



## **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

**DECEMBER 17, 2017**

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*Our God and our Father,  
we come into Your presence this morning  
in the name and through the merits of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
We come to give You praise and glory,  
to mingle our voices with those of angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim.  
We delight this morning in the wondrous story that He Who was the eternal Son of God  
was made flesh and dwelt among us,  
that His glory was manifested here amongst His people.  
We come to ask that You would pour out Your Spirit upon us,  
that You would enable us now to worship You in Spirit and in truth.  
Hear us Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

### The Welcome and Announcements

*The Shepherds' Candle, the third candle, is lighted to remind us that the birth of the Messiah was announced to humble shepherds, and that we, straying sheep, must go to Him, believe in Him and tell to others the Good News of salvation. So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ~ Luke 2:15-17*

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The Prelude

A Nativity Suite  
*Oh, Come Emmanuel*  
*Silent Night*  
*Shepherds*  
*The Three Kings*  
*Joy to the World*

Wilbur Held

The Striking of the Hour

† The Processional Carol No. 195    *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*    ANTIOCH

*Watts wrote this Christological meditation on Psalm 98 as much about the second coming of Christ as the first, but it has become one of our favorite seasonal songs. We sing it today, to Lowell Mason's superb arrangement of Handel's lively tune, as our opening carol.*

† The Call to Worship    Psalm 95:6    Mr. Pendley

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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

The Reading of God's Word

Luke 1:26-45  
Page 1088 in the Pew Bible

The Morning Prayer

The Hymn No. 213    *What Child Is This?*    GREENSLEEVES

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The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

*The Angel Gabriel*  
Youth Choir

Text: Sabine Baring-Gold, para.

Music: Basque Carol; arr. Robert Sieving

The angel Gabriel from heaven came.  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame  
“All hail” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary.  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

“For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee;  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.  
“My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name.”  
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Lord,  
was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And all good folk through-out the world will ever say:  
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*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).*

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The Sermon

*There is One in this world,  
Who dwelt in this world,  
Who was greater than the world Himself.*

Mr. McRoberts

C. S. LEWIS

Luke 1:26-45

Introduction

I. Mary

II. The Holy Spirit

III. Jesus

Conclusion

The Receiving of New Members (11:00)

The Introductions

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Alston (Kristen)

Owen Alston

Brodie Alston

Ansley Alston

Abigail Alston

Miss Sarah Griffin

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kolen (Nancy)

Mr. Richard Pate

Mr. Jim Reedy

Mrs. Cindy Stelzig

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

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† The Vows for Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

† The Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

† The Hymn No. 229                      *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*                      TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDIUM

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

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **AMEN.**

† The Quiet Meditation and Personal Application

† The Postlude                      To Shepherds as They Watched by Night                      Nicholas Lebègue



TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL  
SERVICE OF

*Lessons  
and Carols*

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 17

4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

THE SANCTUARY

2017



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 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 AM ~ Christmas Eve Morning Worship**

*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.  
Homily by Claude E. McRoberts, III.*



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