11:00 AM • December 1, 2019
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WHAT CAN'T WAIT
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December 1, 2019 • 11:00 am Worship

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us.
We believe worship is the heart of our life together.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Johann Sebastian Bach
Sleepers Wake!, BWV 645

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: I will wait for coffee to brew. I will wait for traffic to clear. I will wait for fruit to ripen. I will wait for flowers to grow. I will wait for seasons to change. I will wait for the sun to rise. I will wait for you to say sorry. I will wait for the doctor to call. I will wait for the weekend to arrive. I will wait for my baby’s first words. I will wait for Christmas to arrive.

All: We will wait for a lot of things, but we will not wait for hope.

One: I cannot wait for hope, because I want to live with hope—today and every day. I want to roll my sleeves up and get to work—living, serving, giving, and transforming with the hope of a better day. So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and as a prayer that we might stop waiting and start living, stop watching and start moving.

All: May the light of this candle burn inside us this week—inspiring hope and action for God’s promised day.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88
VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CALL TO CONFESSION

Advent is a season of waiting, but as we prepare for the coming Messiah, we wonder together—what things can’t wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires our work and preparation? What is it that God can’t wait for? Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation? This Advent, we invite you to join us in imagining, prioritizing, and preparing. As we wait, what can’t?
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
One: Your light is drawing near.
All: Yet too often we shroud your light with our indifference.
When we turn a blind eye to suffering, forgive us.
When we are silent in the face of injustice, forgive us.
When we choose comfort over compassion, forgive us.
When we wait for what cannot wait, forgive us.

moment of silence
for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession.

One: You enter our broken world and make a home among us.
All: Illumine the shadows of our lives with your light, and open our hearts to receive your grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
(Please sing the refrain with the choir after Cantor introduces it.)
(tune may be found as stanza 1 of hymn #92)

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:1-12
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Hope Can’t Wait Richard Floyd

Particularly appropriate to World Communion Sunday, this hymn text by Thomas Troeger celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ’s welcome to the Lord’s Supper, which transcends time and nationality, reaching the whole world.
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: What is the nature of Advent hope?
All: Advent hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven, and a new earth, in which God is rightly worshiped, human beings are truly loving, and a just peace reigns on earth. We believe this hope was born in the Christ child. And so we not only commit to God the needs of the world in our prayers, we also pray that God will awaken us to participate in this hope by being instruments of God's love and peace here and now. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TRURO

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with him; and in that day light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!
(tune may be found stanza 3 of hymn #93)

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Healey Willan

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, Behold, thy King Cometh
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*DOXOLOGY #606

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Congregational responses during prayer (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The elements used in the Lord’s Supper are wine and bread. Gluten-free bread is available; please alert an Elder or usher of your request. For those who do not wish to drink wine, grape juice is in the outer rim of the trays. When passing the bread to your neighbor, say, “This is the Bread of Life.” When passing the wine or juice to your neighbor, say, “This is the Cup of Salvation.”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #82 HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Veni Emmanuel

Rejoice, Rejoice

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY George Frederick Handel

Grand Choeur

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.
The Trinity Family is invited to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Our celebration will include a free brunch and cake. During the brunch, we will be led in song by members of the Chancel Choir and hear from members of different generations about what Trinity means to them. In addition, historical pictures will be on display and included in a "step back in time" photo booth. To ensure enough food is prepared, please make a reservation by October 30.

OUR GOAL
$3,925 MILLION
675 PLEDGES

TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED
$2,178,847
56%

PLEDGES
324
48%
Visit 14th-century England when Trinity presents its 21st Madrigal Feast on Thursday, December 5. One of our most enduring musical traditions, the Madrigal Feast showcases the Trinity Madrigal Singers, who don period costumes and entertain with selections of old English Madrigals, folk songs and holiday choral selections. A reenactment of a 14th-century royal feast, the entertainment includes merriment on a grand scale directed by the Master of the Hall. Patrons will enjoy a festive banquet of period food prepared in a modern manner.

Tickets are $30 per person (drink tickets $5 per person) and are on sale now through November 25.

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# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

## Monday, December 2
- 9:00 AM  Visitation Committee
- 10:00 AM  Pastors’ Aid Committee
- 10:00 AM  Women's Circle Tutorial

## Tuesday, December 3
- 7:30 AM  Personnel
- 7:30 AM  Theology Reading Group
- 8:30 AM  Yoga
- 10:45 AM  Tai Chi
- 1:00 PM  Worship Final Check
- 3:30 PM  Faith in Action Committee
- 7:00 PM  District Boy Scouts Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM  Men in Transition B (NABS)
- 7:00 PM  Women's Circle 2
- 8:00 PM  Men's Basketball

## Wednesday, December 4
- 10:00 AM  The Tent
- 12:00 PM  Covenant Bible Study
- 12:45 PM  Silent Meditation
- 4:00 PM  CFM Pre-K Recreation
- 6:00 PM  Mission Council Meeting
- 7:00 PM  Men in Transition 4
- 7:30 PM  Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM  AA Meeting
- 8:00 PM  Men's Basketball

## Thursday, December 5
- 10:15 AM  Writing as a Spiritual Practice
- 10:30 AM  Retired Presbyterian Minister’s Christmas Luncheon
- 2:30 PM  Trinity Women's Bridge (Room Set-up)
- 3:00 PM  Trinity Women's Bridge
- 4:00 PM  CFM Open Gym Time
- 4:00 PM  Hosanna Ringers
- 4:00 PM  Primary Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 PM  CFM Arts and Crafts
- 4:45 PM  Cherub Choir I Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM  Basketball Practice
- 5:00 PM  Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 PM  Cherub Choir II Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM  Basketball Practice

