



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Throughout the four Sundays of Advent, we will explore global themes that cry out for the Savior who is coming into the world. At Christmas, Jesus, the Light of the World brings healing and wholeness to the world that is enshrouded in darkness and gloom. This morning our focus is terrorism. November 26 was the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India in which 174 people were killed and over 300 were injured.

PRELUDE Wachet Auf! Ruft uns dei Stimme (“Hey, Wake Up!” the voice calls to us)
Composer: John Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 30

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, O you God’s faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Leader: For God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”

HYMN 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE & RESPONSE

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on us light has shined.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, “The Peace of Christ be with you.” Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 21:11-12 (Old Testament, page 649)

ANTHEM Recit. and Aria “For Behold, Darkness . . . The People That Walked in Darkness”
from “The Messiah” by Georg Friedrich Händel

Recitative (Isaiah 60:2,3):

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:

But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Aria (Isaiah 9:2):

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

Upon them hath the light shined.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:6-12 (Old Testament, page 688)

SERMON

Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – HYMN 3 Comfort, Comfort You My People

Those who have been standing may sit.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

OFFERTORY

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

attr. Philipp Nicolai, trans. Carl P. Daw, Jr., harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us;

The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,

Their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light;

The Bridegroom is in sight.

Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there,

That you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing,

Her heart with joyful hope is springing;

She wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth He comes, her Bridegroom glorious

In strength of grace, in truth victorious:

Her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord,

God’s Son, Incarnate Word,

Alleluia! We follow all and heed Your call

To come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, The heavens adore You;

Let saints and angels sing before You,

As harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:

Through them we stream to join the immortals

As we with joy Your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight,

No ear heard such delight:

Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King;

Forever let our praises ring.

Those who are able are invited to stand.

SONG OF PRAISE UNISON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him[†] all creatures here below!

Praise Him[†] above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost![‡]

[†]*You may substitute the word “God”*

[‡]*You may substitute the words “Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost!”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: God’s Banquet is coming—the time we await when all will gather from North, East, West and South.

People: A banquet where the rich and powerful will sit with the weak and poverty-stricken. A table where young and old will learn from each other. A time when all will sit together in peace, “and the wolf will lie down with the lamb.”

Leader: Here at this table we get a foretaste of God’s banquet. This is indeed God’s table, not the church’s, and so all who seek to follow The Way are welcome to eat and drink from it.

People: We come to taste the grace eternal, we come and see that God is good.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: God is with us.

People: We are not alone.

Leader: Christ is present here.

People: The Spirit moves within us.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: In memory and in hope.

Leader: Blessings be to you, Creator God. In the dawn of creation you brought light and life to the world. In this Advent season you continue to bring our world love and light everlasting.

People: Your song of wisdom echoes through the ages, your ancient promise still brings us hope.

Leader: Over the ages you have called people to embrace your hope and share your love. But even when they have closed their ears to the song you did not stop singing. You sent prophets and messengers to your people, reminding them of the promised time of peace and justice that would surround the world.

People: They came in the midst of our despair and filled us with hope.

Leader: And then you came to a young woman named Mary and announced the promise in a new way.

People: Promising her a son, who would be called Jesus, promising her that in her son the world would be changed.

Leader: And now as we prepare for that child to be born, we hear the ancient cry:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Yet even now, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, we remember the life that this baby will live.

People: We remember how he broke the bonds of human tradition to show all what the Banquet of Hope could be as he ate openly with the despised and the outcasts of his world.

Leader: We remember one special meal that he ate with his closest friends. Gathering them together in an upper room to share the story of liberation, he prepared them for liberation. At the end of the meal he took bread, blessed and broke it, then passed it to them saying, “Take and eat. This bread is the body of Life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance and in hope.”

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD - *As you pass the bread to the person next to you, say, “The bread of life.”*

Leader: After that he took the cup, blessed it, and passed it to them saying, "This cup is the sign of the New Covenant. Whenever you drink it remember me, for I shall not eat or drink again until the time of the heavenly banquet." Remembering the birth of the child in the stable, we remember also his life, his death and his resurrection. We remember how he poured his love out all he met and look forward to his return and the coming reign of peace, love, and justice.

THE SHARING OF THE CUP - *As you pass the cup to the person next to you, say, "The cup of salvation."*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT UNISON

God of the new morning, God of Christmas light, God of child-like hope, you have fed us at your table. May the eating and the drinking fill us with hope in a world of despair. May we be beacons of hope as we wait for the day when the light of your salvation shines upon the world. Grant that this taste of your banquet which is to come would give us the hunger for peace and justice in our community and around the world. Amen.

