ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 **Worship 10:30 AM**

Gather

Prelude "Sleepers Awake" J. S. Bach

Video "What Is Advent?"

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1) VENI EMMANUEL

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

**Call to Worship

Leader: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock;
People: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us your light, and we shall be saved.
Leader: Let your hand be upon us, O Lord, and make us strong for your service;
People: Give us strength, that we may never turn from you; give us life that we may call upon your name.
Leader: Our opening hymn is "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You".

**Hymn (#104) "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

(Please be seated.)

Lighting of the Advent Candle – HOPE

Leader: Advent is here, and the wait for the birth of the Christ has begun.
People: As we light the first candle, we remember God's promise of a Savior.
Leader: Isaiah cries out to God in a time of uncertainty and longing: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence." Yet even in the midst of waiting, the prophet declares, "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." *(Isaiah 64:1, 8).*
People: God's gift of hope was promised long ago; together, we await the coming of Christ.
Leader: Let us pray: Faithful God, when your people longed for your presence, you promised to come and save them. As we light this candle of hope, remind us that you are still at

work shaping our lives and guiding our future. In seasons of uncertainty, help us trust in your promises and wait with expectation for Christ, our hope and salvation. Amen.

All Sing: **A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright**
a candle of hope in November's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heav'ns starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Prepare

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need to repent. We have broken your commands and do not live in peace with your creation or one another. We have not trusted your word and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our fear into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Congregational Response "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" (Hymn #582)

**Passing the Peace

— The Peace of Christ be with you all! ***And also with you.***

Listen

Children's Message

Anthem "O Holy Child, Your Manger Gleams" Robert Wetzler

Unison Prayer of Illumination

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

New Testament Reading *Mark 13:24-37*

Sermon "The Gift of Hope"

Respond

**Hymn (#79) "Light Dawns on a Weary World" TEMPLE OF PEACE

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offering

**Hymn (on slides) "Doxology for Advent" (vs. 1) VENI EMMANUEL

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.

**Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn (#100) "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

(Please be seated.)

Advent Reflection Video

Benediction

Postlude "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" Robert Hobby

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

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Kathie Jackson
Liturgist	Susan Winkelmann
Advent Candle Lighters	The Michael Fues Family
Organist/Pianist	Carol Virkler
Instrumentalist	Mark Virkler, Guitar
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Bill Kennedy, Debbie Newkirk, Bob Winkelmann
Greeter	Marge Veum
Ushers	Sarah Blanton, Ted Groshong

Announcements

After worship today, light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Copies of a special Advent and Christmas Devotional Booklet prepared by Rev. Ronnie Osborn are available on the front table in the lobby. The readings begin today and continue through Christmas Day. Please take one for your personal use as you leave worship this morning.

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive continues through this Tuesday, December 1. If you'd like to bring a donation and have not yet done so, you can stop by the church anytime tomorrow. Most needed items are canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, beans, rice, cereal, peanut butter, canned soup, and pasta.

On Sunday, December 13, **Trinity's Choir and a variety of instrumentalists will present the Christmas Cantata, *Adore Him,*** during worship. You won't want to miss this special presentation. It will be a great Sunday to invite friends, neighbors or additional family members.

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHSAS) Christmas Tree: Wish your church family "Merry Christmas" by bringing or sending a Christmas card to Trinity with a minimum donation of $5.00 for this annual special offering for PCHAS. Your card will be displayed and an ornament with your name hung on the small Christmas tree in the lobby. PCHAS is a long-standing mission partner of Trinity and provides a variety of services to assist children, youth, and their families in Missouri including foster care management, counseling, mentoring, and single parent assistance.

Trinity Activities Coming Up This Week:

Monday, November 30
7:00 p.m. – Stewardship and Finance (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 1
7:00 p.m. – Evening Circle, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 2
10:00 a.m. – Congregational Care, Room 12
1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Circle, Room 12
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.

Thursday, December 3
7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee (Zoom)

Friday, December 4
1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Small Group, Fellowship Hall