



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 10, 2017

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.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Three Versets on *Away in a Manger*

Mark Blatchly

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Galatians 4:4-7

Mr. Howell

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 Processional Hymn No. 198

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

TRURO

(stanzas 1, 4, 5, and 6)

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† Congregation, please stand as able

† The Doxology

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.

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

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

arr. John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.
Every eye shall now behold Him robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.
Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down!

The Interlude

*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the service, please pick up your children from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Work of the Spirit in the Lives of the Adopted, Part 3

Exposition of Romans, XXX

Romans 8:14-25, 26-27

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

The Lord's Supper

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 that are truly sorry for their sins and long to be delivered from the burden of them; all that are weary from brokenness and long to be filled with the life of Christ; all that are doubting and need the assuring embrace of God; all that humbly put their trust in Christ and desire His grace that they may lead a holy life; and, all that 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 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

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

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

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. **Amen.**

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

† The Postlude *Sortie on Creator of the Stars of Night* Alexandre Guilmant

Today we Celebrate the New Members of 2017

Johnnie Alston

Kristen Alston

Owen Alston

Brodie Alston

Ansley Alston

Abigail Alston

David Beach

Craig Brazell

Lanie Brazell

Trot Brazell

Tagg Brazell

Tipp Brazell

Brenda Darby

Sarah Griffin

Geoffrey Henson

Ramona Henson

Jake Johnson

Alyssa Johnson

Mike Kolen

Nancy Kolen

Brooks McClendon

Lora McClendon

Jon McDonald

Polly McDonald

Audrey McDonald

Richard Pate

Jim Reedy

Lindsey Rosenblatt

Lauren Rosenblatt

Asher Rosenblatt

Annabeth Rosenblatt

Avery Rosenblatt

Caitlin Sears

Jay Smith

Jenn Smith

Joshua Smith

Ella Smith

Victoria Smith

Jane Smith

Daniel Smith

Cindy Stelzig

Stephen Vosel

Carolyn Wellon

Braylon Wellon

AN ITALIAN CHRISTMAS

TRINITY YOUTH CHOIR

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Homily by Mr. Cooper

TO DO YOUR WILL

Hebrews 10:5-7

followed by Italian desserts and coffee in the Westminster Room



ADVENT SERVICES

December 17 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM ~ 22nd Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

A beloved Christmas tradition at Trinity featuring the Chancel Choir with orchestra and organ. A festive prelude will precede each service.

December 24 at 10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Eve Morning Worship

*A family-oriented worship service with singing, prayers, and homily.
An infant nursery will be available. No Sunday school.*

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.