



The Second Sunday of Advent

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 6, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Richard Purvis

Please sit only in open pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are required for attendees over six years old at all times. Those who are not present physically will be invited to stand when able, and to be seated when necessary. Worship is participative and not passive. God has designed us to be physical creatures and sometimes our hearts and minds will follow our posture. Overflow will be in Trinity Hall at 8:30 a.m. and the Spires Room (across from the bookstore) at 11:00.

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship

From a Psalm of Advent, Psalm 89

Mr. Howell

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness." You have said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen one; I have sworn to David My servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

† A Beloved Advent Hymn of the Trinity Family

No. 211

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. [*Refrain*]

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might." [*Refrain*]

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. [*Refrain*]

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

✠ The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

The Children's Sermon

THE CHRISMONS OF THE CROSS

Mr. McRoberts

*Children in third grade and younger are invited to the front steps of the Chancel
for the children's sermon.*

The Prayer for Our Covenant Children

*At the start of "What Child Is This?," children in first grade and up are dismissed back to
their pew. Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the 8:30 worship service, your children will be taken to their Sunday school classes.
Following the 11:00 service, please pick up your children from the Felder Avenue door
of the Covenant Building.*

✠ A Beloved Advent Hymn of the Trinity Family

No. 213

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

We Receive God's Word

The Pastoral Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53:1-7

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 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. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

The New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Introduction

For Further Study and Encouragement: John 3:30, 15:13; Philippians 1:21

I. Jesus Came to Suffer

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 69:4; Isaiah 53:3, 7; Matthew 27:46;
John 15:29*

II. Jesus Came to Serve

For Further Study and Encouragement: Mark 10:44; Philippians 2:1-11

III. Jesus Came to Save

For Further Study and Encouragement: Isaiah 53:4-6

Conclusion

For Further Study and Encouragement: II Corinthians 8:9

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

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No. 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

(stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.



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 closing hymn. We are glad you worshipped with us this Lord's Day!

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

† The Dismissal by Pew

Please allow worshippers in the back of the Sanctuary to exit first to allow for social distancing. Please do not gather or socialize inside the building. Please take all personal items, including your worship bulletin, with you as you leave.

† The Postlude

Savior of the Nations Come

arr. Jacob Weber

To my Elders...

I have the following prayer and/or praise to God:

To my Deacons...

I know of the following situation where assistance is needed:

NAME _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior. Amen.

(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let one of the ministers know).

Thank you for joining us for worship.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY. Use this form to indicate your presence with us for worship. Fill out the appropriate sections, tear off, and place the form in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Date_____

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

Email_____

Phone (_____)_____

Names and ages of children at home:

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed

AGE GROUP ☐ 12 and under ☐ 13-17 ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-35
☐ 36-50 ☐ Over 50

☐ First Time Visitor ☐ Repeat Visitor
☐ Visiting with family/friends ☐ Regular Attender
☐ New Resident

☐ Desire a visit
☐ Interested in knowing more about Trinity
☐ Interested in New Member Class
☐ Interested in Sunday School

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDERS

Please let us know of:

☐ New Address

☐ New Phone (_____)_____

☐ New Email_____

Name_____



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