

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

*Gather*

PRELUDE

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Praise*

PREPARE FOR CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The journey through Advent is a path to our God; winding through the ordinary,

**People: weaving through the busyness, overcoming roadblocks and detours.**

Leader: Advent is a summons to come home; leaving the past in the past,

**People: moving from darkness and exile, coming into the light.**

Leader: Advent is a path to our God,

**People: a way to come home!**

ALL: Rejoice, rejoice. God is with us! Amen!

**\*\*HYMN** (*on insert*)

“Sing Aloud!”

REGENT SQUARE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE— Proclaim (Zephaniah 3 & Isaiah 12)

Pastor: The LORD, our God, is in our midst. May we have eyes to see and ears to hear as we receive Christ’s light of hope and peace and await the light of joy.

ADVENT CANDLE VIDEO

ADVENT CANDLE LITANY

Leader: The Advent of our Lord is near, as we make God’s love known in our world.

**People: As we light the third candle,  
we are encouraged to proclaim the good news of God’s gift of salvation.**

Leader: The LORD, your God, is in your midst.

He celebrates and will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

**People: With great joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader: I will bring you home, says the Lord;

I will gather you in and restore your fortunes before your eyes.

**People: God’s proclamation of joy is for all people;  
together we anticipate the day of his coming.**

ALL SING:

*Joy, joy, joy—  
We praise You, Christ, with joy!  
Our peace, our hope, our love and treasure,  
Highest calling, deepest pleasure!  
Joy, joy, joy—  
We praise You, Christ, with joy!*

### *Prepare*

#### CALL TO PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Today we hear, “The Lord your God is always with you. He sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love.” *Zeph. 3:17* So, let us joyfully prepare our hearts to be refreshed in God’s love by joining in prayer:

#### PRAYER REFLECTION

*“The Lord your God is always with you. He sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love.” Zeph. 3:17*

**A singing God! Isn’t that what we all hope for? In the midst of troubles, struggles, and a world gone wild, we hope not only that you, O God, will delight in us individually, but also that you will sing over the entire world a melody of renewal. With Zephaniah we pray, that you, our Strength and Song, would quiet our hearts with love and rejoice, even as your might delivers us. In Advent, we hope in hope. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The messengers God has sent to us, (Zephaniah, Isaiah, and John the Baptist) all proclaimed that there is One who is Coming who will heal and lead you. The good news on this third Sunday of Advent is that God is in our midst bringing us peace and healing. In a spirit of joy, let us share this peace: The peace of Christ be with you all. *And also with you.*

### *Listen*

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Please join me in prayer as we prepare to receive God’s word. Let us pray: **God of our salvation, you bring joy to the righteous and comfort to the outcast. As we come before you this day to worship you and to listen to your holy word, lighten our hearts with laughter and loosen our tongues to sing your praise. For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the fountain of our joy. Be with us now and always. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 12:2-6* Contemporary English Version (CEV)

#### ADVENT REFLECTON VIDEO

“JOY”

#### GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 3:7-9, 15-18*

SERMON

“Come Home for Christmas: The Joy of Home”

CANTATA

“Let Earth Receive Her King”  
Trinity’s Choir and Narrator Brian Norris

arr. by Ed Kee

***Respond***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on “In Dulci Jubilo” (“In Quiet Joy”)

J. S. Bach

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

**Leaders in and for Worship Today**

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist & Cantata Narrator	Brian Norris
Advent Wreath Candlelighters	Bill and Sue Young
Organist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Bill Kennedy, Karen Neely, Bob Winkelmann
Ushers	Cathy Nelson
Greeters	Sarah Blanton, June Young
Childcare Volunteer	Cathy Stubbs

**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!

**AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS:** You are invited to stay for a while after worship today to enjoy light refreshments and conversation with church friends in the Fellowship Hall.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN’S HOMES AND SERVICES (PCHAS) CHRISTMAS TREE:** 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. Donations will help support the work of Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services which provides a variety of important services to help children and their families.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE WARDROBE:** Please sign up to help this Wednesday, December 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Use the form on the kiosk in the lobby or contact Trinity's Wardrobe Coordinator Anne Seymour today to offer your help.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Help us share the joy and love of the season by participating in this annual event led by our choir. This Wednesday evening, December 17, come to the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. for wassail, cocoa, and Christmas cookies. At 7:00, carolers will carpool to the homes of our members who have difficulty coming to church. All ages are invited to participate.

**CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING:** Next Sunday, December 21, we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering during our morning worship service. One of the special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Christmas Joy offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need and develops future leaders of the church at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Special offering envelopes will be available on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please note "Joy Gift" on the memo line of your check. You can also donate online through our church website.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE:** December 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook Live.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST:** December 28 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share.