*

We Receive God's Word

The Reading of God's Word Genesis 6:5-8
Page 6 in the Pew Bible

The Morning Prayer

† The Hymn No. 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

The Anthem *Angels We Have Heard on High* Traditional
arr. Tim Zimmerman

The Personal Meditation and Personal Preparation of the Heart

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

*Following the worship service, please pick up your four-year-olds from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).
Five-year-olds may be picked up from Room E-212.*

The Sermon

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FULL STORY

Mr. McRoberts

Why Jesus Was Born ~ Our Need

Genesis 6:5-8

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A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

✠ The Hymn No. 194

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

The Interlude

The Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Trinity Presbyterian Church immediately following each morning worship service for the purpose of electing officers for the Church and Trustees for the Corporation. If you are not a member of Trinity, you are welcome to stay as an observer; however, if you would like to leave prior to the meeting, you may do so during the interlude. We are glad you worshipped with us this Lord's Day!

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

✠ The Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John F. Wade; arr. Dan Marvin

THE KING'S BRASS



Tim Zimmerman and the King's brass is an ensemble of nine Christian professional musicians from around the country. They perform over one hundred concerts each season and can be heard on fifteen recordings.

TIM ZIMMERMAN

GREGORY ALLEN

DAN DAVIS

MATT DUEPPEN

ROBERT EARHEART

CASEY KLINT

MICHELLE KUHL

PAUL MILLETTE

JONAH TROUT



Children's Choirs

CHRISTMAS SERVICE



THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 2
6 PM IN THE SANCTUARY



ADVENT SERVICES

December 9 at 6:00 PM ~An Italian Christmas II with the Trinity Youth Choir

The Trinity Youth Choir will present Pergolesi's Magnificat accompanied by chamber orchestra. Homily by Kurt Cooper.

December 16 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM ~ 23rd Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

A beloved Christmas tradition at Trinity featuring the Chancel Choir with orchestra and organ. A festive prelude will begin at 3:45 and 5:45 p.m.

December 24 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Holy Communion services with music from the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists. Homily by Claude E. McRoberts, III.



*Jesus knew He had come not just to preach the gospel of sacrifice,
but also to be that sacrifice, yet He was perfectly willing.*

PAUL DAVID TRIPP, Come Let Us Adore Him, December 2



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