



Trinity
Presbyterian
Church

"Serving God in the Heart of the City"

Sunday, November 30, 2025
10:20 am

First Sunday of Advent
Service for the Lord's Day

Gathered in God's Name

GATHERING

"Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"
"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
"People, Look East"
Lynn Moser, organ
"Advent Carol"
The Trinity Ringers

Westenkuehler
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Hamadou

Today we prepare for the birth of a King.

Today we celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus of Nazareth.

We begin the holy season of Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas.

Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

Let us adorn this sanctuary to honor Christ's birth.

Let us sing songs and raise our symbols in dedication to God.

And let us meditate upon the gift of hope, the gift of our Messiah.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have
eternal life.**

ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

Nancy Hamadou

CAROL #121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

verse 1 and 4

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Warner Family
Mike, Kari, Hadley & Harper

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**We are watching for the light, watching for God's beacon of
dazzling light to shepherd us home.**

In the darkest night, our eyes search for glimmers of light.

**We are watching for the light, watching for God's beacon of
dazzling light to shepherd us home.**

In our darkest night of hopelessness, our spirits long for God's hope,
and we remember the words of the psalmist: Restore us, O God!

Smile your blessing smile: that will be our salvation. How long will you
smolder in silence while we pray? You put us on a diet of tears, bucket
after bucket of salty tears to drink. You make us look ridiculous to our
friends; our enemies poke fun day after day. Restore us, O God!

Smile your blessing smile: that will be our salvation. *(adapted from Psalm 80)*

The candle we light today reminds us of the light we seek.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**We are watching for the light, watching for God's beacon of
dazzling light to shepherd us home.**

***HYMN #82**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison

Lord of this holy season, forgive our apathy in the presence of your
splendor. Forgive us for when we abandon hope and refuse to open our
eyes to the new things you are doing. Forgive us our silence when it is
time for speaking, and our blindness when it is time to see. As we enter
this time of joyful expectation, awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence.

(Time for silent prayer and reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

***RESPONSE #137**

"He Came Down"

Sing twice

*He came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope;
hallelujah forevermore.*

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Catherine Dimenstein

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:1-2, 5-6, 10

(Pew Bible OT, Pg 663)

GARLANDS

Catherine Dimenstein

SPECIAL MUSIC

“An Evergreen Christmas”
The Trinity Ringers

Ingram

POINSETTIAS

Cheyenne Williams

CAROL #151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

verse 1

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CHRISMONS

Will Tilley

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-14

(Pew Bible NT, Pg 58)

NATIVITY

Debbie Hobbs

CAROL #115

“Away in a Manger”

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Dr. Mack Sigmon

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Giving Thanks to God

INVITATION TO MISSION

OFFERTORY

“E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”
The Trinity Choir

Manz

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people, here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sent Into God's World

***LITANY OF PRAISE**

What is this Christmas for which we prepare?

**Christmas is the good news that the promised Christ child
has come into the world.**

Why did God's own Son come to earth?

To show us the Father and explain the ways of God.

Why did God's Son become as one of us?

**To share our lives, that God might be touched by our joys
and sorrows, our failures and victories.**

Why did God's Son humble himself?

**To die upon a cross, to bear the sin of all, to make the way
of salvation plain to everyone.**

Why does the resurrected Son of God still live today?

**To live in our hearts, to give purpose and meaning to our
lives, to change the winter of our sin into a springtime of
grace and new life.**

Why, then, do we celebrate this Christmas?

**For that which has been done in the past, now and forever,
Jesus is born. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill to all.**

***CAROL #105**

"People, Look East"

verses 1 and 5

***LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "God Be with You"

Tomer

*Following the service, the congregation is invited to come forward and decorate the large
Christmas tree as the first verse of familiar carols are sung*

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

Mack's Advent Class begins today at 9:00 "Voices of Advent" by Dr.

Matthew Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. Over four weeks this class helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.

November 30: The Voice of Jesus, December 7: The Voice of John the Baptist, December 14: The Voices of Mary, Zechariah, and the gospel of John, December 21: The Voices of Angels and Prophets.

