

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

December 27th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Welcome! all Wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span,
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little one! whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heav'n to earth!

—Richard Crashaw in *Patches of Godlight*

Call to Worship at the Advent Wreath

The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. The traditional Advent wreath has four purple candles (lit on the four Sundays of Advent) grouped around a white Christ candle (lit on Christmas Eve). The main symbolism portrayed by the wreath is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each Lord's Day and as anticipation builds for the celebration of Christ's second coming.

Minister: Alleluia! To us a child is born.

People: **Come, let us adore him. Alleluia!**

PRAISE

Hymn **O, Come All Ye Faithful**— music is found on pages 1-2

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Descant

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;
G Am7 D G C G D

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 God of God, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;
Em A D G D A7 D

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove:
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
G Am G D Em D

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
"Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est!"
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, O come,
Refrain G D7 G D7 G D

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!
G D A D C G D G

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Words: attr. John F. Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others, P.D.
Music (ADESTE FIDELES irregular): attr. John F. Wade, 1743; desc. © 1947 *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, admin.
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Prayer of Adoration (the *Gloria in excelsis*, in unison)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Doxology (last verse of "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (unison)

God of love and mercy, so often we pursue power and money, yet you come in weakness. We covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, and correct us. Open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and then remake us, that we may witness to your transforming love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

[Jesus said,] "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." [Luke 19:10 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements start on page 7.

Carol What Child is This — music found below

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What Child Is This

Em G D Em Am B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, pea - sant, king, to own him.

Em G D Em B Esus Em

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Bm G D Em B Esus Em

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
hail, hail for Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y.

Words: William C. Dix (1837-1898), P.D.
Music (GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.6.8.6.7): English ballad, 16th c., P.D.

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (Read by Jordan Wilhelm)

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME"

Pastor Magnuson

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord's blessings & love in this present crisis.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 and ever. Amen.

Hymn Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus — music below

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 472

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

WORDS and MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel (1864-1961)

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Jesus, the newborn King.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude Silent Night — arr. by David August

WORSHIP ARTISTS

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

DAVID AUGUST - PIANO, GUITAR

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

JULIE DIESSLIN-AUGUST - CELLO

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

Trinity Church Announcements

CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

Merry Christmas! Today is the third of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

- Friday, January 1, the eighth day of Christmas, is known as the feast of the **Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ**, for on the eighth day Jesus was circumcised. Historically, the giving of a name was associated with circumcision, just as today it is associated with baptism. (This is why pastors, before baptizing a child, ask for his or her name, and it is why one would refer to his or her "Christian name.")
- The church has long used symbolic color in its worship. As the dominating colors of God's creation change from season to season, so do the liturgical colors of the church calendar. The sequence of colors is meant to enhance the celebratory aspect of worship and to teach the gospel story throughout the year. In the celebration of Christmas, white is used because it symbolizes the joy and glory of the Incarnation of our Savior.

Prayer Focus for Christmas. Beginning today and continuing through the Twelve Days of Christmas, as we celebrate the coming of Jesus & his kingdom, we pray for all those who are in need.

- For peace on earth—for suffering people, including refugees & the persecuted—and for all people to know peace with God through Jesus Christ;
- For all affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic, especially the sick, the suffering, and all those who care for them; for the development of treatments and vaccines; and for *deliverance!*
- For ministries to the hungry & homeless, including the work of the Trinity Church Mercy Team, Hillside Food Outreach, and many others;
- For the mission & ministry of Trinity Church, especially for strong year-end giving to Trinity Church, including our building program & all our ministries; and
- For the members of the Armed Forces, including those from our church and especially those serving far from home. Pray specifically for Chaplain Tim Fary, his family, & his ministry as an Army chaplain.

COMING UP

HOMILY SCHEDULE (*subject to change as we deal with the pandemic*)

NOTE: Briefer homilies will be given at the in-person services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

January 3. Matthew 2:1-12. "Worshipping God." Homily by Pastor Swanson

January 10. New series begins: "When Jesus Asks a Question." John 1:35-38. "What Do You Seek?"

January 17. John 2:1-12. "Why Do You Involve Me?" Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Year-End Giving. 100% of Trinity Church's funding comes from the generosity of our members & regular attendees—and much of this giving comes at the year's end. Please give generously! If you have questions about giving of stocks, about estate planning, etc., please contact the church office. Also note that, in order for your gifts to be counted for 2020, they must be received by December 31 (or, if mailed, postmarked by December 31). Thank you!!

Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges. **If giving by check, mail it to the church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**
- **COVID-19 Support** - On our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com, you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 Update" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need).

Drive-in Communion. 1pm, January 3rd at the Church Offices.

In the latest installment of "A Questioning Faith," Pastor Higgins interviews Chris Lawrence, who serves with InnerChange, a global, ecumenical order of Christians journeying with the world's poor. The next one is with Kathy Purdy, executive director of Hillside Food Outreach, a Westchester-based ministry to those facing hunger and food insecurity.

Healing Prayer. Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved one, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. The service is scheduled to be held on Sundays at 11:30 on Zoom. The service will last for approximately 15 minutes. For information on how to join in, email Pastor Higgins at craighiggins@trinitychurch.cc.

- Next Healing Prayer Service: January 10

Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** www.TrinityChurchNY.com
- **SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY, **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch, **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.

Adult CE Class. For Lent this year, Pastor Mark and Ann Higgins will be reading a group through Tish Harrison Warren's "Prayer in the Night" as an online adult education offering. Tish Harrison Warren's book will explore themes of vulnerability, suffering and God's seeming absence, structured around the nighttime prayer of Compline (which Pastor Mark led many of us through last year when COVID inserted itself into the rhythms of our lives). The approximate date for the class will be the second week of February, on or around Ash Wednesday. You can pre-order the book on Amazon and sign up from the link in our newsletter. Please contact Pastor Mark at markswanson@trinitychurch.cc if you have any questions.