

LORD'S DAY SERVICE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SEASON

DECEMBER 22, 2024



TRINITY
REFORMED CHURCH

WELCOME!

Advent is the beginning of the Christian Calendar. It means “coming” or “arrival.” It is the season of preparation and anticipation of our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the arrival and coming of God in the flesh for our salvation. Advent draws our attention to the many ways in which God has come in history, continues to come, and will come again to save, deliver, and judge. God came in judgment at the flood; to rescue His people from bondage in Egypt; in the Spirit at Sinai, the tabernacle, and temple; in the judges and prophets; and finally in His Son Jesus. He continues to come to all who seek Him in the person and power of His Spirit. Ultimately, we look for the final coming of Jesus to judge the world in justice and put all things right. We observe this season with the color of purple, symbolizing the royalty and lordship of Christ our King. On the communion table there are four Advent candles and a central Christ candle. Each week we light another candle marking the Light that has come into the world.

If you would like to talk to someone about who Jesus is or what it means to be a Christian, please contact the church office to set up an appointment: office@trinitykirk.com // 208.882.2300

If you are new or visiting with us today, below is some information to help you make the most use of our facility:

- *The nursery and women’s lounge are located through the back door of the sanctuary, and beyond the back foyer. The nursery is wired for sound. Please feel free to make use of these rooms as needed.*
- *Please join us after the service for fellowship & refreshments. We do ask that you keep your snacks and beverages in the narthex or Festival Hall during this time, and not in the sanctuary.*
- *There is gluten free bread and grape juice in the north narthex table for use during communion.*
- *The offering box is in the north narthex. Please place your offerings there before the service begins.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The people shall stand

PROCESSIONAL // *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, st. 7-8*

7. O come, O King of na - tions, come, O Cor - ner - stone that binds in one:
8. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,

Re - fresh the hearts that long for thee; re - store the bro - ken, make us free.
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear:

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

GREETING

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:

For He has visited and redeemed His people.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of His servant David.

Through the tender mercy of our God

The sunrise from on high has visited us.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,

Unto whom all hearts are open,

All desires known,

And from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,

That we may perfectly love You

And worthily magnify Your Glorious Name,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people shall sit

CHORAL ANTHEM // *O Radiant Dawn* // *Adult & Teen Choirs*

Composer: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Text: Latin antiphon, c. 6th Century

O Radiant Dawn,

Splendor of eternal Light,

Sun of Justice:

Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness

and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied,

'The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light;

upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'

Amen.

CONFESSION

EXHORTATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, let us worship and bow down.

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

The people may kneel

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone what ought to be done,

And we have done what ought not to be done. And there is no health in us.

But You, O Lord, have mercy on us, miserable sinners.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, most merciful Father, for His sake,

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

The people shall stand

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Amen.

OPENING ACCLAMATION // *Gloria Patri, Cantus 436*

The people may raise their hands

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

ASCENSION

SURSUM CORDA // *Cantus 438*

Minister: The Lord be with you.



R. And with thy spir - it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.



R. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



R. It is meet and right so to do.

It is good, right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty God, heavenly King . . . Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, and with all the church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS // *Cantus 440*



COLLECT FOR PEACE

Blessed Father,

You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son;

You fulfilled the oath You swore to our father Abraham,

And You have saved us from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us:

Give light to those who sit in darkness, and guide our feet in the way of peace,

That we might live in righteousness and holiness before You all our days.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The people shall sit

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON // *Micah 5:1-5a*

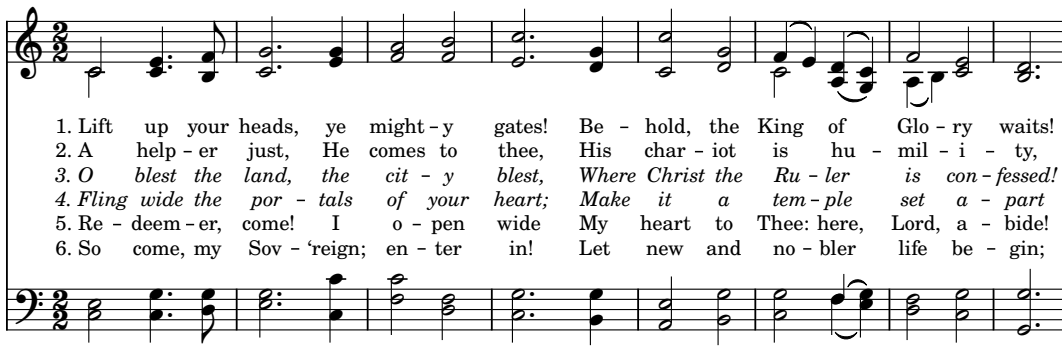
After the reading, the reader and people shall say