Advent Mini Concerts following the worship service in our Sanctuary. The programs of seasonal music last approximately 20 minutes Watch in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

December 7 - The Skyline Flutes – flute quartet

December 14 – Marie Sierra and Lynn Moser, piano duets

December 21 – The Agave Winds – woodwind quintet

Christmas Cantata December 21. During the worship service, the Trinity Choir and Orchestra will present Mark Hayes' beautiful Cantata, "Candles and Carols". This 25-minute work will explore the preparatory journey of the four Sundays in Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Through carols both new and old and narration, the cantata will prepare your hearts for the blessing of the arrival of the Christ Child & the true meaning of Christmas. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. In person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

Christmas Eve Christmas Café in Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Enjoy hot cider, cocoa, sandwich fixings, cookies and fellowship with friends old and new. **Please bring holiday goodies, veggies or fruit to share.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:30 pm The service opens with children and youth processing into the Sanctuary dressed up as characters in the nativity story. Traditional lessons and carols will follow with a Christmas message, led by Dr. Mack, along with instrumentalists & vocalists. Bring your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate our Lord's birth on this holy day! In person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

"He Came Down"

Text: Cameroon song

Music: Cameroon melody; transcr. and arr. John L. Bell

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KEEPING IN PRAYER

Prayer Concerns: Ron Acosta's sister Anna Marie Acosta, Tom Coyle, Karen James, Latre Lawson's sister Sylvia Lawson in Togo, Dr. Harriet Marsh, Janet Munson, Marilyn Nichols, Colleen Shannon

Prayer Focus: God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the center, the focus of our lives always, & particularly this Advent.

TODAY AT TRINITY

In Person Worship continues at 10:20 am. Online worship is available on our website trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

Fellowship Hall is open on Sunday before and after the service to visit.

Hearing the Worship Service A T-coil hearing loop is installed in the front half of the sanctuary and choir loft. Turn on the T-coil input in your hearing aid to pick up the sound system audio directly. There are headphones available at the Narthex desk too.

Just Coffee For Sale in Fellowship Hall before and after church each Sunday. The display is near the stained glass window. You may pay by cash or check & the proceeds benefit Café Justo. More information is at justcoffee.org.

Youth Classes

God's Trailblazers (preschool – 4th grade) The children will remain in worship for the Greening service, where they will put their Chrismon ornaments on the small Christmas tree during the worship service.

Crusader's & Faith Encounters

Children and youth in 5th grade and above are invited to pick up an activity packet and WORSHIP BAGS, and sit with their families during worship. Look for the Children in Worship display in the narthex.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Choir & Handbell Rehearsals continue on Thursdays with Handbells at 5:30 pm in the Bell Room and Choir at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Bruce and Lynn are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining Trinity's music ministry please come to rehearsal and speak with them.

Fall Game Day Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am in Fellowship Hall Looking for a fun way to unwind, connect, and challenge your mind? Join us for table games, laughter, and great company! All ages are welcome. We play Mexican train and have other games too. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Christmas Eve Service Nativity Scene Calling all children, grandchildren, and friends! All children and youth are invited to participate in the processional and nativity scene for the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Please arrive by 6:00 p.m. to pick out your costume. For more info, please speak with Liz Barlow or Kathy Moser, or call the church office at (520) 623-2579.

Library News Our theme for today is “**Advent**”. Please check out the variety of books on Advent on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. Here are some of the titles: “Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes”; “Rise Up Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals”; “Calling All Angels, An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength”, “Kneeling in Bethlehem, Poetry for Advent and Christmas”. Instructions for checking out books and the “check out” card basket will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket in the library. The library is open before and after the worship service. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions. **Please note:** The book “**Café Justo**” is available for check out by the Just Coffee display near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Needs Check the table in the Narthex for ideas. Canned vegetables, protein or granola bars, tuna or other canned protein and peanut butter are needed. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday & the office Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign up to volunteer at trinitytucson.org/volunteer.

Food Pantry Numbers 736 people in 297 households received 327 November Food Bank Boxes through our Food Pantry. 43 households returned for a pantry visit. There were 292 Walk-ins - an average of 42/day.