HYMN 14 Savior of the Nations, Come

WORDS OF SENDING & BLESSING

INVITATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As environmental stewards of this earth, we have to opportunity to do our part by recycling our worship papers. After worship, please dispose of your bulletin in the blue or green recycling containers in the Narthex or outside the sanctuary doors by the pulpit.

POSTLUDE Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Composer: Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Advent is the season that precedes Christmas. It is a time of waiting and expectation for the Savior of the world. The color of Advent is purple, the traditional color of mourning and royalty.

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Decorations – This year, the Trinity will anticipate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World by progressively adding light and decoration to our Sanctuary through the season of Advent as we wait for Immanuel, God-with-Us. Our celebration of the Incarnation will culminate on January 3, Epiphany Sunday.

AIDS Memorial Quilt – The two AIDS Memorial Quilt panels hanging on the North wall belong to The Quilt which began with a single panel created in San Francisco in 1987. Today, The Quilt is composed of more than 47,000 individual 3 x 6 foot panels, each one commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS. In its entirety, The Quilt is measures 1,293,300 square feet and weighs 54 tons, but only represents about 17.5% of the people in the United States who have died of AIDS. These panels come from every state in the nation, every corner of the globe and they have been sewn by hundreds of thousands of friends, lovers and family members into this epic memorial, the largest piece of ongoing community art in the world.

<http://www.aidsquilt.org>

The Creche – The crèche in the display case in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is made up figurines given in loving memory of Todd Weems, a son of Trinity who was tragically killed in 1982.

Flowers – The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by Linda Peterson and Clark McKenzie to the glory of God and in celebration of their daughter, Erin's, 10th birthday.

Liturgist – Brian Muegge, Dr. Dan Anderson-Little

Peace Prayer – Stacy Shupe

Preacher – The Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles. Damayanthi is the Associate Professor of Constructive Theology at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO.

Organist/Choir Director – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir – Trinity Choir

Soloist – Thomas Sitzler, baritone

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News and Notes for December 6, 2009

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to speak with the pastors about our membership class. Our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school age and younger, if wanted. *Spiritual growth classes for children and adults are held at 9:30 am.*

TODAY AT TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S SERVICES + TRINITY = MISSION. Come to an informational today in the Chapel after worship (11:45am) about the ways in which Trinity can build a relationship with PCS for direct, hands-on outreach to kids in foster care. There are so many ways for us to assist...work days, mentoring, fostering, and more.... Trinity values hands-on mission and values happy, healthy families of all types. Partnering with PCS would give us a chance to use our passions to create change for needy children.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"They Like Jesus but not the Church" (12/6/09 - 12/20/09: 3 Sundays) At some point we have all wondered why attendance at mainline churches, even theologically and socially progressive churches such as our own, has been slowly and inexorably declining. We are concerned; we are worried; but we don't really understand. If people are indeed spiritual, why aren't they religious? Join us as we explore this topic. We will use emergent pastor, Dan Kimball's, DVD series, "They Like Jesus but not the Church," as the jumping off point for our discussion and exploration of the "spiritual but not religious" phenomenon.

OUR WEEKLY PARENT GROUP offers a relaxed place to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting. Topics will be determined by the group. Speak with Dan for more information and join us when you can. Room 206 (by the Choir Room) at 9:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANYONE MISSING A SET OF KEYS? Keys on a long colorful lanyard were left in the office. Describe to Liz and claim them.

OUR YEARLY ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET is now available in the Narthex. It is also available on our website (www.trinityucity.org) and as a daily email reflection.

THE SCHEDULE OF ADVENT EVENTS is now available in the Narthex. Take a few and share them with friends and neighbors.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to stay after worship Dec. 20 to eat cookies and package them for those less fortunate. See your cookie flier.

THE COMMONS IS BACK FOR ONE WEEK ONLY! Our Saturday 5pm worship service is on hiatus as the planning group re-tools the service. However, on Saturday, Dec. 12th the Commons will have an Advent service in the sanctuary. Then stay tuned for the service's return.

WANT TO SING SOME OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH? Trinity Choir would like to invite you to join them in singing during worship on December 20th. We'll do two choral pieces from the Christmas portion of The Messiah that day-- "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" and "And the Glory of the Lord". **Come to rehearsal at 7:00 PM on Thursday Dec. 17th and again in the morning on Sunday Dec. 20th at 9:30 AM.** All are welcome!

