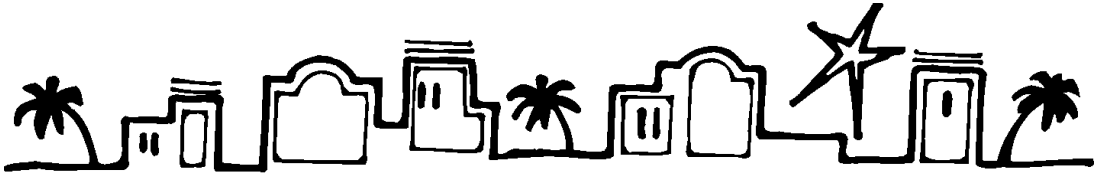




November 27, 2022



First Sunday in Advent

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Service Volunteers:

Usher: 8:30: Tim Bellott

11:00: John Ohlendorf

Jr. Usher: 8:30: Patrick Proksch

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

Keyboard Operator: 8:30 Sandee Clay

11:00: Erika Ohlendorf

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: As we enter a new Church year and the new season of Advent, we commit ourselves to greeting our Savior with ready and watchful hearts. Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

We Come into the Presence of God

PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

Stand

MORNING HYMN



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: Be gracious to me, God, according to your mercy. Erase my acts of rebellion according to the greatness of your compassion. *(Psalm 51:1)*

C: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away as I groaned all day long. I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up guilt. *(Psalm 32:3)*

M: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me. *(Psalm 51:5)*

C: The wages of sin is death. *(Romans 6:23a)*

M: All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy cloth. All of us have withered like a leaf, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. *(Isaiah 64:6)*

C: I said, "I will confess my sins to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *(Psalm 32:5)*

M: The undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Romans 6:23b)*

C: Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." *(Luke 7:48)*

M: Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Take heart, son! Your sins are forgiven." *(Matthew 9:2)*

C: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven." *(John 20:21-23)*

M: By our Savior's work and his promise, all of our sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Behold the King comes: let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with rests and bar lines indicating the structure of the piece.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Jeremiah prophesies the Messiah's arrival, who comes to bring the Lord's righteousness to his people.

Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

¹⁵ In those days and at that time,
I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line.
He will establish justice and righteousness on earth.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved,
and Jerusalem will dwell securely.
This is what she will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.

¹⁷ This is what the LORD says.
David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel. ¹⁸ Neither will the priests, who are Levites, fail to have a man to stand before me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to offer sacrifices continually.

PSALM: 24

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,

C: **the world, and all who live in it;**

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M: for he founded it upon the seas

C: and established it upon the waters.

M: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?

C: Who may stand in his holy place?

M: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C: he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

M: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

M: Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

M: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

M: Who is he, this King of glory?

C: The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Romans 13:11-14

And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³ Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9

The promised Savior arrives in Jerusalem for the final leg of his saving mission. He came the first time to save, and will come again to save once more.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,² telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Watch How You Walk”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 2, "Savior of the Nations, Come"



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON

Text: Romans 13:11-14

Theme: Dress for the Day

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please take a moment to fill in the Friendship Register in the pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Come, dear Savior. We long for your appearing!

Come to cheer us with your promises, as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of waiting and watching.

Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals; direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.

Come and work in us godly grief and genuine sorrow over our sin. Forgive us for the ways we have dishonored you and the shabby ways we have treated each other. Through your mighty Word, stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others, as you have given yourself to us.

Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming. Do not permit our busyness to rob us of your peace, or to deprive us of times to ponder and wonder at your Word. Set our hearts apart from the clamor and bustle of these days. Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger. Keep our hearts and minds undisturbed.

We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing spiritual trial, and for those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming. Comfort, strengthen, and enlighten them with the sweet peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace by your holy Word.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the light of your coming! We wait, we keep watch, and in you put our hope. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 21, "Hosana to the Coming Lord"



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in
3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our
4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -
this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -
lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls
heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.
ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.
be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.
ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.

Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH (LM) Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder aufs neu gebessert*, Leipzig, 1839.

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Sunday School's Warm in Woodbridge

From November 6 to December 11, Trinity's Sunday School is holding its annual "Warm in Woodbridge" drive! We are gathering winter hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to share with homeless people in Woodbridge via the HUGS (Help Us Grow Strong) organization. Please contribute if you can, remembering that what we do for others we do for our Savior. There will be a collection box for these items in the narthex through December 11.

Readers of Trinity! Coming Saturday!

You are invited to join the Trinity Book Club this Saturday December 3 for a fun bookish event at Rachel Kovaciny's house. We'll meet at 9:30am to discuss the book "All is Calm, All is Bright" by Colleen Coble while enjoying a hot cocoa and coffee bar and festive treats. Please let Rachel know by December 1 if you plan to attend so there will be enough snacks for everyone!

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, December 1

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

No Catechism or Sunday School Today

Adult Bible class will meet between worship today, but there will be no Sunday School or Catechism instruction.

Midweek Advent Suppers – Starting this Wednesday!

On Wednesdays November 30, December 7, and 14, Trinity will enjoy midweek Advent suppers. Doors will open at 5:30, and supper will be served at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass, if you're able. If you're not able to bring food, don't worry! Please come anyway! Beverages, plates, silverware and napkins are provided. A brief Advent devotion will follow supper at 6:30.

Christmas for Kids – Saturday, December 10

Trinity will be hosting its first Christmas for Kids program on Saturday, December 10, from 10-11:30. One or two more adult volunteers would be wonderful; if you could help out, please speak to Pastor. A link to register is now available on Trinity's website, www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org. Please pray that this first-time event will work to bring the love of Jesus to the forty children we hope to welcome that morning. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Christmas for Kids, and to God for the opportunity to spread his love in Christ.

Children's Christmas Worship Service

The children of Trinity's Sunday School will lead our 11:00 worship on Sunday, December 11, by telling us the story of Jesus' birth with word, song, and action. The 8:30 service on that Sunday will be a "normal" Advent liturgical service led by pastor. Both services will be livestreamed, and of course you are welcome to attend both if you'd like.

Sunday School, Bible Class, and Catechism Break

Sunday School, Bible class, and Catechism class will not meet on Sundays December 18, and 25, and January 1. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day Worship

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5 and 7. This year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays. The normal Sunday morning worship schedule (8:30 and 11:00) will remain in place on both Sundays.

Youth Activities Coming This Summer

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit campchirho.org.

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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