

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 4, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*The Son wasn't born; the Son eternally existed;
the Child was born; the Son was given.*



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

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 Prelude

*O magnum mysterium
And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)*

Tomas Luis de Victoria
G. F. Handel

The Brass Quartet: Michael Huff, Brian Reeves, *trumpets*;
Youlanda Slocumb, *horn*; Brandon Slocumb, *trombone*

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit

Savior of the Nations, Come

Martin Luther

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here Your home.
Marvel now, both Heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Come, O Father's saving Son, Who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Your Kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

† The Call to Worship

Mr. Howell

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Nothing is impossible with God!

Minister: Let us worship Him!

People: Let us worship Him in spirit and in truth!

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be yours in this hour and forever more.

† The Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

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† 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 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.**

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

While we ask, Lord God and Father, for a most meaningful Advent season, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us, Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading Your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to Your tender mercies, O God! Grant that in this Advent Christmas season and the dawning of a new year, we may have a fresh sense of Your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory alone. Amen.

The Silent, Personal Confession of Sin

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. “Comfort, comfort My people,” says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life.” Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and our Salvation.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**He came down to earth from Heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Gaudete
Seraphim and Covenant Choirs

Piae Cantiones, 1582
Arr. Robert J. Batastini

Refrain: Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est Natus Ex Maria virgine, Gaudete!

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger. *Refrain*
Such a Babe in such a place, can He be the Saviour?
Ask the saved of all the race, who have found His favor. *Refrain*
Angels sang about His birth, wise men sought and found Him,
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around Him! *Refrain*
Shepherd's saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing.
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing. *Refrain*
Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger,
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger. *Refrain*
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story!
Praise His Name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory! *Refrain*

† The Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 9:1-7

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

The Sermon

MIGHTY GOD

Mr. McRoberts

Isaiah 9:6

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Trinity Presbyterian Church immediately following the morning worship service for the purpose of electing officers for the Church and Trustee 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 worshiped with us this Lord's Day!

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

Minister: Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

† The Postlude

People Look East

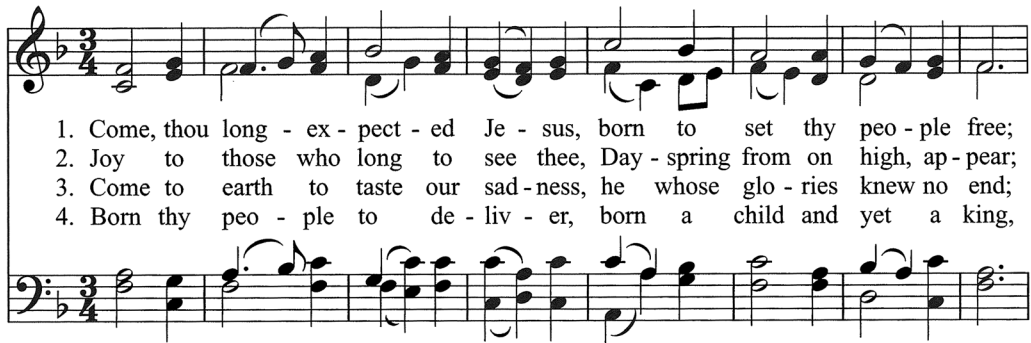
BESANÇON, arr. Tucker

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way!
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ, Who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word: the Lord is coming!
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way!*


Join Us

TONIGHT at 6:00 PM for CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND PAGEANT

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.