The Word of the Lord.

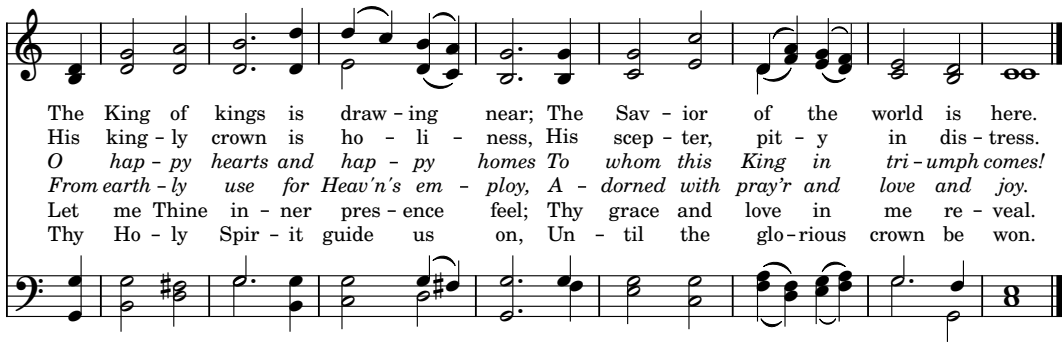
Thanks be to God.

The people shall remain seated

HYMN // *Lift Up Your Heads*



1. Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates! Be - hold, the King of Glo - ry waits!
2. A help - er just, He comes to thee, His char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty,
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the Ru - ler is con - fessed!
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple set a - part
5. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to Thee: here, Lord, a - bide!
6. So come, my Sov - reign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin;



The King of kings is draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.
His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.
O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
From earth - ly use for Heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with pray'r and love and joy.
Let me Thine in - ner pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.
Thy Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, Un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON // *Hebrews 10:5-10*

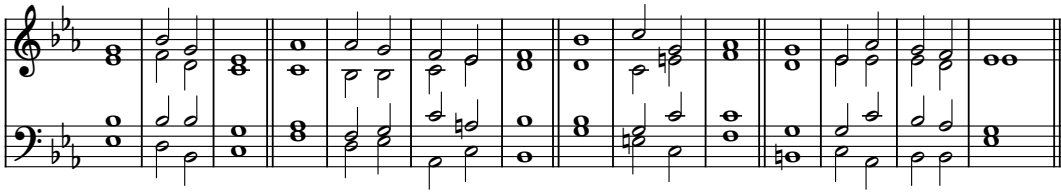
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Thanks be to God.

The people shall stand

CANTICLE // *Magnificat* - Luke 1:46-55



My soul | magni · fies the | Lord
And my spirit has found | joy in | God my | Savior.
For | He has · re | garded
The | low es | tate of · His | handmaiden.

For behold, from | this time | forth
All gener | ations · shall | call me | blessed,
For the Mighty One has done | great things · for | me
And | holy | is His | name.

And His mercy is upon generation after | gener | ation
Towards | those who | FEAR | Him.
He has shown | strength with · His | arm,
He has scattered the proud in the imagin | ations | of their | hearts.

He has brought down the | mighty · from their | thrones,
And exalted | those of | low es | tate.
He has filled the hungry with | GOOD | things,
And the rich He has | sent a · way | empty | handed.

He has given help to His | servant | Israel,
So as to re | member · His | mer | cy,
As He | promised · to our | fathers,
To Abraham and to his | seed · for the | ages to | come.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son,
And | to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be,
Age after | AGE | A | men.