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College Aged Meeting meet on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Led by Tim Christian & Richard Legarra of St. Andrew's Presbyterian youth ministry, the group discusses current events, their week together, and work through different topics and the application of our faith, especially within the college sphere. Their last meeting for the year will be December 11, 2025 and they will resume January 29, 2026.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Winter Street Fair December 12-14

- ♦ Deacon Bodega is selling drinks and snacks with shifts available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **See Sherry Letson to sign up.**
- ♦ Cup of Water is distributing water to fairgoers with shifts available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **See David Croteau to sign up.**
- ♦ Carolers and entertainers. We are looking for people to provide entertainment in the courtyard entrance. We would like to have 30 minute to one hour slots for bell ringers, musicians, jugglers, magicians and other types of entertainment on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We also are looking for a group of four to six carolers that would stroll on 4th Ave in front of our property singing Christmas carols. **See Sheila Croteau to sign up or send your contact information and what you would like to offer to her at office@trinitytucson.org.**

What's Happening in December:

- ♦ Office Closed for Thanksgiving Monday, December 1
- ♦ Mack's Class "Voices of Advent" December 7, 14 & 21 9:00 am Upper Room
- ♦ Advent Mini Concerts after worship December 7, 14 & 21 Sanctuary
- ♦ Advent Cantata "Candles and Carols" during worship December 21 Sanctuary
- ♦ Christmas Eve Café Wednesday, December 24 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24 6:20 pm Sanctuary
- ♦ Office Closed for Christmas & New Years December 25 - January 2
- ♦ Committee & Session Meetings
 - ♦ Stewardship & Finance Meeting Monday, December 8 1:30 pm Online Only
 - ♦ Joint Deacons/Session Meeting Monday, December 8 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
All current and incoming members are invited. Elders do the cooking, Deacons will clean up. Deacons & Elders report to each other.
 - ♦ Property Meeting Tuesday, December 9 3:30 pm Library & Online
 - ♦ Mission Meeting Wednesday, December 10 3:30 pm Library & Online

Trinity Cantata Subscription Series

The Worship Committee has approved the presentation of the Trinity Choir's 2025 Advent cantata & the 2026 Easter cantata. Presentations of this scope require a significant financial commitment to cover the costs of the players. For this reason, Trinity is setting up a Cantata Subscription Series and is inviting members & friends to make contributions to help to underwrite the cost of these cantatas. All donors will be recognized by name (not amount) in the cantata program, and subscriptions or one-time gifts can be made in honor or memory of someone.

Trinity's music program seeks to glorify God through its inspirational leadership and serves as a major doorway into our congregation. Visitors and members are gained through the quality of this program, and cantata Sundays are among the highest attended of the year. Please consider becoming part of the Cantata Subscription Series as we celebrate the birth and resurrection of our Savior!

My Trinity Cantata Subscription/Gift

Name(s) _____

In Honor/Memory (please circle) of _____

Amount (one time gift) _____

Subscription Amount per month _____

Number of months (1-4) _____

Please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and mark as "Cantata Support" or use our website for Debit/Credit Cards. All donations are tax deductible.



Christmas Poinsettia



Order
your
Poinsettias

Number Ordered _____

☐

Check or Cash Enclosed \$10.00 EACH

You may pay with your debit or credit card on our website trinitytucson.org. Please click the DONATE button at the bottom of the home page, select MISSION & then type the information requested below in the memo portion of the payment form.

Given *in honor* ☐ (or) *in memory* ☐ of: (Please Print)

Presented by: ***Your Name(s)***

DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 7

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I will pick up my poinsettia following the Christmas Eve services or after worship on Sunday, December 28.

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I will not pick up my poinsettia(s). I wish to donate it/ them to brighten someone's holiday



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN QUILT RAFFLE

\$5/1 TICKET OR \$25/6 TICKETS

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY ARE ACCEPTED

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH & PUT TPW RAFFLE IN THE MEMO

THE QUILT IS ON DISPLAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SEE RUTH MYERS FOR TICKETS

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT TRINITY'S FOOD PANTRY

TAMALES FROM MEXICO



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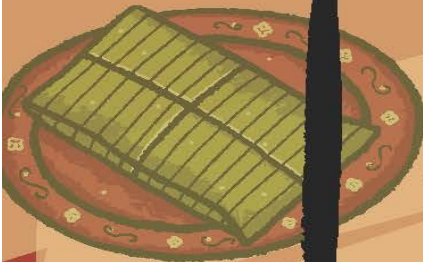
1 TAMALES PLATE - \$12

6 TAMALES - \$20

12 TAMALES - \$36

18 TAMALES - \$50

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