



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 22, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

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.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 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!"*

LUKE 2:10-14



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Organ & Violin Prelude

An Advent Prelude

Charles Callahan

*Because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Luke 1:78-79

The Announcements

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Willcocks

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

† The Call to Worship – from Revelation 22 (**congregation reads bold type**)

Hear and hold fast the promise of the Lord Jesus: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

•† The Hymn No. 158

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

† The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† 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.**

•† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Isaiah 53:6

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.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 170

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVEES

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

The Anthem

Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well, and bear in mind,
What our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy, we should pray to God with love this Christmas day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs, and feeding sheep;
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem. Be not afraid.
For there you'll find this happy morn a princely Babe, sweet Jesus, born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the Babe to find,
And as God's angels had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid
Attending on the Lord of Life who came to earth to end all strife.

With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson – Micah 5:2-5a

pew Bible, page 989

The New Testament Lesson – Hebrews 10:5-10

pew Bible, page 1282

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

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.**

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

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 after the service.*

The Sermon

WHAT I'VE DONE

Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 149

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

IN DULCI JUBILO

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

Partita on IN DULCI JUBILO

James Vivian

*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

Luke 2:20



Leading In Worship This Morning

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Miss Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*

WHAT I'VE DONE
Hebrews 10:5-10

I. The Epistle to the Hebrews

A. Author

B. Theme

II. Nails & Spears

A. The Son's Body

B. The Father's Will

III. Sacrifice & Offering

A. Undesired Sacrifices

B. Perfunctory Observance vs. Heart Obedience

C. Perfect Substitution

IV. So What?



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

December 22 at 6:00 p.m.

HARVEST ARTS SACRED CONCERT

Fusing beloved Christmas tunes and classical music themes, this sacred concert will feature arrangements by Madeline Cawley played by the Harvest Arts Chamber Ensemble. The concert will be followed by a fellowship reception in the Westminster Room.

December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

A service of quiet wonder, with Holy Communion and special music, will prepare our hearts to receive the newborn King.

Nursery will be available during the 4:00 p.m. service only for children ages three and under.

Homily by Kurt Cooper.

December 29 at 6:00 p.m.

OLD YEAR/NEW YEAR SERVICE

During the final service of 2024, we will see the old year out with thanksgiving for the Lord's providence and look ahead to the new year with hope and confidence in the Lord's faithfulness. Homily by Kurt Cooper.



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