The people shall remain standing

GOSPEL LESSON // *Luke 1:39-45*

After the reading, the reader and people shall say

The Gospel of our Lord.

Glory be to You, Lord Christ.

The people shall sit

SERMON // *Surprising Faithfulness // Timothy van den Broek*

The people shall stand

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever.

Amen.

The people shall sit

NEW MEMBER // *Elijah Snell*

Individuals and families celebrating baptisms, reaffirmations, or joining the church are invited to remain at the front during the passing of the peace so that the congregation may greet them. If you or someone you know would like to be baptized or become a member of Trinity or learn more about either, please see one of the elders or pastors.

The people shall stand

NICENE CREED // *We All Believe in One True God, Cantus 404-405*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The people exchange peace. As the piano begins to play, the people shall return to their seats.

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Amen.

The people shall sit

OFFERTORY // *With Hyssop Purge Me*

1. With hys - sop purge me, and I shall be clean:
2. Make me to hear thy joy and glad - ness, Lord;

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

O wash me, and I shall be white as snow.
that with my bro - ken bones I may re - jice.

The musical score continues with a treble clef and a bass clef, maintaining the one-flat key signature and 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Psalm 51:7-8; adapt. Joshua A. Roberts, 2024
Music: Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

SONG 46
10 10

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE // *See page 17*

Following each thanksgiving or petition, the leader and people shall say

Lord, in your mercy,

Draw near and hear our prayers.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*At Trinity, we eat and drink the elements as they pass. As you give the elements to your neighbor, say “**The body of Christ broken for you**” or “**The blood of Christ shed for you.**” As you receive the elements, say “**Thanks be to God.**” We invite all who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, have been baptized, and are not under church discipline to share the meal with us. If you have any questions about your participation, please see one of the elders or pastors before or after the service.*

EUCHARISTIC MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION HYMN // *Prepare the Way, O Zion, st. 1-4, opposite page*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE CUP

DISTRIBUTION HYMN // *Prepare the Way, O Zion, st. 5-7, opposite page*
The people shall stand

FINAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,

You gave us the true bread that came down from heaven,

Even Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:

Grant that we who have received this sacrament of His Body and Blood

May abide in Him, and He in us,

That we may be filled with the power of His endless life,

And serve Him with gladness and thanksgiving forever.

Amen.



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on! Ye aw - ful deeps, rise high;
2. O Zi - on, He ap - proach - eth, Thy Lord and King for aye!
3. *Fling wide thy por - tals, Zi - on, And hail thy glo - rious King;*
4. He com - eth not with war - riors, And not with pomp and show,
5. *Give heed, thou sin - ful peo - ple, Thy King and Sav - ior own;*
6. The throne which He as - cend - eth Is fixed in heav'n a - bove:
7. Je - ru - sa - lem is fall - en, And closed its tem - ple - door;



Sink low, ye tow'r - ing moun - tains, The Lord is draw - ing nigh;
Strew palms where He ad - vanc - eth, Spread gar - ments in His way.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion To eve - ry peo - ple bring,
Yet smit - eth He with ter - ror Sin, death, and eve - ry foe.
The king - dom He hath found - ed Is not an earth - ly one;
His sanc - ti - fied do - min - ion Is light a - lone and love.
Its sac - ri - fic - es end - ed; Its scep - ter is no more.



The right - eous King of glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
God's prom - ise fail - eth nev - er, Ho - san - na sound for - ev - er!
Who, wait - ing yet in sad - ness, Would sing His praise in glad - ness.
The Spir - it's sword He wield - eth, Not e'en to death He yield - eth.
No power can o - ver - throw it, Nor earth - ly wis - dom know it.
His praise be ev - er sound - ing For grace and peace a - bound - ing.
Christ's king - dom nev - er ceas - eth, Its glo - ry still in - creas - eth.



O blest is He that came In God the Fa - ther's Name!



COMMISSION

PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL // *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending*

Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for fa - vored
Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph

sin - ners slain; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
of his train:

Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.