RAPID RE-HOUSING CLIENTS HAVE NEEDS: Thanks to all who have donated so far! We've partnered with this organization to help provide furnishings and necessities for people moving from homelessness into homes. Check the Narthex and magnetic board by the elevator for items needed. Donations can be stored in the room next to the food pantry. Arrangements can be made for larger donations to be picked up.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! This congregation heard the Call to Stewardship and answered "Here We Are Lord"! At last count, 92 pledges have been turned in, totaling more than \$260,000 committed for 2010. This is a great start to our campaign, but we need everyone's support. If you haven't renewed your pledge yet, or if you are considering making a pledge for the first time, please do so now. Simply contact Linde Baechle, our Financial Administrator, by calling the office or sending her an email with your name and the amount of your pledge (beckjeffries@yahoo.com). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with anyone on the Stewardship committee (Jenn Clodi, Sarah Hotaling, Brian Muegge, Rob Peglar, Larry Pontious, Evan Reid).

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

If you would like an addition to the prayer list or know of a member in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Joys

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- For Mike Higginbotham who got a new job with the State of Missouri's Department of Mental Health.
- For Susan Lim having completed all of her treatments for breast cancer.
- For newborn Max Griffin and his parents Jordan & Claire, friends of Stephanie Ball, recovering from a Congenital diaphragmatic hernia
- For Sahara, the 2 yr old daughter of Jade & Song (friends of Rachel Presti & Jeremy Williams), who has finally recovered from swine flu.

Concerns

Prayers for Comfort:

- For Revs. Dan & Linda Anderson-Little, Daniel, Jacob and Leah at the death of Dan's dad Dan Little on November 16.
- For Birty Hodgson at the death of his father George Hodgson, in Nicaragua on Nov. 12.

Prayers for Strength:

- For Matthew Fairchild, brother of Connie Torretta who is working and raising money to fight HIV/AIDS both locally and abroad--and for all who work to end the disease and care for patients with it.

Prayers for Safety:

- For Shanthi Phillips who is serving with the Peace Corps in Lesotho. You can read her blog at <http://shanthiphillips.blogspot.com/>
- For Jon Gibbons, son of Pat and Jane Gibbons, husband of Emily Shapiro and father of Harriet and Frances, who is serving in a military hospital in Afghanistan until May 2010.

Prayers for New Beginnings:

- For those preparing for ministry.
- For Leo and Lois Eason spending the winter in Florida.
- For Ray and Ginny Scholin spending the winter in Arizona.
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.
- For Cricket & Brian Gordon, spending a semester in Canterbury, England for a University program.

Prayers for Healing:

- For Ray Stone, Ginny Richmond's nephew, in ICU with an unknown problem.
- For Pat Warren, Ginny Richmond's niece, receiving radiation and chemotherapy for multiple cancers.
- For Sandy Macy, friend of Cheryl & Reed Evans, just diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.
- For Dee Wharton, friend of Lois Sechrist, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- For Rex Bull, father of Cathy Hasler, in Missouri Baptist for congenital heart failure, kidney problems, and recovery from a mini-stroke.
- For Rev. Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Vicki Carmichael's brother Warren, his wife, Lori, and his family as they go through difficult times.
- For Rev. Louis Platt, Art Platt's brother, being treated for lung cancer.
- For Katy Gordon, daughter of Cricket and Brian Gordon, being treated for cysts on her liver.
- For Lorraine McGhee, Roberta McBride's neighbor, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Suzanne Trahan, friend of Traci O'Bryan, who is being treated for breast cancer; and for Suzanne's father John Foushee who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- For Lisa Becker, Karon Bilbrey's niece, who is dealing with thyroid cancer.
- For Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin in Flower Mound, TX, receiving chemotherapy for lung and brain cancer.

Prayers for Ongoing Support:

- For Jean Dausch, Cricket Gordon's friend, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- For the Pontious family as they work to help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they deal with Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, in a nursing home after a stroke.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.

Prayers for Homebound Members:

- Helen Bauer Myrtle Beckmeyer Eleanor Griffin Mabel Howell
- Evelyn Patterson Maxine Story Jim Pettus

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, 12/7: Facilities Commission meeting, 9am, Library

Tuesday, 12/8: Presbyterian Women's lunch, 11pm, Dining Room; 6:30pm: Deacon potluck; Joanne Roman's house

Wednesday, 12/9: Food Pantry, 1-4pm

Thursday, 12/11: Handbells, 5:30pm, Choir Rm.; Choir, 7pm, Choir Rm

Saturday, 12/12: The Commons@The Loop service, 5pm, sanctuary; Confirmation class, 5pm; Mexican baroque concert, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary, \$

