

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
The First Sunday in Advent
December 3, 2023 A.D.**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

P: We come to praise and honor the Lord our God.

L: The Lord is good; his mercy lasts forever.

P: We are grateful for his goodness and glad for his great mercy. Therefore, let us worship and honor Him this day. Amen.

Call to Confession

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

In Unison: Comfort us now most Holy God. Speak tenderly to us and hear our cry. For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Lord, we come before you broken and repentant. Oh, God heal our brokenness and forgive us of our sins. Lift us, O Lord, from the depths of despair. We repent and ask that our sins be forgiven. Thus, we pray almighty God that you forgive us. Amen.

Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, we rejoice in the forgiveness of Christ and live in God's love. Amen.

*Our Response

What a Friend We have in Jesus

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children - Meryl Davis

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - Fleschut Family

*Hymn - ***Come O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #9***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-14 The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Sermon: ***The Word Becomes Flesh Again:
Making a Home Among Us***

*Hymn - ***Let Us Break Bread Together #513***

The Invitation to Communion (Elements to be served Plated)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold
you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we
meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

Liturgist: Meryl Davis

Head Deacons: Karin Thompson & Josh Coy

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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