The people shall sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and may the God of peace go with you.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

You are invited to join us in the festival hall and narthex after the service for fellowship, coffee, and donuts.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each thanksgiving or petition, the leader and people shall say:

Lord, in Your mercy, **Draw near and hear our prayers.**

OUR THANKSGIVINGS

Our ability to work and God's provision for us

Our people: Jacob & Jane Rush (Lewis, Vivian), Luke & Christa Ryan (Jesse, Bonnie, Shepherd, Merilynn), Caleb Salmon, Josh Salmon

Engaged: Meredith Oldham & Bruce Johnson (1/3), *Olivia Hansen & Levi Thorgesen (3/8)*

Newly Married: Joshua & Grace Roberts

Birth: Ruby Caledonia Handel

New Member: Elijah Snell

Recent Baptisms: Lucia Ruth Paul, Clementine Esther Paul

Recent Members: Grace Paul, Levi Butler, Zach & Olivia Pappas (Eleanor)

OUR LOCAL CHURCH

Provision and Protection for Widows, Single Mothers, and their Children

Those who have rejected the gospel: Heather Casebolt

New Christians

Mothers who are expecting: November: Ashley Stevenson; December: Courtney Handermann; February: Mercy Cross; March: Sasha Nyhus; April: Jessica Krause, *Hannah Shearouse (ERC)*; May: Lizzy Clemans, *Amanda Dorney (ERC)*, Alexis Friedel, Victoria Owsley; June: Grace Black

Those who are sick or injured: Noai Meyer, Rachel Lorenzana, Sarah (Sebourn) Galvin

Our Leadership & Church Staff: TRC Staff

OUR BROADER CHURCH COMMUNITY

Churches in our Presbytery: Emmanuel Church - Helena, MT, & Pastor Jonah Barnes

Churches around the world: Emmanuel Evangelical, Pastor Steve Hayhow, London, UK

Ministries and educators associated with TRC: Classical Conversations

Christians in Colombia:

- Pray for Gonzalo and Edelma who were sent out to plant a new church in the Red Zone, a dangerous area because of guerrilla violence and narcotics trafficking.
- Pray for Juan, Pedro, and Jorge, former members of the Communist Party. After converting, the brothers and their wives have shared the gospel in their rebel-controlled area.

OUR BROADER COMMUNITY

Local government: The Governor of Idaho, Brad Little

National government: The United States Supreme Court

Public needs and recent events: End of the welfare state, and that churches and families would love the orphans, widows, elderly, and disabled

If you wish to be added to the TRC prayer list, please contact the church office: office@trinitykirk.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

- 4pm
- Come early at 3:30 for caroling before the service begins.



SERMON NOTES

Surprising Faithfulness // Timothy van den Broek

TRC LEADERSHIP & STAFF

ELDERS

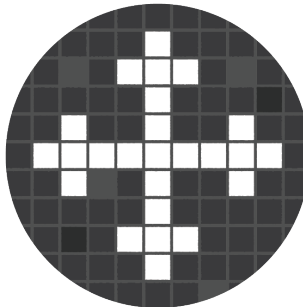
Joshua Appel, *Pastor*
Ryan Handermann, *Pastor / Moderator*
Roy Atwood, *Teaching Elder*
Patch Blakey, *Ruling Elder (commissioned to establish ERC)*
Jeff Harlow, *Teaching Elder (commissioned to establish ERC)*
Chris Schlect, *Teaching Elder*
Joseph Schoolland, *Ruling Elder*
Kaleb Trotter, *Ruling Elder*
Timothy van den Broek, *Teaching Elder*

DEACONS

Sam Paul, *Moderator*
Andrew Becker, *Security*
Ethan Brandt, *(Sabbatical)*
Eric Burnett, *Treasurer*
Bruce Evans
Zach Hurt *(commissioned to establish ERC)*
Justin Swift *(commissioned to establish ERC)*
Jon Williams, *Benevolence*
Isaac Lopez, *Deacon in Training, Worship / Social*
Ethan Oldham, *Deacon in Training, Social / Secretary*
Bennett Schlect, *Deacon in Training, Facilities*

STAFF

Ella Appel, *Office Intern*
Sara Appel, *Youth Choir Director*
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