

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
November 27, 2022 A.D.
The First Sunday in Advent**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made *them all; the earth is full of your creatures!*

P: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

L: May my meditation be pleasing to you, O God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord forever!

L: Let us worship God this day! Amen!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Sgarlat Family

Call to Confession

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Together, with boldness, let us confess our sins unto the good Lord who hears all. Let us pray . . .

Prayer of Confession

All: With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to old ways. In spite of our promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence, yet the darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrender ourselves. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. Forgive us, O Lord.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, as far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our sins from us. Believe in the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. 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 with Our Children

Hymn - *Angels We have Heard on High* #132

The Morning Scriptures: 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.

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

Hymn - *Go, Tell it Upon the Mountains #139

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 counsels 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: Karen Sassaman & Cindy Williams

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of George Powell Flint, 7/29/38-11/28/21. Given by; Elaine & Andrew Flint

*Thank you, Matthew Blom, for sharing your musical talents with us today.



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