

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

Gather

Prelude Choral Prelude on “Wachet Auf” J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit “God Welcomes All” (GTG #399) John L. Bell

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 100)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

People: That we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths

Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem

People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

****Hymn #106**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – The Promise of Hope

Pastor: Advent is a time to wait for God. So let us wait for the promise of new life as we join in the liturgy of the Advent Candle:

(Lighting the Candle of Hope Video)

Leader: Advent is here, and the wait for the birth of the Christ has begun.

People: As we light the first candle, we are reminded of God’s promise of a Savior.

(Lighting of the first purple candle.)

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise
I made to my people.

**People: A day, certain and on its way, and we feel it approaching. Slowly first, then
in a quickened pace. Like a promise on its way to being fulfilled.**

Leader: A day is certainly coming, sure as breath. A day of safety. A name of a Holy
One:

People: Branch; Righteous One; Hope; This promised day is certainly on its way.

All: Together, we anticipate the day of this coming.

(Remain seated.)

Congregation Sings: **Hope, hope, hope-**
 The light of Christ is hope.
 In all our darkness Christ is shining,
 Leading upward, faith refining.
 Hope, hope, hope-
 The light of Christ is hope.

Prepare

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Constant Creation, you promise a world where the sound of weeping will no longer be heard, yet our hearts ache with grief and division. We confess the ways we contribute to the world's pain: our silence in the face of injustice, our waste of earth's gifts, our neglect of the lonely and lost. We confess the weariness in our own souls: the doubts, the resentments, the fear of change. Reconcile us to one another and to the earth. Restore in us the joy of your salvation that we may see, hear and delight in your new heavens and new earth, already here and yet to come. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news; we are forgiven, restored, and set free to live as people of the new creation.

Thanks be to God.

****Hymn #104**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” (vs. 1 only)

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright? Your people long to greet You, My Hope, my heart's Delight! O, kindle, Lord, most holy, Your lamp within my breast to do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.

****Passing the Peace**

May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace: The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Listen

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Anthem_

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. Bruce Jeffries

New Testament Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

“And All Will Be Well”

Respond

Hymn #92

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

GIVE THANKS

Invitation to the Offering

Advent Doxology (*Remain seated.*)

**O Glorious God, to you we bring All that we are as offering;
Spirit of HOPE, within us dwell; Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn #79

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Benediction

Postlude

“Sleepers Awake”

Paul Manz

****Please stand as you are able and comfortable.**

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Kathie Jackson
Liturgist	Carol Virkler
Advent Candle Lighters	Brad and Deborah Calder
Organist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Delbert Botes, Debbie Newkirk
	Odell Newkirk
Ushers	Ted Groshong, Steve Sheriff
Greeters	Bill and Sue Young
Childcare Volunteers	Cathy Stubbs, Luann Griffith

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Each Sunday, we need 2 volunteers to care for our youngest children after the Children's Message. Please sign up to help in this important ministry. Chris Sheriff can answer any questions you may have. Thanks for volunteering!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: Our Holiday Food Drive in support of the Food Bank ends today. Thanks to everyone who has brought donations of food to fill the barrels in the lobby. Monetary donations may still be made. Please make the check payable to Trinity with "Food Drive" on the memo line.

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES AND SERVICES CHRISTMAS TREE: Our Angel Tree is renamed, but the Christmas gift is still the same. Bring or send a Christmas Card to Trinity with \$5.00 (or more) tucked inside. Your card will be displayed in the lobby and an ornament with your name will be placed on the tree. Your donation will be given to the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Examples of services include transitional living for youth in foster care, counseling for children, single parent assistance for foster care management.

SPECIAL ADVENT EVENT: Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please join us next Saturday morning as we decorate small Christmas trees and make cards for some of our very special Trinity members. Let's share joy, creativity, and the spirit of the season with each other.

ADDITIONAL TRINITY ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, December 1 – Fellowship Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Tuesday, December 2 – Evening Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday, December 3 – Congregational Care Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Rm 12.
- Wednesday, December 3 – Afternoon Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday, December 3 – Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.
- Thursday, December 4 – Worship Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 5 – Mahjong Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.