



The Second Sunday of Advent

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 9, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*I would have despaired unless I had believed
that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of living.*

— PSALM 27:13 (NASV)



The Welcome and Announcements

*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.*

We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

An Advent Prelude for Flute and Organ
Carol Franks, *flute*

Charles Callahan

The Striking of the Hour

† The Song of Ascent No. 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!* (stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6) TRURO

† The Call to Worship Galatians 4:4-7 Mr. Pendley

Minister: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

People: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who is at this moment sitting at the right hand of God the Father interceding for us!**

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† 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 Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The Call to Confession – Habakkuk 2:20

The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

The Silent, Personal, Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Matthew 1:21

*She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people
from their sins.*

The Hymn *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.

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.

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

Comfort, Comfort
Chancel Choir

arr. John Ferguson

“Comfort, comfort now My people; Tell of peace!” So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.

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.*

We Receive God’s Word

† The Reading of God’s Word

Isaiah 59
Page 786 in the Pew Bible

THE PATTERN OF PEACE
Why Jesus Was Born: Promising Hope
Isaiah 59

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

We Commune with God at His Table

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Family of God, as we draw near to the Lord's Supper to celebrate Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us be grateful and remember that our Lord instituted this sacrament as a perpetual reminder of His dying for our sakes and as a pledge of His undying love for us.

Therefore, Jesus bids us to come to Him in this sacrament in knowledge, faith, repentance, love, and with hearts hungering and thirsting for Him. If we are willingly and stubbornly living in sin, lacking peace in our relationships with others, secretly relying on our own good works for favor with God, then we are warned by God's Word not to receive this sacrament.

But all who are truly sorry for their sins and long to be delivered from the burden of them; all who are weary from brokenness and long to be filled with the life of Christ; all who are doubting and need the assuring embrace of God; all who humbly put their trust in Christ and desire His grace that they may lead a holy life; and, all who are baptized members in an evangelical church, are invited and encouraged in His name to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Let us therefore come that we may be refreshed and find rest for our souls.

If you are not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and cup, but take Christ and receive Him in your heart as those around you receive the meal. Then, immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you have done so we can prepare you to receive communion next time as a child of God.

† The Hymn of Preparation No. 193 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 207 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

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

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace ... until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away.

People: AMEN.

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

† The Postlude Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Mark Bloedow



An Italian Christmas

with the TRINITY YOUTH CHOIR

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 9
6 PM IN THE SANCTUARY





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