## Friday, December 6
- 7:30 AM  Awakening
- 7:30 AM  Men's Breakfast

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Informal Worship
9:00 am, The Loft
Westminster Ringers
9:00 am, A136
CFM Gathering
9:45 am, Gym

Congregational Brunch
10:00 am, Williams Hall
Worship
11:00 am, Sanctuary
Novel Ideas
12:00 pm, B100
Service of Lament and Hope
5:00 pm, Chapel

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching
Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd
Acting Senior Pastor

Liturgists
Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries
Stan and Velma Tilley
Candle Lighters

Banner Bearer
Josh Karasick

Acolyte
Margaret Fish

Music
The Chancel Choir
of Trinity Presbyterian Church
Norman Mackenzie
Organist & Director of Music and Fine Arts

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CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Families with children are welcome at each of our worship services. We believe it is important to foster a meaningful learning experience by having our children participate in worship with us. Children kindergarten and older are invited to remain in worship. Worship bags and worship-related activities are provided to help them stay active and engaged.

CHILD CARE

Although children are always welcome in the sanctuary, child care is available for children, birth through pre-K from 8:45 am to noon in Building D.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Broadfoot family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathryn D. Pollock and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Broadfoot.
WELCOME INTENTIONALLY

POINSETTIA ORDERS
The Christmas season is the time for remembering God’s love for us and for remembering those who have been particularly dear to us. Again this year, we will be placing memorial/honorarium poinsettias in the sanctuary and Dobbs Chapel for the Christmas services. For your donation to appear in the bulletin, your purchase must be completed by Sunday, December 15. There are envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. You may also order online at www.trinityatlanta.org/events. We hope you will share your joy of the season with others through this program.

CARE COMPASSIONATELY

COUNSELING
Mary Lisa Henry, Ph.D., LCSW
404-869-3707

STEPHEN MINISTERS
Matthew 22:34-40, NRSV, “34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked a question to test him. 36 ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ 37 He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Trinity member and Stephen Minister Miranda Emery Segrest says, “This is my favorite, because it’s part of a series of questions to test Jesus. They are trying so hard to trap him, yet His response is so simple: Love. I like that He also makes a point to tie love to all things, including the law and the prophets. The greatest thing we are called to do is love: love God, love all people, and keep love as a foundation for all that we do.”

If you are experiencing a difficult life circumstance and wish to discuss this with someone, a Stephen Minister, chosen just for you by Ministry leaders, will be a confidential listener.

Contact:
Meredith Daniel, 404-869-0025, msdaniel@bellsouth.net
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PASTORAL CARE
If you have an illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, please contact Veronica Ridenhour. 404-495-8440
vridenhour@trinityatlanta.org

GATHER JOYFULLY

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Friday, December 6
7:27 am
Meredith Cole is the Head of School at The Lovett Schools and began her role July 1, 2018. Having just completed her first year, Meredyth will present an overview and assessment of the school’s current and future priorities. Meredyth previously served in administrative roles at The Episcopal School of Dallas and the Madeira School. Join the Men’s Breakfast this Friday morning at 7:27 am for good food and great fellowship. Reservations not required; $7 per person.

CHILDREN-LED CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Register by December 5
Second graders are invited to be a reader or a non-speaking character at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

There will be mandatory practice at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary (after 11:00 am worship) on Sunday, December 22. Sign up at “MyTrinity.”

Contact: Elizabeth Davis, 404-495-8423
edavis@trinityatlanta.org
LEARN PURPOSEFULLY
ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL
November 10, 17, 24; December 8, 15, 22
10:00 – 10:50 am
Church school classes will not meet on December 1 because of the congregational brunch.

BIBLE & THEOLOGY
God Dwells with Us: Creation, Ecology, and New Creation in the New Testament
Room B104/106
Speaker: Stanley P. Saunders, Columbia Theological Seminary

PERSPECTIVES: LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE AND HISTORY
Mary Oliver: Incarnational Poetry
Room B108
Speaker: Amanda Edwards

PERSPECTIVES: LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE AND HISTORY
Let’s Talk! Proactive Civil Discourse and Perspective Taking
Room B110
Various Speakers

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES & FAITH IN ACTION
Income Inequality
Room B112
Various Speakers

Coffee & Connections
Williams Hall C
Various Speakers

SERVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY
CHRISTMAS MARKET IS NEXT SUNDAY!
Sunday, December 8
9:00am - 2pm, Williams Hall
Trinity’s Christmas Market will be on one day only - Sunday, December 8, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Williams Hall. Childcare is available during market hours.

A favorite event during the advent season, the Market benefits Trinity’s global mission programs in Cuba, Haiti, and refugee resettlement in Atlanta. Trinity members’ donations of arts, crafts, baked goods, and more make a tremendous contribution to the Market, and our global mission partners.

Questions?
Contact:
Julie Hope, julie.hope@yahoo.com
Barbara Robertson, berobertson@me.com

TRINITY IS SHARING MEALS WITH AGAPE THIS MONTH!
Mondays, December 9 and 16
3:45 – 6:45 pm at Agape
Trinity is providing dinner for Bolton, E. Rivers, and Sutton students. You can volunteer for any or all of the time on either Monday: pick up and deliver food, help cook in Agape’s kitchen, serve food, eat and visit with students, and clean up.

Contact Bright Wright, bright1020@outlook.com for more information and to volunteer.