

\*CLOSING HYMN #464

*Our Father*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE . *Ding Dong! Merrily on High; French carol arr. Brent Edstrom*

**Congregation remains seated**

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Liturgist	Glenn Mojzer
Candle Lighters	Susan Rouff, Debi Hess
Ushers	Marty Reese, Susan Rouff, Wilson Tayong
Communion Servers	Debi Hess, Valentine Nyamusa, Joleen Goens
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

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**Bolded words are read by the congregation. \*Indicates please stand as you are able.**

**Welcome:** to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.” Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

**CHURCH BUDGET:** Even though we are working on church mergers, session still needs to develop a budget for 2025. We are a little behind in formulating a budget so we need everyone to complete the pledges in the next two weeks. Your pledges help us pay for water, electricity, the mortgage, property needs, salaries, mission and fellowship projects. It takes pledges from everyone for us to adequately meet our church needs.

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”* -Hebrews 13:16.

Thank you for your consideration and contributions to Trinity.

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church



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First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ **Congregation in bold type**

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

*Trust and Obey*  
*by Daniel Towner arr. Penny Rodriguez*

\***THE PEACE**

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

**INTROIT #377**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**CALL TO WORSHIP—Lighting the First Advent Candle**

*Susan Rouff, Debi Hess*

Advent calls for Hope—

The dawning of a new age, rebirth of all Creation, unparalleled in scope.

**Advent calls for Hope.**

A little tiny baby, a king to help us cope; The Word made flesh forever.

**Advent calls for Hope—**

The dawning of a new age, rebirth of all Creation.

We light now the candle of Hope—Hope that is ours through Christ Jesus.

***(Congregation sings #105 verse 1, People Look East while the candle is being lit.)***

\***OPENING HYMN #744**

*Arise, Your Light is Come!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

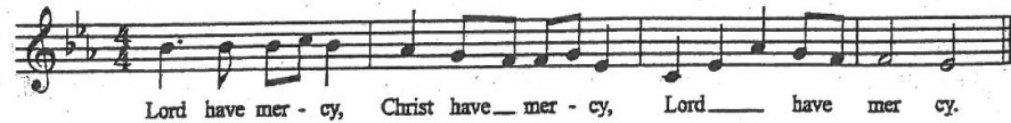
Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Let us humble ourselves, confessing all to our merciful God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Like Herod, we choose death over life, like Pilate, we choose lies over truth, and like Caiaphas, we choose power over righteousness. We have done terrible things, and we have left good things undone. We have created a chasm which we cannot bridge. God, be merciful to us sinners. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have fallen short of your glory, and fill us once again with your hope.**

**MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION** *Let us sing to the Lord...*

**KYRIE—All Sing**



**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News: the virgin has conceived and born a son. She has called him Jesus, he is the Son of the Most High, and he has come to save us from our sins. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;  
plainsong arr. Jay Rouse*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Children's Sermon*

*(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not pass away: Your Word stands forever. May our generation be attentive so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Ephesians 5:8-14; Psalm 85:8-13*

**SERMON**

*Out of Darkness*

*Rev. Tom Dunlap*

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Long ago the wise men came bearing gifts for the newborn Messiah; gold to crown the king, frankincense to worship his priesthood, and myrrh to prepare his body for burial. Let us once again bring gifts to worship the newborn king.

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

*Twos in the Moon of Wintertime; Canadian-Indian melody*

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of surprises, with Jesus we learned that great things can come from humble beginnings. May these humble offerings be blessed and the start of great things for you. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SEALING THE WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)**

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.  
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.  
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

**THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

As we approach our Lord's Table, let us remember that we are called to be children of Light. The bread and wine before us point to a greater reality, one of Spirit and love.

**We are grateful for this opportunity to share with one another this meal of fellowship and grace.**

In this blessed act, we anticipate the Incarnation of our Lord.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be present with us as we remember with gratitude your birth, your death and your resurrection.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #500**

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**God of Mercy, God of Healing: You fed your people manna in the wilderness.. You have now fed us at the Table of Life. We thank you for your compassion and the tenderness in which you hold us. May we ever trust in your presence and know that your love binds us together in both body and spirit. As we go our separate ways this morning, may joy be in our hearts and may hope be our constant companion. In the name of Him who brings life. Amen.**

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